



MINUTES

General Meeting

24 March 2021

**MINUTES OF NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE
ON WEDNESDAY, 24 MARCH 2021 AT 9.00AM**

COUNCILLORS: Mayor Rachel Chambers, Deputy Mayor Cr Robert Radel, Cr Melinda Jones, Cr Leslie Hotz, Cr Susan Payne, Cr Dael Giddins, Cr Michael Dingle

OFFICERS: Rachel Cooper (Chief Executive Officer), Lindsay McLeod (Acting General Manager Works), Kat Bright (Executive Assistant to the Office of the CEO and Mayor)

1 WELCOME/HOUSEKEEPING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.02am and welcomed all attendees.

2 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Randall Percy (General Manager Works), Susie Glasson (GM Corporate and Community).

Mayor Rachel Chambers informed the meeting that Deputy Mayor Cr Robbie Radel was an apology for the opening of the meeting.

Mayor Rachel Chambers informed the meeting that Rachel Cooper (Chief Executive Officer), would be excused from the meeting at 9.10am due to having earlier been granted permission to leave the meeting as a delegate speaker at a Local Government Managers Conference.

Attendance:

At 9.10am, Rachel Cooper (Chief Executive Officer) left the meeting having earlier been granted permission to leave the meeting as a delegate speaker at a Local Government Managers Conference.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9.10am as Rachel Cooper (Chief Executive Officer) left the meeting.

Attendance:

At 10.39am, Rachel Cooper (Chief Executive Officer), returned to the meeting and Deputy Mayor Robert Radel joined the meeting.

The meeting resumed at 10.39am.

3 DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

Peter Sharp, Helen and Gary Neills attended the meeting at 10.39am to present to Council on the condition of Cannindah Road, Monto.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

I, Cr Melinda Jones, inform this meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in relation to agenda item **7.3 Major Events Grants 2021** (in accordance with section 150EN of the Local Government Act 2009).

The declarable conflict of interest arises as I am the President of Monto Magic Tourism – 3 Moon Country. Their interest in this matter is by means of a letter of support provided to St Therese Christmas Fair.

I propose to exclude myself from the meeting while this matter is debated and the vote is taken (in accordance with section 150EQ of the Local Government Act 2009).

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/23

Moved: Cr Giddins

Seconded: Cr Jones

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 24 February 2021 be confirmed.

In Favour: Mayor Rachel Chambers, Cr Robert Radel, Cr Melinda Jones, Cr Leslie Hotz, Cr Susan Payne, Cr Dael Giddins and Cr Michael Dingle

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

6 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Nil

7 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

7.1 FINANCE REPORT TO 28 FEBRUARY 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/24

Moved: Cr Payne

Seconded: Cr Giddins

That in accordance with s204 Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council notes the Finance Report for the period ended 28 February 2021.

In Favour: Mayor Rachel Chambers, Cr Robert Radel, Cr Melinda Jones, Cr Leslie Hotz, Cr Susan Payne, Cr Dael Giddins and Cr Michael Dingle

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

202103_01 Item 7.1 QON

Cr Giddins requested clarification on the Works for QLD 20-21 funding.

7.2 TOWN ENTRY SIGNS

RESOLUTION 2021/25

Moved: Cr Jones

Seconded: Cr Radel

That Council endorse the town entry sign designs for Biggenden, Eidsvold, Gayndah and Monto as presented.

In Favour: Mayor Rachel Chambers, Cr Robert Radel, Cr Melinda Jones, Cr Leslie Hotz, Cr Susan Payne, Cr Dael Giddins and Cr Michael Dingle

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

202103_01 ITEM 7.2 QON

Cr Hotz queried the following items on the Eidsvold sign:

- Lifting of reins
- Long sleeves and boots on riders
- Long pants on child
- Hooves on horses

202103_02 ITEM 7.2 QON

Cr Giddins requested further engagement on the tag line for each sign for regional consistency.

7.3 MAJOR EVENTS GRANTS 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/26

Moved: Cr Giddins

Seconded: Cr Payne

That due to Cr Jones declaration of interest (in accordance with section 150EN of the Local Government Act 2009) and proposal to exclude herself from the meeting while the matter is debated and the vote is taken (in accordance with section 150EQ of the Local Government Act 2009), Council split the discussion and recommendation into two (2) parts as follows:

- 1) Endorsement of applications
- 2) Decline of applications

In Favour: Mayor Rachel Chambers, Cr Robert Radel, Cr Leslie Hotz, Cr Susan Payne, Cr Dael Giddins and Cr Michael Dingle

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

MOTION

Moved: Cr Payne

Seconded: Cr Hotz

That in accordance with *Policy 121 Major Events Grants*, Council endorses the following funding applications:

1. Mt Perry Races 2021– Funding of \$5,000 and in-kind support of up to \$5,000 (within capacity of Council in the lead up to and at the time of the event).

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Giddins

Seconded: Nil

That in accordance with *Policy 121 Major Events Grants*, Council endorses the following funding applications:

1. Mt Perry Races 2021– Funding of \$2,000 and in-kind support of up to \$2,000 (within capacity of Council in the lead up to and at the time of the event).

AMENDMENT LOST DUE TO NO SECONDER

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Dingle

Seconded: Cr Giddins

That in accordance with *Policy 121 Major Events Grants*, Council endorses the following funding application:

1. Mt Perry Races 2021– Funding of in-kind support of up to \$5,000 (within capacity of Council in the lead up to and at the time of the event).

In Favour: Cr Dael Giddins and Cr Michael Dingle

Against: Mayor Rachel Chambers, Cr Melinda Jones, Cr Robert Radel, Cr Leslie Hotz and Cr Susan Payne

LOST 2/5

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Giddins

Seconder: Nil

That in accordance with *Policy 121 Major Events Grants*, Council endorses the following funding application:

1. Mt Perry Races 2021– Funding of \$2,000.

AMENDMENT LOST DUE TO NO SECONDER**AMENDMENT**

Moved: Cr Payne

Seconder: Cr Radel

That in accordance with *Policy 121 Major Events Grants*, Council endorses the following funding application:

1. Mt Perry Races 2021– Funding of \$5,000 within FY21 with no in-kind support given. Noting that a review of this policy is to be carried out.

RESOLUTION 2021/27

Moved: Cr Payne

Seconder: Cr Radel

That the Amendment becomes the Motion and the full Resolution becomes:

That in accordance with *Policy 121 Major Events Grants*, Council endorses the following funding application:

1. Mt Perry Races 2021– Funding of \$5,000 within FY21 with no in-kind support given. Noting that a review of this policy is to be carried out.

In Favour: Mayor Rachel Chambers, Cr Robert Radel, Cr Melinda Jones, Cr Leslie Hotz and Cr Susan Payne

Against: Cr Dael Giddins and Cr Michael Dingle

CARRIED 5/2**Attendance:**

At 12.06pm, Cr Giddins left the meeting.

Attendance:

At 12.08pm, Cr Giddins returned to the meeting.

Attendance:

At 12.15pm, Cr Hotz left the meeting.

Attendance:

At 12.17pm Cr Hotz returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2021/28

Moved: Cr Payne

Seconded: Cr Radel

That in accordance with *Policy 121 Major Events Grants*, Council endorses the following funding application:

1. Mundubbera Bluesberry Festival – Funding of \$5,000 and in-kind support of \$0. Noting that the event is to be held in 2022.

In Favour: Mayor Rachel Chambers, Cr Robert Radel, Cr Melinda Jones, Cr Leslie Hotz and Cr Susan Payne

Against: Cr Dael Giddins and Cr Michael Dingle

CARRIED 5/2

202103_03 ITEM 7.3 QON

Cr Giddins queried if a clause could be included in the policy review outlining that if an event does not go ahead, money is refunded to Council. Bluesberry committee to be advised that if the festival does not go ahead, that the funding is returned to NBRC.

Attendance:

At 12.18pm, Cr Jones left the meeting having earlier informed the meeting of a declarable conflict of interest in item 7.3, and her decision to remove herself from the meeting whilst this matter was discussed and vote taken.

RESOLUTION 2021/29

Moved: Cr Payne

Seconded: Cr Hotz

In accordance with *Policy 121 Major Events Grants*, Council declines the following funding applications:

1. Dallarnil Sports Day 100th Centenary
2. St Therese's Christmas Fair

Attendance:

At 12.25pm, Jason Erbacher (Strategic Projects Manager), joined the meeting upon request.

In Favour: Mayor Rachel Chambers, Cr Robert Radel, Cr Leslie Hotz and Cr Susan Payne

Against: Cr Dael Giddins and Cr Michael Dingle

CARRIED 4/2

202103_04 ITEM 7.3 QON

Cr Radel requested clarification on the Requirements and Criteria for Major Events Grant.

202103_05 ITEM 7.3 QON

Mayor Rachel Chambers quireied if feedback is provided to applicants when their application is declined.

Attendance:

At 12.34pm, Jason Erbacher left the meeting.

Attendance:

At 12.34pm, Cr Jones returned to the meeting.

7.4 RATES APPROVAL FOR COMMENCEMENT OF RECOVERY ACTION**RESOLUTION 2021/30**

Moved: Cr Hotz

Seconded: Cr Giddins

That Council commence an external debt collection for the rate assessments as presented in this report.

In Favour: Mayor Rachel Chambers, Cr Robert Radel, Cr Melinda Jones, Cr Leslie Hotz, Cr Susan Payne, Cr Dael Giddins and Cr Michael Dingle

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

8 WORKS**8.1 APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE - PORTION OF UN-NAMED ROAD CASEMENT OF COONAMBULA EIDSVOLD ROAD - O'BIL BIL****RESOLUTION 2021/31**

Moved: Cr Dingle

Seconded: Cr Giddins

That Council does not support this application as the road is still required for road purposes and that the permanent road closure will impact the available access to other parcels of land adjoining the road reserve.

In Favour: Mayor Rachel Chambers, Cr Robert Radel, Cr Melinda Jones, Cr Leslie Hotz, Cr Susan Payne, Cr Dael Giddins and Cr Michael Dingle

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

8.2 UNAMED ROAD RESERVE BIGGENDEN**RESOLUTION 2021/32**

Moved: Cr Radel

Seconded: Cr Hotz

That Council resolves to name the unnamed Road Mount Hastings Creek Road and add this portion to the road register for maintenance and emergency service purposes.

LOST 2/5

202103_06 ITEM 8.2 QON

Cr Radel requested clarification on the annual depreciation noted.

202103_07 ITEM 8.2 QON

Cr Giddins requested more information be obtained regarding the need to name the road.

8.3 BIGGENDEN WTP REPLACEMENT AND RAW WATER STORAGE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING BBR FUNDING ROUND 5**RESOLUTION 2021/33**

Moved: Cr Giddins

Seconded: Cr Radel

That Council approve the allocation of \$1.25 million from Council reserves in the 2021/22 capital budget to contribute to the upgrade of the Biggenden Water Treatment Plant.

In Favour: Mayor Rachel Chambers, Cr Robert Radel, Cr Melinda Jones, Cr Leslie Hotz, Cr Susan Payne, Cr Dael Giddins and Cr Michael Dingle

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

9 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**RESOLUTION 2021/34**

Moved: Cr Radel

Seconded: Cr Giddins

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

10.1 Update - Recovery of Outstanding Rates

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3)(a)-(i) - e of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against local government.

In Favour: Mayor Rachel Chambers, Cr Robert Radel, Cr Melinda Jones, Cr Leslie Hotz, Cr Susan Payne, Cr Dael Giddins and Cr Michael Dingle

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

The meeting moved into a Closed session at 12.48pm.

RESOLUTION 2021/35

Moved: Cr Radel

Seconded: Cr Giddins

That Council moves out of Closed Session into Open Session.

In Favour: Mayor Rachel Chambers, Cr Robert Radel, Cr Melinda Jones, Cr Leslie Hotz, Cr Susan Payne, Cr Dael Giddins and Cr Michael Dingle

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

The meeting moved back into an Open Session at 12.50pm.

10.1 UPDATE - RECOVERY OF OUTSTANDING RATES

RESOLUTION 2021/36

Moved: Cr Hotz

Seconded: Cr Radel

That Council receives the report – update on recovery of outstanding rates.

In Favour: Mayor Rachel Chambers, Cr Robert Radel, Cr Melinda Jones, Cr Leslie Hotz, Cr Susan Payne, Cr Dael Giddins and Cr Michael Dingle

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

11 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 12.50pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the General Meeting held on 28 April 2021.



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CHAIRPERSON

