

Communities Standing Committee Meeting

Meeting of the Central Highlands Regional Council held
in the **Council Chambers, 65 Egerton Street, Emerald**
on

Tuesday, 7 August 2018
Commenced at 10.32am

COUNCIL MINUTES

**CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

TUESDAY 7 AUGUST 2018

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MINUTES – COMMUNITIES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 10.32AM TUESDAY 7 AUGUST 2018 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE

PRESENT

Councillors

Councillors (Crs) K. Hayes (Mayor), M. Daniels (Chair)

Councillors (Crs) G. Godwin-Smith (Deputy Mayor), A. McIndoe, C. Brimblecombe, G. Sypher

Officers

General Manager Communities D. Fletcher, Acting General Manager Customer and Commercial Services J. Hoolihan, Manager Planning and Environment K. Byrne, Coordinator Ranger Services B. Keys, Coordinator Communications A. Ferris, Minute Secretary B. Pusey and N. Kerr

Mayor Cr Hayes acknowledged the attendance of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School year 4 at today's meeting.

Observers

Nil

APOLOGIES

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Sypher "That a leave of absence be granted for Cr Godwin-Smith for the 11 September 2018 meeting."

CSC 2018 / 08 / 07 / 001

Carried (6-0)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Communities Standing Committee Meeting: 10 July 2018

Resolution:

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith "That the minutes of the previous Communities Standing Committee Meeting held on 10 July 2018 be confirmed."

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Carried (6-0)

Business Arising Out of Minutes

Nil

Outstanding Meeting Actions

Nil

Review of Upcoming Agenda Items

Nil

PETITIONS (IF ANY)

Nil

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, PERSONAL GIFTS AND BENEFITS

Nil

COMMUNITIES

Fernlees update

Executive summary:

In March 2017, the Central Highlands Regional Council (CHRC) Ranger Services in collaboration with the Central Highlands Regional Resources Use Planning Cooperative (CHRRUP) carried out an extensive assessment of the Fernlees Reserve in an attempt to map pest weeds present at that location. This assessment was concluded in March 2017 with a report submitted to CHRC Ranger Services outlining the extent of the infestation of pests on Fernlees Reserve. Findings indicated that both Mother of Millions and Sword Pear were (and still are) present and in turn a control programme was suggested.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That Central Highlands Regional Council – receive this report as an information update about the extent of infestation of pests on Fernlees Reserve.”

CSC 2018 / 08 / 07 / 003

Carried (6-0)

Attendance:

Students of St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School left the meeting at 10.54am

Ranger Services Action Plan

Executive summary:

On 13 February 2018, Council’s Ranger Services team took a report to the Communities Standing Committee identifying how Animal Management within the Central Highlands Regional Council Local Government Area (LGA) can be improved throughout 2018 and 2019, taking into account the requirements of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* (the Act) and Local Law No 2 (Animal Management) 2012. The report was considered by Council with no resolution required.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That Central Highlands Regional Council - receive this report and attachment regarding action plan for the nine (9) initiatives for Ranger Services.”

CSC 2018 / 08 / 07 / 004

Carried (6-0)

Attendance:

Executive Assistant B. Pusey left the meeting at 11.03am

Executive Assistant B. Pusey returned to the meeting at 11.06am

Acting General Manager Customer and Commercial Services J. Hoolihan left the meeting at 11.06am

Acting General Manager Customer and Commercial Services J. Hoolihan returned to the meeting at 11.08am

Approved Inspection Program

Executive summary:

It has been identified that Central Highland Regional Council (CHRC) is experiencing an increase in animal related requests throughout the region. In turn it is the intention of CHRC Ranger Services to undertake an Approved Inspection Program (AIP) throughout the CHRC region for the purpose of targeting contravention of Local Laws of the Central Highland Regional Council. Ranger Services will undertake a rotational approach to this AIP task with two (2) Rangers attending a designated area for a day long period with the expectation that two (2) days a week will be dedicated to undertaking this exercise. Rangers will commence execution of this task in the outlying urban areas such as Duaringa, Springsure, Capella and the Gemfields and moving inward over the AIP timeframe with the intention of persuading enforcement as the Rangers move closer to the higher levels of registration being within the urban area i.e. the Emerald town centre.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Sypher “That Central Highlands Regional Council approve the request for Ranger Services to undertake a systematic inspection program of the CHRC area to ensure compliance with relevant Local Laws in accordance with section 133 (subsection 2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.”

The chair called for indications on how committee members would vote on this question. Indications were that there would be a 5-1 vote. The vote was not declared.

The chair directed that in accordance with section 29 and 39A of the Central Highlands Regional Council Standing Orders Policy, this report is to be referred to the General Council Meeting on 28 August 2018

Attendance:

Acting General Manager Commercial and Customer Services J. Hoolihan left the meeting at 11.30am
Acting General Manager Commercial and Customer Services J. Hoolihan returned to the meeting at 11.39am

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Departmental Updates Communities

Executive summary:

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

Resolution:

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Communities departmental update report, highlighting key activities for the month of June.

1. St Brendan’s, Year 12 Student visit
2. Community Directory
3. African delegates
4. Preparations for Seniors Week
5. Sister City
6. Japanese conversation via technology
7. National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week 2018
8. Storm Co.
9. Blackwater school holiday program July 2018
10. International Year of the Reef
11. Justice of the Peace service coming soon to a library near you
12. Library school holidays programs July 2018
13. Mosaic Pathway

14. 2018 Emerald Art Awards
15. Springsure Hospital Museum 150 year anniversary celebrations
16. Creative cultural futures and heritage action plan
17. Youth Officer recruitment
18. Reconciliation Action Plan
19. Ag-Grow 2018
20. Interviews for vacant Ranger Position
21. Local Government Compliance Reference Group CQ
22. Changes to the Borilla Street office
23. Miners Common Meeting
24. Serious Dog attack Gemfields
25. Winner Central Region Bob Marshman Trainee of the year awards
26. Interviews for vacant Waste Attendant positions
27. Upgrades at the Emerald Transfer Station
28. Waste Asset Audit
29. Reduction of green waste piles
30. 360 tender preparation for waste requirements
31. Battery box prototype arrived
32. Increased separation for aluminium and copper
33. Metal baling commenced
34. Your Library, Your Say survey update”

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Carried (6-0)

Attendance:

Coordinator Assets and Facilities J. Mick, Assets and Maintenance Officer B. Hollins, Assets and Maintenance Officer R. Steel, Facilities Cleaner G. McPherson attended meeting at 11.44am

The Assets and Facilities team presented an overview of their roles and upcoming projects for 2018/19.

Attendance:

Coordinator Assets and Facilities J. Mick, Assets and Maintenance Officer B. Hollins, Assets and Maintenance Officer R. Steel, Facilities Cleaner G. McPherson left the meeting at 11.52am

Departmental Updates Customer and Commercial Services

Executive summary:

The following information provides an update on key activities for the Customer and Commercial Services department.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Customer and Commercial Services departmental update report, highlighting key activities for the month of June.

1. Community and Staff Housing
2. Customer Service and Area Support.”

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Carried (6-0)

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 12.02pm

CONFIRMED

CHAIR

DATE