



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2023
AT 8.30AM**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS:

Mr Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Alastair Rutherford, Director of Finance, Corporate and Community Services, Piper Hansen, Minute Taker, Andrea Saunders, Governance Coordinator.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr Pullos for item 4.2.3 – I, Councillor Pullos, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.2.3 – Wild Dog Sub-Committee Meeting 6 October 2023. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am a member of the Mount Enniskillen Wild Dog Syndicate.

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

Cr Pullos for item 4.2.9 – I, Councillor Pullos, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.2.9 – Tambo Arts Council Incorporated-Community Arts Project. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am a member of the Tambo Arts Council Incorporated.

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

Cr Pullos for item 4.2.10 – I, Councillor Pullos, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.2.10 – Tambo Arts Council Incorporated-Wreath Making Workshop. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am a member of the Tambo Arts Council Incorporated.

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

1.1 Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Moved: Cr JH Scobie

Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 11th October 2023 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

Minute No. 01/11A/23

Carried 7/0

4.1 Amended Budget 2023-2024

Under section 170 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a local government may, by resolution, amend the budget for a financial year at any time before the end of the financial year. The 2023-2024 budget has been amended.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

- 1. That Council adopts the amended budget for 2023/2024 as presented; and**
- 2. That the Revenue Policy as adopted in the 2023/2024 budget remain the same; and**
- 3. That the Revenue Statement as adopted in the 2023/2024 budget remain the same; and**
- 4. That the amended ten-year Financial Forecast as presented be received; and**
- 5. That the amended budgeted income statement for the year ending 30 June 2024 as presented be adopted; and**
- 6. That the amended budget balance sheet for the year ending 30 June 2024 as presented be adopted; and**
- 7. The percentage increase in rates and utility charges as adopted in the 2023/2024 budget remain the same; and**
- 8. That the amended budget statement for changes in equity for the year ending 30 June 2024 as presented be adopted; and**
- 9. That the amended budgeted statement of cashflows for the year ending 30 June 2024 as presented be adopted.**

Minute No. 02/11A/23

Carried 7/0

4.2.1 Financial Report for the Month of October 2023

In accordance with s204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a monthly financial report is required to be presented to Council. The financial report for October 2023 details Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2023-2024.

MOTION: Moved: Cr GK Schluter

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

That Council receive the Financial Report for October 2023.

Minute No. 03/11A/23

Carried 7/0

4.2.2 DFCCS Operations Report – October 2023

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for October 2023 is presented to Council. The report includes housing and administration, community development program, Blackall aerodrome, libraries, visitor information centres, facility bookings, and Tambo Multipurpose.

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

That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for October 2023.

Minute No. 04/11A/23

Carried 7/0

At this point, 9.06am, Cr Pullos left the meeting.

4.2.3 Wild Dog Sub-Committee Meeting 6 October 2023

The Wild Dog sub-committee assess applications for funding to assist with the trapping, baiting, shooting of wild dogs in the Blackall Tambo region. The committee held a meeting on 6 October 2023 to decide on the 6 applications received for the latest round of funding.

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

That Council receive the minutes from the Wild Dog sub-Committee meeting held 6 October 2023 and ratifies the Committee's recommendations to fund the following:

Five active helicopters \$1000.00 each for the full year
Goonadee Syndicate \$5,000.00
Lilydale Wild Dog Syndicate \$3,000.00
Terrick Terrick Dog Netting Trust \$12,000.00
Mt Enniskillen Wild Dog Syndicate \$10,750.00
Eastwood Wild Dog Syndicate \$10,000.00

Minute No. 05/11A/23

Carried 6/0

At this point, 9.07am, Cr Pullos returned to the meeting.

4.2.4 RADF Meeting Minutes- 7th September 2023

The first round of the 2023-2024 RADF program closed for applications on September 1st, 2023, and the RADF Committee held a meeting on September 7th, 2023.

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

That Council receive the meeting minutes of the RADF committee dated 7 September 2023.

Minute No. 06/11A/23

Carried 7/0

4.2.5 RADF Meeting Minutes- 7th November 2023

The second round of the 2023-2024 RADF program closed for applications on November 3 and the RADF Committee held a meeting on November 7 assess the submissions.

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

That Council receive the meeting minutes of the RADF committee dated 7 November 2023.

Minute No. 07/11A/23

Carried 7/0

4.2.6 RADF Application – Blackall Cultural Association- Creative Workshops

The first round of the 2023-2024 RADF program closed for applications on September 1st and the Committee recommended the application from Blackall Cultural Assoc. be approved.

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

That Council endorse the RADF Committee’s recommendation to approve the application from Blackall Cultural Assoc. for \$7753.40.

Minute No. 08/11A/23

Carried 7/0

4.2.7 RADF Application – Tambo Isolated Children’s and Parents Association Incorporated

The second round of the 2023-2024 RADF program closed for applications on November 3, and the Committee recommended the application from Tambo Isolated Children’s and Parents Assoc Inc. be approved.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone** **Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

That Council endorse the RADF Committee’s recommendation to approve the application from Tambo Isolated Children’s and Parents Assoc Inc. for \$7,580.00.

Minute No. 09/11A/23

Carried 7/0

4.2.8 RADF Application – Blackall Cultural Association - Furniture Restoration

The second round of the 2023-2024 RADF program closed for applications on November 3, and the Committee recommended the application from Blackall Cultural Assoc. be approved.

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

That Council endorse the RADF Committee’s recommendation to approve the application from Blackall Cultural Assoc. for \$3030.00.

Minute No. 10/11A/23

Carried 7/0

At this point, 9.10am, Cr Pullos left the meeting.

4.2.9 RADF Application – Tambo Arts Council Incorporated- Community Arts Project

The second round of the 2023-2024 RADF program closed for applications on November 3, and the Committee recommended the application from Tambo Arts Council Inc. be approved.

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

That Council endorse the RADF Committee’s recommendation to approve the application from Tambo Arts Council Inc. for \$6042.00.

Minute No. 11/11A/23

Carried 6/0

4.2.10 RADF Application – Tambo Arts Council Incorporated- Wreath Making Workshop

The second round of the 2023-2024 RADF program closed for applications on November 3, and the Committee recommended the application from Tambo Arts Council Inc. be approved.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone** **Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

That Council endorse the RADF Committee’s recommendation to approve the application from Tambo Arts Council Inc. for \$1510.00

Minute No. 12/11A/23

Carried 6/0

At this point, 9.12am, Cr Pullos returned to the meeting.

4.2.11 Ranger's Report

The Ranger's report for October is provided to Council.

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

That Council receive the Ranger's report for October 2023.

Minute No. 13/11A/23

Carried 7/0

5.1.1 Director of Works and Services' Operations Report – October 2023

The Director of Works and Services report for October 2023 is presented to Council.

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

That Council receive the Director of Works and Services' Operation Report for October 2023.

Minute No. 14/11A/23

Carried 7/0

5.1.2 Purchase of Motor Vehicles

Quotations were requested from 4 automotive dealers for the purchase of 2 executive wagons to replace two (2) ageing vehicles in Council's fleet.

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

That Council accept the quotation from Longreach Toyota to supply two (2) new Toyota Prado wagons for \$142,116.02 (ex GST). This vehicle is preferred as it will provide uniformity of plant, uniformity of parts and proven backup service and warranty.

Minute No. 15/11A/23

Carried 7/0

5.1.3 Purchase of 1x 100HP Tractor

Quotations were requested from 4 machinery dealers for the purchase of 1 tractor to replace plant 4107, Kubota tractor.

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

That Council accept the quotation from Milne Bros Emerald to supply one Kubota M100GX for \$103,500.00 (ex GST). This machine is preferred as it will provide uniformity of plant, uniformity of parts and proven backup service and warranty. Local Buy (NPN 2.15) contract will apply.

That Council utilise the balance of the LRCI funding to re-seal the Blackall-Emmet Road and Tumbar Road.

Minute No. 20/11A/23

Carried 7/0

5.1.8 Tambo Hospital Housing Sewer Network

Council requested tenders for the Tambo Hospital Housing Sewer Network through Vendor panel. Tenders closed on 13 October 2023.

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

That Council award the tender for the Tambo Hospital Housing Sewer Network to Capricornia Plumbing & Drainage Pty Ltd for \$468,488.00 (ex GST) as the tender provided the best value for money.

Minute No. 21/11A/23

Carried 7/0

6.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report

The Blackall Saleyards monthly report for October is provided to Council

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

That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for October 2023.

Minute No. 22/11A/23

Carried 7/0

6.2 Planning and Development Report

The Planning and Development report provides a summary of building applications and planning and development activity in the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council area.

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

That Council receive the Planning and Development Report for October 2023.

Minute No. 23/11A/23

Carried 7/0

6.3 Development Application – DA 24-2023-2024 – 42 Thistle Street, Blackall

The Applicant, Mardi Noonan and Allan Hinds HiNoon Super Fund, seeks a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for Short-term

accommodation over land at 42 Thistle Street, Blackall, formally described as Lot 2 on RP818860. The subject site contains an existing dwelling house that will be used to provide accommodation.

The proposal involves the reuse of the existing dwelling to provide Short-term accommodation. The dwelling house contains two bedrooms and one bathroom, and it is intended to provide accommodation to couples or small groups. The site is currently being used for Short-term accommodation and the average number of guests per stay over the last 12 months was two (2). There is ample space on site for cars to park.

The applicant is seeking retrospective approval for the use.

Under the Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme 2020 (the Planning Scheme), the subject site is in the Township Zone. The defined use that has been applied for, being 'Short-term accommodation, is subject to Code Assessment in the Township Zone where contained within an existing building and with a maximum of six guests.

Based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Code Assessment process articulated in the Planning Act 2016, this decision report recommends approval of the development application, subject to the conditions stated herein.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr DA Hardie**

Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

That Council approves the application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for Short-term accommodation over land at 42 Thistle Street, Blackall, formally described as Lot 2 on RP818860, subject to the following conditions:

1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL

1.1 The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Where these conditions refer to "Council" in relation to requiring Council to approve or be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or discretion, that role of the Council may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by Council.

1.3 All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken and completed prior to commencement of the use and to Council's satisfaction, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.

- 1.4 The cost of all works associated with the construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.
- 1.5 The developer is required to have repaired any damage to existing infrastructure that may have occurred during any works carried out for the development. To the extent the damage is deemed to create a hazard to the community, it must be repaired immediately.
- 1.6 Unless otherwise stated, all works must be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the relevant Council policies, guidelines and standards.

2.0 APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

- 2.1 The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by the conditions of this permit:

Plan/Document Name	Plan/Document Number	Revision Number	Date
Site Plan	DA24-2023-2034	-	12/10/2023 (Received date)

- 2.2 Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of approval must prevail.

3.0 LIMITATIONS OF USE

- 3.1 The total number of guests at any one time must not exceed six (6).
- 3.2 One onsite car space is to be available at all times to guests.

4.0 SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN

- 4.1 Maintain and implement a site management plan for the Short-term accommodation. The site management plan is to include measures to manage operational aspects of the development including, but not limited to, hours of operation, noise management, site care and maintenance, complaints management and refuse management.

Provide a copy of the site management plan to Council at rates@btrc.qld.gov.au.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- 5.1 Undertake the approved development so there is no environmental nuisance or detrimental effect on any surrounding land uses and activities by reason of the emission of noise, dust, vibration, odour, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, wastewater, waste products, oil or otherwise.**
- 5.2 In accordance with the Environmental Protection (Waste Management) Regulations, all waste storage areas must be kept in a clean, tidy condition, and sufficient waste containers and services are to be provided to cater for the containment and removal of all waste generated on the site. Waste must be removed to a lawful landfill.**

6.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 Any alteration necessary to electricity, telephone, water mains, sewerage mains, and/or public utility installations resulting from the development or in connection with the development, must be undertaken and completed at no cost to Council.**

ADVISORY NOTES

- A. Prior to commencing any construction activities, the applicant/developer will be required to obtain further development permits for building work, and plumbing and drainage work, and potentially for operational work, as required under relevant legislation for this work.**
- B. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Any provisions contained in this approval relating to the enforcement of any of the conditions shall be in addition to all other rights, powers and privileges that the Council may possess or obtain, and nothing contained in these conditions shall be construed so as to prejudice, affect or otherwise derogate or limit these rights, powers and privileges of the Council.**
- C. General environmental duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 and subordinate legislation prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.**
- D. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under section 23 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the “cultural heritage duty of care”).**

Minute No. 24/11A/23

Carried 7/0

6.4 Tambo Town Common Advisory Group Meeting – 5 September 2023

The Tambo Town Common Advisory Group held a meeting in the Tambo Boardroom on 5 September 2023.

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

That Council receive the minutes of the Tambo Town Common Advisory Group's meeting held on 5 September 2023.

Minute No. 25/11A/23

Carried 7/0

6.5 Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers Water Plan 2017 – Notice to Extend Watertight Requirement

The Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water have written to Council providing advice of notice to extend watertight requirement under section 35 of the GABORA Water Plan.

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

That Council

- 1. receive the letters from the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water; and**
- 2. note that the watertight deadline for stock and domestic licence holders to make bores and delivery systems watertight is now 2 September 2032.**

Minute No. 26/11A/23

Carried 7/0

6.6 Local Disaster Management Meeting – 4 October 2023

The Blackall-Tambo Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) held a meeting on Wednesday, 4 October 2022.

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

That Council receive the minutes from the 4 October 2023 Local Disaster Management Group meeting.

Minute No. 27/11A/23

Carried 7/0

6.7 Care Outreach Request for In-Kind

Care Outreach have written to Council requesting in-kind assistance for the community event they are holding at the Tambo Shire Hall on 28 November 2023.

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

That Council waive the hire fees for the Tambo Shire Hall for the Christmas for the Bush Bash event being held by Care Outreach.

Minute No. 28/11A/23

Carried 7/0

6.8 RAPAD Board Communiqué

The RAPAD Board Meeting Communiqué provides information on the matters dealt with at the monthly meetings. The Communiqué is issued quarterly.

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

That Council receive the RAPAD Board Meeting Communiqué for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023.

Minute No. 29/11A/23

Carried 7/0

6.9 Mobile Vending Policy

At the September general meeting, Council resolved to designate an appropriate area of Council land in Blackall and Tambo for roadside and mobile vendors. A policy has been drafted to provide rules and guidelines for mobile vending on Council controlled land.

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

That Council adopt the Mobile Vending Policy and the fee be set as \$110 per annum.

Minute No. 30/11A/23

Carried 7/0

6.10 Land Restoration Fund – Investigation Case Studies

The Local Government Association of Queensland is inviting local governments who may be interested in receiving free advice on opportunities through the Land Restoration Fund through QRIDA's Carbon Farming Advice Scheme.

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

That Council advise the Local Government Association of Queensland that Council is interested in participating in the development case studies through the Land Restoration Fund.

Minute No. 31/11A/23

Carried 7/0

6.11 Public Tree Management Policy

The Public Tree Management Policy provides guidance on the effective management of the region's public trees.

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

That Council adopt the Public Tree Management Policy.

Minute No. 32/11A/23

Carried 7/0

6.12 Land Protection Fund Annual Payment

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries have provided the tax invoice for the Land Protection Fund for the 2023-2024 financial year totalling \$94,981.00 as provided for under the Biosecurity Act 2014.

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

That Council receive the letter from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and note that the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council's 2023-2024 contribution to the Land Protection Fund is \$94,981.00.

Minute No. 33/11A/23

Carried 7/0

6.13 2024 Special Holiday

Council made a request to the Office of Industrial Relations for Special Holiday in 2024 as 5 November 2024 for the purpose of Melbourne Cup Day. The request has been approved by the Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations.

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

That Council receive the letter from the Office of Industrial Relations and note the 5 November 2024 has been approved as a Special Holiday for the Blackall-Tambo region.

Minute No. 34/11A/23

Carried 7/0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 10.04am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 20 December 2023.

Signed.....Mayor