



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2019
COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM**

PRESENT:

Councillors; Cr AL Martin (Mayor), Cr LP Russell (Deputy Mayor), Cr BP Johnstone, Cr GW Jarvis, Cr PJ Pullos.

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Scobie made her declaration of office and participated in the meeting.

OFFICERS:

Mr Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Executive Assistant.

CONDOLENCES:

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of:

- Patricia Harris
- Valerie O'Donoghue

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr Martin for item 5.4 – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Tour de Tambo 2019 (as defined in the Local Government Act 2009) as my wife is a member of the ICPA. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of sufficient significance that it could lead me to making a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this declared conflict of interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is debated and voted on.”

Cr Pullos for item 5.10 – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Sponsorship (as defined in the Local Government Act 2009) as I have been asked to assist with the event. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of sufficient significance that it could lead me to making a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this declared conflict of interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is debated and voted on.”

Cr Scobie for item 5.11 – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Better in Blackall Inc – Caravanning, Camping & Touring Super Show (as defined in the Local Government Act 2009) as I am a member of the Better in Blackall Group. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of sufficient significance that it could lead me to making a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this declared conflict of interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is debated and voted on.”

Cr Russell for item 5.11 – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Better in Blackall Inc – Caravanning, Camping & Touring Super Show (as defined in the Local Government Act 2009) as my wife is the president of the Better in Blackall Group. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of sufficient significance that it could lead me to making a

decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this declared conflict of interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is debated and voted on.”

Apology

An apology for non-attendance has been received from Councillor PJ Heumiller.

MOTION: Moved: Cr GW Jarvis Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That the apology be received and a leave of absence granted.”

Minute No. 01/05A/19

Carried 6/0

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

MOTION: Moved: Cr BP Johnstone Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 17 April 2019 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”

Minute No. 02/05A/19

Carried 6/0

Attendance:

Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services entered the meeting at 8.41am.

REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:

4.1.1 Financial Statements for the Month of April 2019

The Finance Report for April 2019 is presented to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council receive the April 2019 Finance Report.”

Minute No. 03/05A/19

Carried 6/0

4.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – April 2019

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for April 2019 is presented to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

“That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for April 2019.”

Minute No. 04/05A/19

Carried 6/0

4.1.3 RAPAD Youth Program

The Shockwave Program was handed over to Longreach Regional Council on 1 January 2019.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That Council contribute \$22,000 towards the RAPAD Youth Program for 2019/2020 subject to an agreement and/or MOU being ratified by the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council.”

Minute No. 05/05A/19

Carried 6/0

4.1.4 Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Rates Recovery Policy

Council currently does not have a current Rates Recovery Policy outlining processes and procedures.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council adopt the Rates Recovery Policy.”

Minute No. 06/05A/19

Carried 6/0

4.1.5 Arts & Cultural Report – April 2019

The arts and cultural report is provided to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GW Jarvis**

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

“That Council receive the Arts and Cultural Report for April 2019.”

Minute No. 07/05A/19

Carried 6/0

Attendance:

Cr Martin left the meeting at 9.19am and returned at 9.19am.

Cr Martin left the meeting at 9.22am and returned at 9.22am.

4.1.6 Blackall Visitor Information Centre and Ram Park Report – April 2019

The Blackall Visitor Information and Ram Park report for April 2019 is provided to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That Council receives the Blackall Visitor Information Centre and Ram Park report for April 2019.”

Minute No. 08/05A/19

Carried 6/0

4.1.7 Community Development Report – April 2019

The Community Development Report is provided to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr JH Scobie Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That Council receive the Community Development Report for April 2019.”

Minute No. 09/05A/19

Carried 6/0

Attendance:

The DWS entered the meeting at 9.28am.
Cr Martin left the meeting at 9.34am and returned at 9.35am.

4.1.8 Ranger Coordinator’s Report – April 2019

The Ranger Coordinator’s report is provided to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That Council receive the Ranger Coordinator’s report for April 2019.”

Minute No. 10/05A/19

Carried 6/0

Order of Business

Council changed the order of business to discuss item 4.5.1 The Director of Works and Services Operations Report and item 4.5.2 Work Health and Safety Report.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That Council change the order of business to discuss items 4.5.1 and 4.5.2.”

Minute No. 11/05A/19

Carried 6/0

Attendance:

The CEO left the meeting at 9.40 and returned at 9.42am.

Adjournment

At 10:00am the meeting was adjourned for morning tea with the Tambo Arts Council at the Grassland Arts Gallery.

Resumption

At 10.50am the general meeting was resumed.

Attendance:

The DWS and DFCCS were not in attendance upon resumption of the meeting.

Order of Business

Council resumed the order of business.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell** **Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis**

“That Council resume the order of business.”

Minute No. 12/05A/19

Carried 6/0

This item was discussed following item 4.5.2.

4.2 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Sales Report

The Blackall Saleyards monthly report for April 2019 is presented to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell** **Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

“That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for April 2019.”

Minute No. 13/05A/19

Carried 6/0

4.3 Community and Organisational Capacity Report – April 2019

The Community and Organisational Capacity report is provided to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos** **Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone**

“That Council receive the Community and Organisational Capacity Report for April 2019.”

Minute No. 14/05A/19

Carried 6/0

4.3.1 Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Investigation Policy

It is a statutory requirement that council adopts an investigation policy.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr JH Scobie** **Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

“That Council adopts the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Investigation Policy as presented.”

Minute No. 15/05A/19

Carried 6/0

4.4 Environmental Health Services Report

The Environmental Health Officers report is provided to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos** **Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis**

“That Council receive the Environmental Health Officer’s report.”

Minute No. 16/05A/19

Carried 6/0

This item was discussed following item 4.1.8.

4.5.1 The Director of Works and Services’ Operations Report

The Director of Works and Services’ report is presented to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone** **Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

“That Council receives the Director of Works and Services’ Operations report for April 2019.”

Minute No. 17/05A/19

Carried 6/0

4.5.2 Work Health and Safety Report

There have been no major health and safety issues for the month of April 2019.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos** **Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

“That the Work Health and Safety Report be received.”

Minute No. 18/05A/19

Carried 6/0

5.1 2020 Quadrennial Elections Cost Estimate

The Electoral Commission of Queensland has provided an estimate to Council on the cost for the 2020 Local Government Elections.

MOTION: Moved: Cr GW Jarvis Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

“That Council receives the letter and the amount of \$11,615.00 be budgeted for in the 2019/2020 budget.”

Minute No. 19/05A/19

Carried 6/0

5.2 Review of Stock Route Network Regulation 2003 and Stock Route Network Strategy – LGAQ Submission Paper

The LGAQ have provided a revised draft submission regarding the review of the Stock Route Management Regulation 2003 and Stock Route Network Strategy 2014-2019.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That Council support the LGAQ recommendations.”

Minute No. 20/05A/19

Carried 6/0

5.3 Conversion to Freehold – Term Lease 212347 over Lot 3 on EV91

The Department of Natural Resources Mines and Energy have requested advice as to whether Council have any objections to the application to freehold.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

“That Council has no objections to the Conversion of Lot 3 on Plan EV91 to freehold tenure.”

Minute No. 21/05A/19

Carried 6/0

Councillor Martin declared an interest in the following matter and left the meeting during discussions thereon and the Deputy Mayor chaired the meeting.

5.4 Tour de Tambo 2019

The Tour de Tambo are holding their annual bike ride and have requested sponsorship from Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

“That Council provide sponsorship of \$1500.00 towards the Tour de Tambo bike ride being held on the 22nd June 2019.

Minute No. 22/05A/19

Carried 6/0

At this point 11.17am Cr Martin returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

5.5 Local Disaster Management Group and Disaster Management Plan

The Local Disaster Management Group held a meeting on 18th April 2019.

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council receives the minutes from the April 2019 LDMG meeting, adopts the reviewed Local Disaster Management Plan and endorses the appointment of the CEO as the Local Disaster Management Coordinator and the CEO progress with the completion of all sub plans.”

Minute No. 23/05A/19

Carried 6/0

5.6 Blackall Saleyards Advisory Committee

Council consider reforming the Saleyards Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council reform the Blackall Saleyards Advisory Committee and the meeting be held every six months or as needed.

Minute No. 24/05A/19

Carried 6/0

5.7 Path Access – Lot 5 on Plan B13822

Some members of the Jehovah’s Witnesses congregation have difficulty accessing the path on the property.

MOTION: Moved: Cr BP Johnstone Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That Council advise the Jehovah’s Witness congregation that Council has no objection to the installation of the path to Council specifications at the congregations cost.”

Minute No. 25/05A/19

Carried 6/0

5.8 Model Meeting Procedures

It is a regulatory requirement for Council to adopt meeting procedures.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr JH Scobie** **Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

“That Council adopt the Model Meeting Procedures provided by the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs.”

Minute No. 26/05A/19

Carried 6/0

5.9 WQLGA Annual General Meeting Unconfirmed Minutes

The WQLGA Annual Conference was held in Longreach in April and the unconfirmed minutes have been provided to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr AL Martin** **Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

“That Council receives the minutes from the Western Queensland Local Government Association Annual General Meeting and note that the 2021 conference is to be held in Blackall.”

Minute No. 27/05A/19

Carried 6/0

Councillor Pullos declared an interest in the following matter and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

5.10 St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School Sponsorship

The St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School have written to Council requesting sponsorship for their charity Campdraft being held from the 28th to 30th June 2019.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell** **Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone**

“That Council provide \$4000.00 sponsorship to the St Joseph’s Catholic Primary school charity Campdraft.”

Minute No. 28/05A/19

Carried 5/0

Councillor Russell and Cr Scobie declared an interest in the following matter and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

At this stage Cr Pullos returned to the meeting.

5.11 Better in Blackall Inc – Qld Caravanning, Camping & Touring Super Show

The Better in Blackall group are requesting financial assistance from Council for a booth at the Queensland Caravan, Camping and Touring Super Show.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos** **Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis**

“The Mayor liaise with the OQTA and the Better in Blackall Group to make sure that the Better in Blackall festival is adequately represented at the Caravanning, Camping and Tourism show, however Council is unable to provide financial assistance.”

Minute No. 29/05A/19

Carried 4/0

At this stage Cr Russell and Cr Scobie returned to the meeting.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor Cr Andrew Martin declared the Meeting closed at 12.21pm.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 19 June 2019.

Signed:.....Mayor