



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2020
AT 8.30AM**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cr AL Martin (Mayor), Cr LP Russell (Deputy Mayor), Cr BP Johnstone, Cr PJ Pullos, Cr JH Scobie, Cr DA Hardie, Cr GK Schluter.

OFFICERS:

Mr Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Alastair Rutherford, Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services, Mr John Turlan, Director of Works and Services, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Executive Assistant.

CONDOLENCES:

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

- Myrtle Richardson
- Milton Rex Johnson
- Malcolm Athorn
- Patrick (Bill) Coleman
- Merle Gibson
- Nel Rennick

The Mayor and Councillors welcomed the Minister, David Littleproud and Jonathan Pavetto of AEC to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr Pullos for item 6.1.8 – I, Councillor Pullos, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 6.1.8 North Australia Climate Program Workshop as a result of being the sister-in-law of the facilitator of the program. As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Pullos for item 6.1.10 – I, Councillor Pullos, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 6.1.10 Regional Arts Development Program – Round 1 (2020-2021) as a result of being a voting member of the RADF Committee. As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Johnstone for item 6.1.10 – I, Councillor Johnstone, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 6.1.10 Regional Arts Development Program – Round 1 (2020-2021) as a result of being a voting member of the RADF Committee. As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Hardie for item 6.1.10 – I, Councillor Hardie, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 6.1.10 Regional Arts Development Program – Round 1 (2020-2021) as a result of being the spouse of the chairperson, Lindy Hardie, of the RADF Committee. As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Hardie for item 7.6 – I, Councillor Hardie, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 7.6 Sale of Land by Tender as a result of being a local real estate and I stand to make a profit or loss based on Council's decision. As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Russell for item 6.1.10 – I, Councillor Russell, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 6.1.10 Regional Arts Development Program – Round 1 (2020-2021) as my wife, Gill Russell is the president of an applicant, Better in Blackall. As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Martin for item 6.1.10 – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 6.1.10 Regional Arts Development Program – Round 1 (2020-2021) The nature of my interest is as follows:

1. I am president of the one of the applicants, Red Ridge;
2. My wife, Louise Martin is a voting member of the committee.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

1.1 Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

“That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 14 October 2020 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same with the following corrections:

Item 4.1.9 – That the Christmas shutdown for 2020 will be:

1. Council offices will close from Wednesday 23 December 2020 and reopen Monday 4 January 2021; and
2. Council depots will close from Friday 18 December 2020 and reopen Monday 11 January 2021.

Item 4.1.10 - That Council adopt the draft 2019/2020 Annual report.”

Minute No. 01/11A/20

Carried 7/0

3 AEC Feasibility Study

Jonathan Pavetto from AEC presented the report to Council.

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

“That Council receive the AEC Feasibility Study for the Wool Handling and Receival Facility as presented by AEC.”

Minute No. 02/11A/20

Carried 7/0

DEPUTATION

Council received a delegation from Minister Littleproud

The Minister stated it has been a challenging year starting with the bushfires and then COVID. Covid has accelerated spending by the government. Simple guiding principle of the government was/is to keep the population safe.

ADJOURNMENT

At this point, 10.17am the meeting was adjourned for morning tea. The Minister, David Littleproud and Jonathan Pavetto joined Council for morning tea.

RESUMPTION

At this point, 10.54am the meeting was resumed.

Minister Littleproud and Jonathan Pavetto were not present at the resumption of the meeting.

6.1.1 Financial Report for the Month of October

The Finance Report for October 2020 was presented to Council

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

“That Council receive the financial report for October 2020.”

Minute No. 03/11A/20

Carried 7/0

6.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – October 2020

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for October 2020 is presented to Council. The report includes housing and administration, 60s and Better, youth program, community development

program, Blackall aerodrome, libraries, visitor information centres, facility bookings, Tambo Multipurpose and Tambo Child Care Centre.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr DA Hardie** **Seconded: Cr GK Schluter**

“That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for October 2020.”

Minute No. 04/11A/20

Carried 7/0

6.1.3 Arts and Cultural Report – October 2020

The Arts and Cultural Report is provided to Council.

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

“That Council receive the Arts and Cultural Report for October 2020.”

Minute No. 05/11A/20

Carried 7/0

6.1.4 Environmental Health Officer’s Report

The Environmental Health Officer’s report is provided to Council.

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

“That Council receive the Environmental Health Officer’s report and note that six food licence renewals have been issued and one new food licence has been granted.”

Minute No. 06/11A/20

Carried 7/0

6.1.5 Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting held 12 October 2020

The Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee met on 12 October 2020.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr JH Scobie** **Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

“That Council receive the minutes of the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held 12 October 2020.”

Minute No. 07/11A/20

Carried 7/0

6.1.6 Investment and Advertising Spending Policies

The Investment Policy and Advertising Spending Policy required reviewing.

MOTION: Moved: Cr GK Schluter Seconded: Cr LP Russell

- “That Council adopt
1. The Investment Policy; and
 2. The Advertising Spending Policy.

Minute No. 08/11A/20

Carried 7/0

6.1.7 Annual Financial Statements and Queensland Audit Office Report for the Year Ending 30 June 2020

The audit of the Annual Financial Statement for 30 June 2020 is now complete and has been signed off by the Auditor-General.

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

- “That Council receive:
1. The audited annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020; and
 2. The Queensland Audit Office report for the year ended 30 June 2020; and
 3. Council adopt the final draft of the 2019-2020 Annual Report.”

Minute No. 09/11A/20

Carried 7/0

At this point, 11.12am Cr Pullos left the meeting.

6.1.8 North Australia Climate Program Workshops

The University of Southern Queensland are wanting to hold a workshop in Tambo and have requested that Council provide a venue, assistance with promotion and catering for the event.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

- “That Council provide the venue and assist with the promotion of the workshop.”

Minute No. 10/11A/20

Carried 6/0

At this point, 11.16am Cr Pullos returned to the meeting.

6.1.9 St Patrick’s Catholic Church

St Patrick’s Catholic Church are holding their annual Christmas fete on 21 November and have asked for Council assistance.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

“That Council provide the in-kind assistance as requested and the request for financial support be declined.”

Minute No. 11/11A/20

Carried 7/0

6.1.10 Regional Arts Development Program – Round 1 (2020-2021)

The first round of the 2020-2021 RADF program closed for applications on 30 October. Six applications were received.

MOTION: Moved: Cr JH Scobie Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

“That as a consequence of a majority of councillors present at this meeting having informed the meeting of an existence of a conflict of interest in this matter 6.1.10 Regional Arts Development Program – Round 1(2020-2021), pursuant to section 150EU(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2009, a decision on this matter is hereby delegated to the Chief Executive Officer of Council.”

Minute No. 12/11A/20

Carried 7/0

6.2.1 Director of Works and Services Operations Report – October 2020

The Director of Works and Services report for October 2020 is presented to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

“That Council receive the Director of Works and Services’ Operation Report for October 2020.”

Minute No. 13/11A/20

Carried 7/0

6.2.2 Work Health and Safety Report

The Work Health and Safety Report has been provided to Council.

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

“That Council receive the Work Health and Safety Report for October 2020.”

Minute No. 14/11A/20

Carried 7/0

6.2.3 Private Works Policy

The Private Works Policy outlines conditions for private works undertaken by Council.

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

“That Council adopt the Private Works Policy.”

Minute No. 15/11A/20

Carried 7/0

7.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report

The Blackall Saleyards monthly report for October is presented to Council.

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

“That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for October 2020.”

Minute No. 16/11A/20

Carried 7/0

7.2 Planning and Development Report

The Planning and Development Report is presented to Council.

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

“That Council receive the planning and development report for October 2020 and note that there were 2 building approvals for the month and 3 planning enquiries.”

Minute No. 17/11A/20

Carried 7/0

7.3 Building Our Regions Round 5 – Blackall-Tambo Internet Project – Stage 3

Council has received a letter from the Department of State Development, Tourism and Innovation confirming \$200,000 (GST exclusive) towards the Blackall-Tambo Internet Project – Stage 3.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

“That Council:

- 1. Receive the letter from the Department of State Development, Tourism and Innovation confirming conditional funding of**

- \$200,000.00 (excluding GST) for Stage 3 of the Blackall-Tambo Internet Project; and**
- 2. Commits \$200,000.00 (excluding GST) to the Blackall-Tambo Internet Project – Stage 3.”**

Minute No. 18/11A/20

Carried 7/0

7.4 Meeting Procedures

The Model Meeting Procedures sets out certain procedures to ensure that local government principles are reflected in the conduct of all meetings of council as defined in the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

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

“That Council adopt the revised Meeting Procedures.”

Minute No. 19/11A/20

Carried 7/0

7.5 Sale of Jumping Castles

Council recently advertised the jumping castles located in Tambo for sale by tender.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

“That Council:

- 1. Accept the offer from Emerald Sheds and Garages of \$1000.00 for each jumping castle; and**
- 2. Offer the small jumping castle located in Blackall to R McLeod for \$300.00; and**
- 3. Put the remaining large jumping castle located in Blackall to auction.”**

Minute No. 20/11A/20

Carried 7/0

At this point, 12.05pm Cr Hardie left the meeting

7.6 Sale of Land by Tender

Council recently advertised the 9 remaining lots at the Blackall Industrial Estate for sale by tender.

MOTION: Moved: Cr GK Schluter Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council:

- 1. Declines all offers as they are below Council’s reserve; and**

2. Relist the lots with the local real estate agents.”

Minute No. 21/11A/20

Carried 6/0

At this point, 12.09pm Cr Hardie returned to the meeting.

7.7 Council Meeting Dates 2021

Section 257 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires local governments to meet at least once in each month and section 254B of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the meeting dates and placed to be published.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

“That Council adopt the meeting dates for 2021 as follows and they be advertised as such:

20 January 2021	Tambo
17 February 2021	Blackall
17 March 2021	Tambo
21 April 2021	Blackall
19 May 2021	Tambo
16 June 2021	Blackall
21 July 2021	Tambo
18 August 2021	Blackall
15 September 2021	Tambo
20 October 2021	Blackall
17 November 2021	Tambo
15 December 2021	Blackall

Minute No. 22/11A/20

Carried 7/0

7.8 Defibrillator for Tambo Pool

At the 19 August meeting Council held over a matter requesting to have defibrillator installed at the Tambo pool.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

“That Council not proceed with the installation of a defibrillator at the Tambo pool at this time.”

Minute No. 23/11A/20

Carried 7/0

7.9 Standing Orders Policy

Recent changes to the *Local Government Regulation 2012* necessitated changes to the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council's Standing Order Policy

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

“That Council adopt the revised Standing Orders Policy.”

Minute No. 24/11A/20

Carried 7/0

7.10 Butch Lenton Memorial Award

The Butch Lenton Memorial Bush Council Innovation Award was created to recognise innovation in Queensland's bush council and celebrate the contribution the late Mayor of Winton Shire, Graham 'Butch' Lenton, made to his community and local government in Queensland. The winner, Burke Shire Council was announced at the 2020 LGAQ Annual Conference in October.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr JH Scobie** **Seconded: Cr GK Schluter**

“That Council receive the report and congratulates Burke Shire Council on its award.”

Minute No. 25/11A/20

Carried 7/0

7.11 Bush Councils Compact

LGAQ have developed the Bush Councils Compact and have requested that Council provide feedback by 6 December 2020.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell** **Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

“That Council receive the report and the CEO, on behalf of Council, provide feedback to LGAQ.”

Minute No. 26/11A/20

Carried 7/0

At this point, 12.44pm Cr Johnstone left the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At this point, 12.44pm the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

RESUMPTION

At 1.11pm the meeting was resumed.
Cr Johnstone was present at the resumption of the meeting.

7.12 Get Ready Queensland

Council receives funding from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority to use for the annual Get Ready Queensland Program.

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

“That Council receive the Be Ready Central West flip book.”

Minute No. 27/11A/20

Carried 7/0

7.13 Sawdust Project

Funding received through the Regional Recycling Transport Assistance Package Program is enabling Council to remove waste material from the Tambo Sawmill.

MOTION: Moved: Cr GK Schluter Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council receive the letter from the Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts providing funding of \$187,500 (ex GST) for the Sawdust Project at the Tambo Sawmill.”

Minute No. 28/11A/20

Carried 7/0

7.14 Desert Channels Queensland – Natural Resource Management Plan

Desert Channels Queensland is in the process of renewing their Natural Resource Management Plan. This is the fourth plan developed by DCQ and they are requesting feedback.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

“That the CEO, on behalf of Council, provide feedback to Desert Channels Queensland regarding the Natural Resource Management Plan.”

Minute No. 29/11A/20

Carried 7/0

7.15 RAPAD – Board Communiques

RAPAD provide Board Communique on their Board meetings. The Communique for the 6 November RAPAD Board meeting has been provided to Council

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

“That Council receive the RAPAD Board Communique for 6 November 2020.”

Minute No. 30/11A/20

Carried 7/0

7.16 Flood Warning Gauge Installation

Through funding from the Queensland Disaster Resilience Fund rain gauges and river rain gauges have been installed at various locations around the Blackall-Tambo Region.

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

“That Council receive the report and note that rain gauges have been installed at Langlo Road Minnie Downs, Langlo Road Lumeah, Truno Road, Ward Road Woolga and river rain gauges have been installed at Mt Enniskillen and Tambo.

Minute No. 31/11A/20

Carried 7/0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 1.22pm.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 16 December 2020.

Signed.....Mayor