

General Council Meeting

Meeting of the Central Highlands Regional Council held in the **Blackwater Civic Centre, Blain Street, Blackwater** on

Wednesday, 26 May 2021
Commenced at 11.02am

COUNCIL MINUTES

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2021

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MINUTES – GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 11.02AM WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2021 IN THE BLACKWATER CIVIC CENTRE, BLAIN STREET, BLACKWATER

PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor (Crs) Christine Rolfe (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors (Crs) Charles Brimblecombe, Joseph Burns, Anne Carpenter, Natalie Curtis, Megan Daniels, and Gai Sypher

Officers

Chief Executive Officer Scott Mason, General Manager Communities John McDougall, General Manager Corporate Services Margaret Gatt, General Manager Customer and Commercial Services Michelle Webster, Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities Jason Hoolihan and Minute Secretary Marnie Wills

APOLOGIES

Councillors (Crs) Kerry Hayes (Mayor) and Janice Moriarty

Resolution:

Cr Daniels moved and seconded by Cr Sypher “That a leave of absence as previously Janice Moriarty and for the for today’s meeting be recorded and for Mayor Hayes who is chaperoning the Governor of Queensland Honourable Paul de Jersey AC today in the Blackwater and Emerald communities.”

2021 / 05 / 26 / 001

Carried (7-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Deputy Mayor Rolfe acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today and he paid our respects to the elders, past, present and emerging.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

General Council Meeting: 12 May 2021

Resolution:

Cr Carpenter moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That the minutes of the previous General Council Meeting held on 21 May 2021 be confirmed.”

2021 / 05 / 26 / 002

Carried (7-0)

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Nil

OUTSTANDING MEETING ACTIONS

Councillors reviewed the resolution register (meeting actions) update.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Discussions were held regarding upcoming agenda items. Elected members were reminded that if there were any items that they would like discussed, that they are quite welcome to raise it with the Chief Executive Officer or a General Manager.

Cr Rolfe advised that there are some camping issues in Springsure at present with availability and reiterated that the camping strategy update is required.

- *It was noted that this will be presented at councils strategic and briefing forum in June.*

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

PETITIONS (IF ANY)

Nil

Attendance

Manager Connected Communities S. Poulter and Arts and Cultural Officer K. Newman attended the meeting at 11.10am

DECISION ACTION REPORTS

Communities

Minutes - Central Highlands Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee (CHACAC) Planning Meeting - 16 April 2021

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to endorse the minutes of the Central Highlands Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee planning meeting held in Emerald on 16 April 2021.

Resolution:

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Burns "That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the minutes of the Central Highlands Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee Planning Meeting held on 16 April 2021."

2021 / 05 / 26 / 003

Carried (7-0)

Attendance

Manager Connected Communities S. Poulter and Arts and Cultural Officer K. Newman left the meeting at 11.18am

Manager Finance V. Coleman attended the meeting at 11.18am

Corporate Services

Budget Review 3

Purpose:

In accordance with council's Budget Policy, the original budget is reviewed at least three times during the year. This report summarises the outcomes of the Budget Review 3 (BR3) process and amends council's final 2020-21 budget position.

As per section 170 of the Local Government Regulations, council may amend the budget by resolution.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Burns “That Central Highlands Regional Council, in accordance with sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 adopt the amendments to the budget including the:

1. Statement of Comprehensive Income
2. Statement of Financial Position
3. Statement of Cash Flows
4. Statement of Changes in Equity
5. Measures of Financial Sustainability
6. Capital program 2020-2021.”

2021 / 05 / 26 / 004

Carried (7-0)

Attendance

Manager Finance V. Coleman left the meeting at 11.24am

Coordinator Property Services A. Hewitt attended the meeting at 11.24am

General Manager Communities J. McDougall left the meeting at 11.30am

General Manager Communities J. McDougall returned to the meeting at 11.31am

Customer and Commercial Services

Amendment to Property Disposals

Purpose:

The report proposes an amendment to properties, identified as 8 South Calliope Street, Springsure (Lot 6 RP604391) and 7 William Street, Duaranga (Lot 81 D1931) for disposal as per council resolution for the sale of housing (resolution number 2020/09/09/015) in order to correct the disposal schedule.

Resolution:

Cr Burns moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council:

1. Amend the disposal of properties identified as 7 William Street Duaranga (Lot 81 D1931) and 8 South Calliope Street Springsure (Lot 6 RP604391) to house only sale.
 - a. For Lot 81 D1931, the units located on this allotment are not identified for disposal.
2. Approve the disposal of ‘valuable non-current assets’ by tender under section 227 and 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.
3. Approve, for either property that remains unsold after having been offered for sale by tender:
 - a. The competitive sale process exception pursuant to section 236 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.
 - b. The Chief Executive Officer may sell a house (separately, and for removal from the land) without inviting further tenders or offering it at auction, for a sum not less than \$1.00 more than the highest price tendered for the property.
 - c. For each sale, subject to the minimum price requirements in subparagraphs (b), the Chief Executive Officer may:
 - i. Determine the sale conditions; and
 - ii. Negotiate amendments to the sale conditions that he considered necessary or appropriate in conformity with the sound contracting principles.
4. Approve the next sale proceeds to fund the purchase or construction of replacement housing in strategic community locations to be identified.”

2021 / 05 / 26 / 005

Carried (7-0)

Attendance

Coordinator Property Services A. Hewitt left the meeting at 11.32am

Saleyards Fees and Charges Single Deck Fees

Purpose:

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2009, Council can establish fees and charges for services provided. The Emerald Saleyards is a commercial activity of council and it is appropriate that fees and charges are established for the services provided to ensure ongoing financial sustainability. A new fee is proposed for inclusion within Council's 2020-2021 Fees and Charges Schedule for Yard Dues for Multiple Single Deck Transactions. It is also proposed that the fee if adopted be included in the 2021-2022 Fees and Charges Schedule.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Burns "That Central Highlands Regional Council adopt the following fee (inclusive of goods and services tax) for the Emerald Saleyards in its 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Fees and Charges Schedule:

Yard Dues - Multiple Single Deck Transactions

\$16.50 inclusive of goods and services tax per deck minimum single consignment of 150 head applicable to weigh and dip transactions."

2021 / 05 / 26 / 006

Carried (7-0)

Attendance

Manager Finance V. Coleman attended the meeting at 11.43am

INFORMATION REPORTS

Corporate Services

Monthly Finance Report

Purpose:

This report is produced in accordance with section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, meeting the requirement for financial reporting to be presented to council once a month. This ensures adequate oversight of council's financial position and performance against the latest approved budget and reinforces sound financial management practices throughout the organisation.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels "That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the monthly financial report for the period ended 30 April 2021."

2021 / 05 / 26 / 007

Carried (7-0)

Queensland Audit Office Financial Audit Report - 22 April 2021

Purpose:

To brief council on the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) report to Parliament titled 'Financial Audit Report Local Government 2020'.

Resolution:

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Burns "That council receive this information report."

2021 / 05 / 26 / 008

Carried (7-0)

Attendance

Manager Finance V. Coleman left the meeting at 11.59am

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Cr Daniels

- Congratulated the Parks and Gardens personnel on the presentation of Blackwater, specifically the Japanese Gardens in preparation for the hosting of the Queensland Governors visit to our region.
 - GM Communities acknowledged the positive comments for the team and confirmed that he too has received feedback from the community.

Cr Rolfe

- Correspondence has been received from the Comet State Primary School for a request for in kind support from Council towards the school garden program.
- Has also received comments from the community acknowledging that we are in drought circumstances, however the entrance statements to communities are well maintained.

DECISION ACTION – CLOSED SESSION

Into Closed Session

Resolution:

Cr Curtis moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Council close its meeting to the public in accordance with Section 254 (J) (3) (g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and that Council staff involved in the closed discussions remain in the room.”

(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

2021 / 05 / 26 / 009

Carried (7-0)

The meeting was closed at 12.04pm

Attendance

Manager Planning and Environment K. Byrne attended the meeting at 12.04pm

REDI Application - SA & B Smith & Sons

Out of Closed Session

Resolution:

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

2021 / 05 / 26 / 010

Carried (7-0)

The meeting was opened at 12.11pm

REDI Application - SA & B Smith & Sons

Purpose:

This report evaluates an application for the Regional Economic Development Incentive lodged by SA & B Smith & Sons Holdings Pty Ltd.

Resolution:

Cr Burns moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council:

1. Approve the Regional Economic Development Incentive application associated with development application DA033 - 2020, for a Material Change of Use – Dual Occupancy, for SA & B Smith & Sons Holdings Pty Ltd with a total refund amount of \$6,907.40 which includes a 100% refund of application fees (\$1,485.00), 40% refund of total infrastructure fees (\$9,656.00) and a full planning and development certificate valued at \$1,560.00.
2. Require that the applicant must claim the payment by 30 June 2022.”

2021 / 05 / 26 / 011

Carried (7-0)

LATE AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Deputy Mayor closed the meeting at 12.12pm.

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE