



MINUTES
of the
GENERAL MEETING

CHAIRPERSON: Cr R Dyne (Mayor)

**Held in the Boardroom
Old Bank Building
46 Nash Street
Gympie Qld 4570**

**On Wednesday 23 September 2009
At 9.00 am**

Gympie Regional Council **GENERAL**

*Mayor RJ Dyne (Chairman),
Crs AJ Perrett, GL Engeman, RA Gâté, LJ Friske,
DR Neilson, IT Petersen, J Watt and JA Walker*

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The meeting commenced at 9:01 am.

PRESENT: Mayor Cr R.J. Dyne (Chairman), Cr A.J. Perrett, Cr I.T. Petersen, Cr R.A. Gâté, Cr D.R. Neilson, Cr J. Watt and Cr J.A. Walker.

Also in attendance were Chief Executive Officer (Mr K.A. Mason), and Minutes Clerk (Miss S Bull).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS

Planning & Development Committee Meeting
P15/09/09 - Cr A.J. Perrett – Conflict of Interest
P15/09/09 - Cr J.A. Walker – Material Personal Interest

SECTION 1: OPEN WITH PRAYER

Cr Donna Neilson from Gympie Regional Council offered a Prayer for the advancement of the Region and the true welfare of its people.

One Minute's silence was observed for family and friends of deceased residents of the Region.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

G19/08/09 – That Cr G.L. Engeman be granted Leave of Absence from all Council Meetings from 16 September 2009 to the 23 September 2009.

SECTION 2: APOLOGIES

G18/09/09 **Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté**

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

That the apology from Cr L.J. Friske be accepted.

Carried

SECTION 3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING

G19/09/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Minutes of the Gympie Regional Council General Meeting held on 9 September 2009 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

SECTION 4: PETITIONS

4/1 Petition – Save the Dolphins – Tin Can Bay

Re: G20/09/09 Petition – Save the Dolphins – Tin Can Bay
From: Ronald Simmonds, and 44 other signatories.
File: DA10931
Date: 4 September 2009 Doc ID 1070542

“PETITION”

**“SAVE THE DOLPHINS”
TIN CAN BAY**

Covering letter received from Ronald Simmonds.

“This is just a short petition of local Maryborough people who were very shocked to hear that there was a proposed building of a marina at the Dolphin Feeding Site in Tin Can Bay.

This is very sad and has upset a lot of people, a lot of people go from Maryborough to feed and interact with these lovely friendly dolphins and especially the kids and elderly as I said just a note to say these people love the dolphins and strongly object.”

G20/09/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the petition be received and referred to the Director of Planning & Development for consideration.

Carried

SECTION 5: ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

G21/09/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Recommendations of the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 9 September 2009 as presented, be received.

Carried

G22/09/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Recommendations of the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 9 September 2009, be adopted.

Carried

SECTION 6: REPORT BY THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Cr Tony Perrett presented the following report:-

Kara Peters, Community Development Officer attended the meeting and provided a comprehensive report on Youth and Community Development within the Gympie Regional Council area. Current work includes the Community Profile, Cooloola Coast Community Directory, Community Development Network, Parents to the Future Program, Funding Support and Assistance, Youth Activities and RADF.

Ms Indra Boss, President of the Heart of Gold Film Festival attended the meeting to introduce Mr Malcolm Blaylock as the new Executive Director. Both of our guests answered a series of questions from Councillors on the festival.

The Queensland Government advised Council that Queensland Health, Forensic and Scientific Services would no longer provide a free microbiological testing service for swimming pool water samples from local government operated pools. From 1st April 2009, water samples from local

government operated pools will attract a standard fee for service of \$125.00 per sample. The Committee is recommending that Council pass on the Queensland Government Service fee to all operators of public swimming pools, other than Gympie Regional Council operated pools.

The Committee received the Waste Strategy Group Meeting report and recommends that Council authorise the Director of Community Services to obtain a noise report for the proposed transfer station site at Bonnick Road. Council will also apply to DERM for a Certificate of Registration for the transfer station site and will advise the operating hours of the Waste Management Facility. Following a review of the fees and charges for the disposal of construction and demolition waste a number of alterations to these charges is recommended.

Amanda Lepeilbet presented the Cooloola Regional Development Bureau report for the month of August. The month was very busy with the launch of the new regional website. The new site has attracted a lot of attention and will continue to evolve into a main point of reference for the traveler, locals and media. The Gympie Cooloola Holiday Guide has received favourable comment with 6,000 copies given away at the Brisbane Exhibition. The new membership prospectus has been designed, printed and distributed to all members.

Economic Development Manager, Lynne Wilbraham provided her first report to the Committee. Mrs Wilbraham has identified many opportunities for Council to work with industry to development the region.

G23/09/09

Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the report be received.

Carried

**SECTION 7: ADOPTION OF PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Cr A.J. Perrett declared a Conflict of Interest in Minute P15/09/09 due to being a Member of the Board of St Patrick's College and abstained from voting.

G24/09/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 16 September 2009 as presented, be received with the exception of P15/09/09 to be withdrawn and dealt with later in this meeting.

Carried

G25/09/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 16 September 2009 as amended, be adopted.

Carried

Cr J.A. Walker declared a Material Personal Interest in Minute P15/09/09 due to being the property owner (2008-0745) and left the meeting at 9.08am.

**Recommendation P15/09/09 of the Recommendations of the
Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 16
September 2009**

G26/09/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That Recommendation P15/09/09 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 16 September 2009 be received and adopted.

Carried

Cr J.A. Walker returned to the meeting at 9.09am.

SECTION 8: REPORT BY THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Cr Ian Petersen presented the following Report:-

STRATEGIC PLANNING MATTERS

The Committee is recommending that Council gives consent to several amendments to locality boundaries as proposed by the Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management. These changes involve 16 properties and will affect 25 of our localities across the region.

The Committee is recommending that Councillors Engeman and Gate be appointed to the Steering Committee for the development of the Gympie Regional Council Environment Strategy.

APPLICATIONS FOR MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE:-

The committee recommended approval for representations to alter trading hours for a restaurant in Alfred Street Gympie, and roadworks conditions for a B and B in York Street Imbil.

RECONFIGURING A LOT APPLICATIONS

Approval is recommended for reconfiguring applications for one additional lot at Wilton Rd, Greens Creek and one additional lot at Gympie Connection Road, Victory Heights. The Committee is also recommending that Council approve changes to conditions on an existing approval at Elizabeth Street, Imbil.

NEW APPLICATIONS

One new code assessable Material Change of Use application, two new impact assessable reconfiguring applications, two new code assessable reconfiguring applications, and one new Operational Works Application were noted.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Nine applications were approved under delegated authority.

GENERAL MATTERS

Guests included Mr Kerren Smith, who discussed the activities of the Transport Equipment Manufacturing Industry Group. The Committee was somewhat dismayed to hear that the State Government, through Invest Queensland, had offered his Company, J Smith and Sons, funding support to relocate to Maryborough. He advised the Committee that he would much rather remain in Gympie, but was becoming frustrated by the fact that his expansion plans are being made very difficult through unrealistic demands from the State Government Department of Main Roads. This insular attitude

again illustrates the conflict between various State Government departments which is such a massive disincentive for growth, economic development and increased employment opportunities. We will never achieve full potential until The State Government implements a whole of government approach to decision making.

Mr Smith stated that he had been very happy with the efforts of Council to assist him with his expansion project.

Other guests included Mr and Mrs Rod and Pam Elkington, and representatives from the Aspire Group who discussed proposals which at this stage are commercial in confidence.

After considerable discussion on the proposed Wide Bay Burnett Statutory Regional Plan a decision was made to defer the matter for further discussion when all Councillors are in attendance. Whilst there is general consensus that we need to stay involved in the process, many feel that, learning from the negative impact of the SEQ and FNQ experience, a statutory plan is not something to look forward to, and we should definitely not be attempting to accelerate it.

G27/09/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the Report be received.

Carried

SECTION 9: OTHER MATTERS

9/1

2009 ALGA National Local Roads and Transport Congress

Re: **G28/09/09** 2009 ALGA National Local Roads and Transport Congress

From: Geoff Lake, President, ALGA, 8 Geils Court, DEAKIN ACT 2600.

File: 1/1/2/5

Date: 9 September 2009 Doc ID: 1071847

"I write to invite you and your council colleagues to this year's National Local Roads and Transport Congress on 8 to 10 November 2009 in Mackay, Queensland.

The Mackay Congress will be the tenth time that local government has gathered together to consider our national approach to issues concerning roads and transport.

Instrumental to the success of the first Congress, held in Moree in 2000, was former Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon John Anderson. In recognition of our significant achievements at this first Congress ten years ago in establishing ongoing financial assistance from the Australian Government for local roads, we have arranged for him to return this year as our key note speaker. He will reflect on what has been achieved over the past decade and will contribute his perspectives on the 'Road on the Future' theme for this Congress.

The first Congress is credited with being the catalyst for the establishment of the Roads to Recovery Program, and since then the Congress has evolved from having a pure roads focus to now having a wider focus on the broader transport challenges facing local government. In recognition of the different issues facing rural and metropolitan councils, concurrent streams will be held so delegates can focus specifically on road and public transport issues according to their council's priorities.

One of the key outputs of the Congress will be to recommend to the ALGA Board the focus of local government's road and transport lobbying priorities for the next Federal election.

Councils in Australia have an annual expenditure of around \$25 billion, with around \$10 billion of this spent on roads and other community assets.

I very much hope that your council will play its part in helping to shape local government's future approach to tackling the transport challenges we face.

See you in Mackay."

G28/09/09

Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

That Cr L.J. Friske and the Director of Engineering be registered to attend the 2009 ALGA National Local Roads and Transport Congress to be held in Mackay from the 8th – 10th November 2009.

Carried

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

G29/09/09

Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That Council suspend standing orders and deal with Section 11 - General Business at this stage of the meeting.

Carried

SECTION 11: GENERAL BUSINESS

Leave of Absence - Cr J.A. Walker

G30/09/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

That Cr J.A. Walker be granted Leave of Absence from all Council meeting on the 7th October 2009.

Carried

Leave of Absence - Cr A.J. Perrett

G31/09/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That Cr A.J. Perrett be granted Leave of Absence from all council meeting on the 6th & 7th October 2009.

Carried

Tin Can Bay Seafood Festival Dinner

Cr Walker advised of her attendance at the Tin Can Bay Seafood Festival Dinner where there were activities such as auctions and a beer brewing competition. A good time was had by all.

Happy Healthy Parenting Expo

Cr Gâté advised of her and the Mayors recent attendance at the Happy Healthy Parenting Expo which was held at the Gympie Civic Centre on Friday the 11th September 2009.

The Mayor provided a welcoming speech to all and congratulated Barbara Yule on such a successful event and her efforts in bringing the event together.

Imbil Fire

Cr Watt advised that the fire at Imbil is now under control and the radio crew will be disbanding base later today.

Two helicopters and rural fire brigades worked very hard to contain the fire which came close to resident's homes and infrastructure.

Forestry Plantation Queensland**G32/09/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt****Seconded: Cr R.J. Dyne**

That Council thank Forestry Plantation Queensland for the tour of the Mills that was provided to the Councillors showing the various activities conducted.

Carried

Director of Corporate Services Mr Craig Manson entered the meeting at 9.28am.

SECTION 10: "IN COMMITTEE"**COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE**

The Mayor advised the meeting that Council was going "Into Committee" to discuss

1. Staff Matter

G33/09/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson**Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett**

That pursuant to the provisions of Section 463 of the Local Government Act, Council resolves to close the meeting to the public and move "into committee" to consider the following matter/s:-

1. Staff Matter

Further, that in relation to the provisions of Section 250 of the Act, Council resolves that following the closing of the meeting to the public and the moving 'into committee' that all matters and all documents (whether in hard copy, electronic, optical, visual or magnetic form) discussed, raised, tabled and/or considered whilst the meeting is closed and 'in committee', are confidential to the Council and the Council wishes to keep them confidential.

Carried

COUNCIL OUT OF COMMITTEE

G34/09/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

That proceedings be resumed in Open Council.

Carried

10/1

Staff Matter

Re: Staff Matter

From: Chief Executive Officer – Mr Ken Mason

G35/09/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

That the proposed actions as discussed be endorsed.

Carried

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00am.

Confirmed this FOURTEENTH day of OCTOBER 2009

CHAIRMAN

Cr R.J. Dyne