



Central Highlands

Regional Council

Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting

MINUTES

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

Tuesday 12 September 2017

Commenced at 8.30am

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

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**MINUTES – FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 8.30AM TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2017 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE**

PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor (Crs) K. Hayes (Mayor), G. Godwin-Smith (Deputy Mayor / Chair)
Councillors (Crs) M. Daniels, and C. Rolfe

Officers

Chief Executive Officer S. Mason, General Manager Corporate Services J. Bradshaw, General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert, General Manager Commercial Services M. Webster, Coordinator Communications A. Ferris, Minute Secretary Susan Cooper

Observers

Nil

APOLOGIES

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence was previously granted to Cr Brimblecombe for this meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting: 08 August 2017

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels "That the minutes of the previous Finance and Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting held on 08 August 2017 be confirmed."

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Carried (4-0)

Business Arising Out Of Minutes

Cr Godwin-Smith advised the Council's motions for the upcoming Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Meeting were presented to the recent meeting of Central Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils.

Outstanding Meeting Actions

Central Highlands Development Corporation are finalising a briefing to Council regarding the ANZ Bank closure in Springsure and an overview of financial services in the region.

Upcoming Agenda Items

Conflict of Interest, Personal Gifts and Benefits

Nil

Petitions (if any)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / NOTES

Emerald Airport Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 21 August 2017

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the Minutes of the Emerald Airport Advisory Committee Meeting of 21 August 2017”.

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Carried (4-0)

COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Emerald Airport Runway Enrichment Program Part A

Executive summary:

In September 2017 Emerald airport completed the remaining 10% component of Part A of the runway 06/24 enrichment program. The work has been completed to a satisfactory standard and to date all feedback received from Regular Public Transport pilots has been positive. Post enrichment friction testing has also returned positive results indicating that the work has been successful. The runway enrichment project will provide for an ongoing safe and compliant runway surface and it will ensure the continuation of Regular Public Transport services to Emerald airport on an ongoing basis.

Resolution:

Cr Daniels moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe ‘That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Emerald Airport Runway Enrichment Program Part A report’.

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Carried (4-0)

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Attendance

Manager Water Utilities, Peter Manning and Manager Infrastructure, Jason Hoolihan entered the meeting.

Executive summary:

The following information provides an update on key activities for the Commercial Services and Infrastructure and Utilities Departments.

Considered by Council.

Attendance

Manager Water Utilities, Manager Infrastructure and Coordinator Communications left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Cr G. Godwin-Smith declared a perceived conflict of interest in relation to Item No. 14.2 (as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) due to her associations with Anglicare Central Queensland and dealt with the perceived conflict of interest and stated that when the item came up for consideration she would deal with her perceived conflict of interest by leaving the room and take no part in the debate or decision on the matter.

Into Closed Session

Resolution

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

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Carried (4-0)

Attendance

General Manager Corporate Services J. Bradshaw, General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert and Manager Finance Shelly Fogg remained in the room. General Manager Commercial Services left the Room.

The meeting was closed at 9.40am

Cr Hayes declared a conflict of interest in relation to Item No. 14.1 (as defined in s173 of the Local Government Act 2009) due to being the Chair of the Central Highlands (Queensland) Housing Company Pty Ltd, and he stated that when the item is up for consideration he would deal with his conflict of interest by leaving the room and take no part in the debate or decision on the matter.

14.1 Community Organisation Rates Concession and 14.2. Rates Concession Request

It was recommended that both items of business should not be discussed, rather that they be deferred to the General Council Meeting later today.

Attendance

Upon invitation, Commercial Services Manager, Michelle Webster re-entered the meeting at 9.43am

14.3 Building our Regions Funding Update

14.4 Departmental Update

Out of Closed Session

Resolution

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That the meeting now be re-opened to the public.”

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Carried (4-0)

The meeting reopened to the public at 9.52am

14.1 Community Organisation Rates Concession

Executive Summary

The local government legislation and Council's adopted rating and revenue policies provide the ability for Council to allow rebates and remissions to certain groups of ratepayers, in limited circumstances, where broader community outcomes would be enhanced. Council has received a request from a not for profit organisation seeking a general rate remission of 100% to support them in the conduct of activities that are of benefit to the community.

14.2 Rates Concession Request

Executive Summary

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It was recommended that both items of business should not be discussed, rather that they be deferred to the General Council Meeting later today.

Resolution

Cr Daniels moved and Cr Rolfe seconded "That items 14.1 and 14.2 be deferred to the General Council Meeting of 12 September 2017".

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Carried (4-0)

14.3 Building Our Regions Funding Feedback

Executive Summary

The Building our Regions Regional Infrastructure Fund (BOR) is a State Government initiative aimed at funding selected local government infrastructure projects.

The Central Highlands Regional Council submitted five (5) detailed applications for funding under the BOR – Round 3 funding program, with three (3) being approved and two (2) being unsuccessful.

This report provides feedback with respect to the unsuccessful projects, to assist with future submissions.

Considered by Council

14.4 Departmental Updates

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The following information provides an update on key activities for the Commercial Services Department.

Considered by Council.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Springsure Creek

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels "That Council develop a Strategy for Springsure Creek that addresses ongoing fuel load hazard reduction, mosquito management, de-siltation, recreation and

aesthetic enhancements with a view that the Strategy can be utilised to leverage funding to maintain Springsure Creek and enhance the liveability of Springsure Township.

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Carried (4-0)

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 10.00am

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CHAIR

DATE