



MINUTES

General Meeting

14 December 2022

**MINUTES OF NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE GAYNDAH BOARDROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2022 AT 08.59AM**

1 WELCOME/HOUSEKEEPING

The Mayor declared the meeting open and welcomed all attendees.

2 ATTENDEES

COUNCILLORS: Mayor Leslie Hotz, Cr Robert Radel, Cr Melinda Jones, Cr Susan Payne, Cr Dael Giddins, Cr Michael Dingle, Cr Kingsley Mesner

OFFICERS: Margot Stork (CEO), Anna Scott (Interim GM Works), Skye Price (Interim GM Corporate & Community), Carl Bacon (Civil Works Manager), Michelle Burns (A/Financial Services Manager), Amanda Shannon (Executive Assistant to the General Manager Corporate & Community)

3 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

On behalf of Council, the Mayor extended an Acknowledgement of Country.

5 MOMENT OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION

The Mayor called for a moment of silence to pay respects to those who have passed in our region.

Thomas Denhom *Mundubbera*

Florence Walters *Monto*

Gloria Keen *Monto*

Loretta Chapman *Eidsvold*

Mayor Hotz mentioned the tragic passing of Queensland Police Officers Constable Matthew Arnold and Constable Rachel McCrow, and neighbour Mr Alan Dare, who were shot and killed in an ambush at Wieambilla in the Western Downs Regional Council area on Monday 12 December 2022. Mayor Hotz also acknowledged Constable Randall Kirk and Constable Keely Brough who were injured in the incident.

Mayor Hotz advised that letters have been sent to the Mayor and CEO of the Western Downs Regional Council expressing condolences on behalf of the Council and residents of the North Burnett Region.

The constables and neighbour were allegedly gunned down by Nathaniel Train, Gareth Train and Stacey Train, who were later shot and killed by police.

6 DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

Nil

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**8.1 MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2022****OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 23 November 2022 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Kingsley Mesner

Seconded: Cr Melinda Jones

RESOLUTION 2022/179

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 23 November 2022 be confirmed.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0**9 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER****9.1 2021 - 2022 ANNUAL REPORT****OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the final 2021-2022 Annual Report.

Moved: Cr Michael Dingle

Seconded: Cr Kingsley Mesner

RESOLUTION 2022/180

That Council receives and notes the final 2021-2022 Annual Report.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

NOTE: Mayor Hotz and Cr Giddins mentioned minor administrative details that are to updated prior to final version being printed. Through the Chair, Skye Price (Interim General Manager Corporate and Community) confirmed these updates have been noted and will be made.

10 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY**10.1 MOUNT PERRY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD INCORPORATED - REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM HALL HIRE FEES****OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That

1. Council decline to grant Mount Perry Community Development Board Incorporated a fee waiver for use of the community hall.
2. Formal correspondence be sent to Mount Perry Community Development Board Incorporated advising them of council's decision and that 2022/23 Fees and Charges will be upheld.

Moved: Cr Michael Dingle

Seconded: Cr Dael Giddins

RESOLUTION 2022/181

That

1. Council decline to grant Mount Perry Community Development Board Incorporated a fee waiver for use of the community hall.
2. Formal correspondence be sent to Mount Perry Community Development Board Incorporated advising them of Council's decision and that 2022/23 Fees and Charges will be upheld.
3. A review of policies relating to fees and charges for community groups hiring Council facilities be undertaken.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.2 STOCK ROUTE MANAGEMENT POLICY - FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION PERIOD**OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council notes

1. The 2273 Stock Route Management Policy and Stock Route Management Procedure were placed on public display from 30 September 2022 until 8 November 2022.
2. The public exhibition period for the 2273 Stock Route Management Policy and Stock Route Management Procedure did not generate any public submissions.

Moved: Cr Michael Dingle

Seconded: Cr Kingsley Mesner

RESOLUTION 2022/182

That Council notes

1. The 2273 Stock Route Management Policy and Stock Route Management Procedure were placed on public display from 30 September 2022 until 8 November 2022.
2. The public exhibition period for the 2273 Stock Route Management Policy and Stock Route Management Procedure did not generate any public submissions.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

NOTE: The customer service operating hours were noted as incorrect. Through the Chair, Skye Price (Interim GM Corporate & Community) advised that this information was included in the Procedure, and this live document will be updated as required due to operational circumstances.

10.3 FINANCE REPORT TO 30 NOVEMBER 2022**OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That in accordance with section 204 *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*, Council receives the Finance Report for the period ended 30 November 2022.

ATTENDANCE: Michelle Burns joined the meeting at 9.27am.

Moved: Cr Michael Dingle

Seconded: Cr Kingsley Mesner

RESOLUTION 2022/183

That in accordance with section 204 *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*, Council receives the Finance Report for the period ended 30 November 2022.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

11 WORKS

11.1 REVISED ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER UPDATE

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive the report as presented; and
2. Amend the previous Resolution 2021/58 from Bi-Monthly reporting to Quarterly reporting allowing the revised road maintenance reporting to be included in the Quarterly Operational Report.

Moved: Cr Michael Dingle

Seconded: Cr Dael Giddins

RESOLUTION 2022/184

That Council:

1. Receive the report as presented; and
2. Amend the previous Resolution 2021/58 from Bi-Monthly reporting to Quarterly reporting allowing the revised road maintenance reporting to be included in the Quarterly Operational Report.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

12 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

12.1 MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That the Councillor Reports be received for the period of 1 November to 30 November 2022.

Moved: Cr Kingsley Mesner

Seconded: Cr Michael Dingle

RESOLUTION 2022/185

That the Councillor Reports be received for the period of 1 November to 30 November 2022.

In Favour: Mayor Leslie Hotz, Cr Robert Radel, Cr Melinda Jones, Cr Dael Giddins, Cr Michael Dingle and Cr Kingsley Mesner

Against: Cr Susan Payne

CARRIED 6/1

13 URGENT BUSINES

Nil

14 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

14.1 Sale of Land for Overdue Rates and Charges

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3)(c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, 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 the local government's budget.

Moved: Cr Melinda Jones

Seconded: Cr Michael Dingle

RESOLUTION 2022/186

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

14.1 Sale of Land for Overdue Rates and Charges

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3)(c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, 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 the local government's budget.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

ATTENDANCE: Carl Bacon and Michelle Burns left the meeting at 9.36am.

THE MEETING MOVED INTO A CLOSED SESSION AT 9.37am.

NOTE: During the confidential closed session, Councillors discussed the content in the confidential report listed above.

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council moves out of Closed Session into Open Session.

Moved: Cr Kingsley Mesner

Seconded: Cr Michael Dingle

RESOLUTION 2022/187

That Council moves out of Closed Session into Open Session.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

THE MEETING MOVED BACK INTO AN OPEN SESSION AT 9.45am.

14.1 SALE OF LAND FOR OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES**OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the information within the Sale of Land for Overdue Rates and Charges report;
2. Write off an outstanding rate balance of \$84,133.68, being the shortfall given insufficient sales proceeds to pay the rates in full for the following assessments:
 - Assessment 3137600000000 - \$11,306.78
 - Assessment 4070400000000 - \$10,434.51
 - Assessment 4074350000000 - \$15,140.81
 - Assessment 5001830000000 - \$23,958.56
 - Assessment 5018450000000 - \$18,753.44
 - Assessment 5021885000000 - \$ 4,539.58
3. Note a written report to Council will be provided as to an update on the sales process for the remaining one (1) property that remains unsold.

Moved: Cr Michael Dingle

Seconded: Cr Melinda Jones

RESOLUTION 2022/188

That Council:

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2. Write off an outstanding rate balance of \$84,133.68, being the shortfall given insufficient sales proceeds to pay the rates in full for the following assessments:
 - Assessment 3137600000000 - \$11,306.78
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3. Note a written report to Council will be provided as to an update on the sales process for the remaining one (1) property that remains unsold.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

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Cr Giddins requested confirmation of the total write-off balance for the sale of land to recover outstanding overdue rates and charges. Through the Chair, Skye Price (Interim General Manager Corporate and Community) responded to Cr Giddins noting the question would be taken on notice.

NOTE: Mayor Hotz and Margot Stork (CEO) thanked Anna Scott (Interim GM Works) and Skye Price (Interim GM Corporate & Community) for their efforts over the past 6 months. They have undertaken a job well done.

15 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 9.48am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the General Meeting held on 25 January 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON