



Communities Standing Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Meeting held in the Central Highlands Regional Council Chambers, Emerald Office

Tuesday 24 January 2017

Commenced at 10.19am

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2017
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**MINUTES – COMMUNITIES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 10.19AM TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2017 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE**

PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor (Crs) K. Hayes (Mayor), C. Brimblecombe (Chair)

Councillors (Crs) P. Bell AM, M. Daniels, G. Godwin-Smith (Deputy Mayor) G. Nixon

Officers

Acting Chief Executive Officer M. Parker, General Manager Communities B. Duke, Manager Community and Customer Service, L. Lankowski, Coordinator Communications A. Ferris and Minute Secretary M. Wills.

Observers

Crs A. McIndoe and D. Lacey

APOLOGIES

Chief Executive Officer S. Mason

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Communities Standing Committee Meeting: 14 December 2016

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith "That the minutes of the previous Communities Standing Committee Meeting held on 14 December 2016 be confirmed."

CSC 2017 / 01 / 24 / 001

Carried (5-0)

Business Arising Out Of Minutes

Nil

Outstanding Meeting Actions

- Appointment of Pool Lessee / Managers for the New Blackwater Aquatic Centre
Cr Godwin-Smith requested an update with regard to the appointment of the new Manager. The General Manager Communities advised that the Managers have been appointed and commenced on Monday 16 January 2017.

Conflict of Interest, Personal Gifts and Benefits

Nil

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / NOTES

Minutes of Meeting – Level Playing Field Meeting: 12 October 2016

Resolution:

Cr Hayes moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That the minutes of the Level Playing Fields Meeting held on 12 October 2016 be endorsed.”

2017 / 01 / 24 / 002

Carried (5-0)

Attendance

The Coordinator Communications A. Ferris attended the meeting at 10.25am

The Manager Community Planning and Engagement J. Moriarty and Arts and Cultural Officer K. Newman attended the meeting at 10.25am

The Principal Planner Strategic Land Use J. Webster attended the meeting at 10.25am

The Acting Chief Executive Officer M. Parker left the meeting at 10.26am

COMMUNITIES' SECTION

Central Highlands Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference

Executive summary:

This report provides information on the Central Highlands Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee (CHACAC) Terms of Reference and recommends the adoption of the revised Terms of Reference to support the continued operations of the Committee.

Resolution:

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That the Central Highlands Regional Council Communities Standing Committee endorse the revised Central Highlands Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee (CHACAC) Terms of Reference.”

CSC 2017 / 01 / 24 / 003

Carried (5-0)

Attendance

The Manager Community Planning and Engagement J. Moriarty and the Arts and Cultural Officer K. Newman left the meeting at 10.28am

Acting Chief Executive Officer M. Parker returned to the meeting at 10.31am

Cr P. Bell attended the meeting at 10.32am

Manager Community Planning and Engagement J. Moriarty attended the meeting at 10.33am

Cr A. McIndoe attended the meeting as an observer at 10.42am

Liveability Strategy Update

Executive summary:

This report provides an update on the status of the liveability strategy. The report also seeks support from the Communities Standing Committee to revise the scope of the strategy to recognise previously completed work on the Community Wellbeing Indicators Project, and supporting information to be provided through the Central Highlands Development Corporation's proposed Economic Master Plan.

Resolution:

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council support the clarification of the scope of the liveability strategy to be focussed on the environmental (place based) elements that contribute to achieving a sustainable Central Highlands.

And further;

That Central Highlands Regional Council support the Community Wellbeing Indicators Project being revisited and presented for adoption focussing on the social elements that contribute towards a sustainable Central Highlands.”

CSC 2017 / 01 / 24 / 004

Carried (6-0)

Attendance

The General Manager Communities B. Duke, the Principal Planner Strategic Land Use J. Webster and Manager Community Planning and Engagement J. Moriarty left the meeting at 10.57am.

Update - Staff Housing

Executive summary:

Central Highlands Regional Council maintains 103 units of accommodation for use as staff housing. This report provides information on the current occupancy status of this staff housing portfolio, and highlights trends in occupancy over the past two years.

Considered by Council.

Update - Community Housing

Executive summary:

Central Highlands Regional Council manages and maintains 89 units of accommodation for use as community housing. This report provides information on the current occupancy status of this community housing portfolio, and highlights trends in occupancy over the past two years.

Considered by Council.

Attendance

General Manager Communities B. Duke attended the meeting at 11.14am

GENERAL BUSINESS

(Verbal matters raised by Councillors either as a question, acknowledgement and or additional follow-up by officers)

Cr Nixon

- Requested for the level playing field meeting proposed to be held at 9.00am on 2 February 2017 commence at 8.30am to avoid any possible clash with a Developing Northern Australia Networking function.
- WORC Camping Meeting in Springsure was held in December and enquired if minutes should be submitted to the Communities Standing Committee for endorsement or uploaded to the Councillor Portal. It was decided that they should be placed on the Councillor Internal Portal.

Cr Daniels

- Provided both individual and community positive feedback to Council's Parks and Recreation Section for the works that have been recently completed at the Emerald Botanical Gardens.

CLOSED SESSION

Into Closed Session

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That Council close its meeting to the public in accordance with Section 275 (1) (h) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 that Council staff involved in the closed discussions remain in the room.”

CSC 2017 / 01 / 24 / 005

Carried (6-0)

The meeting was closed at 11.18am

Attendance

The Coordinator Communications A. Ferris left the meeting at 11.19am

Cr D. Lacey attended the meeting as an observer at 11.20am

Cr D. Lacey left the meeting at 11.31am

Out of Closed Session

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That the meeting now be re-opened to the public.”

CSC 2017 / 01 / 24 / 006

Carried (6-0)

The meeting was opened at 11.46am

Update - Curragh Housing, Blackwater

Executive summary:

This report provides information in relation to Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd. decision not to renew leases on forty-four (44) properties in Blackwater and provides background into the situation.

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That Central Highlands Regional Council in conjunction with the Central Highlands (Qld) Housing Company Pty Ltd proceed with further investigation into properties from Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd that may become available in Blackwater.”

CSC 2017 / 01 / 24 / 007

Carried (6-0)

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 11.46am.

CONFIRMED

CHAIR

DATE