



MINUTES
of the
GENERAL MEETING

CHAIRPERSON: Cr R Dyne (Mayor)

**Held in the Boardroom
Town Hall
2 Caledonian Hill
Gympie Qld 4570**

**On Wednesday 25 November 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 9:02 am.

PRESENT: Mayor R.J. Dyne (Chairman), Deputy Mayor Cr A.J. Perrett, Cr G.L. Engeman, Cr R.A. Gâté, Cr L.J. Friske, 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 (Mrs D. Shaw).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS

Planning & Development Committee Meeting 18 November 2009

P40/11/09 - Cr G.L. Engeman declared a Material Personal Interest

P40/11/09 - Cr A.J. Perrett declared a Conflict of Interest

SECTION 1: OPEN WITH PRAYER

Pastor Graham Bizzell from the Uniting Church offered a Prayer for the advancement of the Region and the true welfare of its people.

One minute's silence was observed for recently deceased Gympie Region residents.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

G17/11/09 – That Cr I.T. Petersen be granted Leave of Absence for all meetings on 25 November 2009 due to prior commitments.

SECTION 2: APOLOGIES

SECTION 3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING

G23/11/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Minutes of the Gympie Regional Council General Meeting held on 11 November 2009 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

SECTION 4: PETITIONS

Nil

SECTION 5: ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

G24/11/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Recommendations of the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 11 November 2009 as presented, be received.

Carried

G25/11/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Recommendations of the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 11 November 2009, be adopted.

Carried

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

Cr Tony Perrett presented the following Report:-

A request to alter the fees and charges for the disposal of construction and demolition waste at the Southside Waste Management Facility has the Committee recommending that a further category be added to the charges schedule to reflect loads greater than 6m³ but less than 9m³. This charge will be set at \$150.00 per load.

The contract for the provision of Gatekeeping and Recycling Services for both the Bonnick Road and Southside Waste Management Facilities are recommended for approval. An extension will be granted to the incumbent contractors for a further 12 months with only slight variations to their contracts.

Following a request for an extension to the contract for the provision of cleaning services – Public Toilets (Mary Valley) and caretaker duties at the Imbil Caravan Park, the Committee is recommending that Council officers enter into negotiations with the current contractors in relation to an increase in payments being limited to CPI. If these negotiations are unsuccessful Council will advertise for a new contractor.

The Committee considered the proposed opening hours over the Christmas/New Year period for the Gympie Regional Council Libraries. All Council Libraries will close on Thursday, 24th December with the Imbil, Kilkivan and Goomeri Libraries remaining closed until Monday, 4th January. The Gympie, Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach Libraries will be open to the public until 5:00pm on Tuesday, 29th, Wednesday, 30th and Thursday, 31st December. Normal hours of operation will resume on Monday, 4th January. The Gympie Regional Gallery will remain open over the Christmas/New Year period excluding the statutory public holidays.

Council's Economic Development Officer, Lynne Wilbraham provided a comprehensive report on the month's activities. Of particular note were the reports on the Transport Equipment Manufacturing Industry Reference Group meeting in Maryborough, the Mary Valley Agritourism Project and the Sustainable Business Cluster Project involving DEEDI and many local business and industry groups.

Following advice from the CEO that Council is eligible to nominate projects for the second round of the Federal Government funded Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) the Committee recommends that Council submit the development of a Community Hall on the Rainbow Beach Centre Block land for approval.

The Mary Valley Show Society – Art Festival and Kilkivan First Responder Group have written to Council expressing their sincere appreciation for the support provided by Council to their respective organisations.

G26/11/09

Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Report be received.

Carried

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

G27/11/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 18 November 2009 as presented, be received with the exception of P40/11/09 which is to be withdrawn and dealt with later in this meeting.

Further that Recommendation P39/11/09 be withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

Carried

G28/11/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 18 November 2009 as amended, be adopted.

Carried

Cr G.L. Engeman declared a Material Personal Interest in Minute P40/11/09 due to perceived business interests and left the meeting at 9:15 am

Cr A.J. Perrett declared a Conflict of Interest in 2009-0796 in Minute P40/11/09 due to being a Member of the Board of St Patrick's College and abstained from voting.

Recommendation P40/11/09 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on the 18 November 2009

G29/11/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

That Recommendation P40/11/09 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 18 November 2009 be received and adopted.

Carried

Cr G.L. Engeman returned to the meeting at 9.16 am

SECTION 8: REPORT BY THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Cr Jan Watt presented the following Report:-

Strategic planning matters

The Environment Strategy Steering Committee has held its first working group meeting where Council and community undertook a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) of the 'Gympie environment'. A review of the outcomes has resulted in Gympie Regional Council endorsing the Committee's recommendations that the strategy is to be aimed at Council operations and at implementing Council's environmental Policy and Corporate Plan. The themes for the Environment Strategy will be Biodiversity, Climate Change, Education and Awareness, Planning Waste and Water with the strategy having a review period of three years and a horizon of five.

Two applications were withdrawn by the applicants from the agenda at the last planning meeting. One Material Change of Use recommended for approval - by Queensland Water infrastructure for a Food and Entertainment venue (Bowl's club) and Subdivision to create 3 additional lots, an access easement and earth and road works on Kandanga Imbil Road. The other application to reconfigure of a lot to create two additional lots on Trout Road the Dawn not recommended for approval.

A material Change of Use was approved for an application to establish a general industry on Chatsworth Road Gympie with conditions to be satisfied prior to the commencement of use.

An application to reconfigure a lot to create 2 additional lots in an area zoned Rural was refused on the grounds that the development was in conflict with the planning scheme and was not considered consistent with surrounding development patterns amongst other matters.

Two new Material Change of Use Impact Assessment applications were received, one for 8 multi-residential NRAS Affordable housing units in Gympie and a Transport Depot in East Deep Creek. Three separate MCU Code Assessable applications included professional offices in Nash Street, Channon Street and Exhibition Road Gympie. Thirteen Development applications were approved under delegated authority for the past fortnight.

Council has advised the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation that it offers no objections or concerns in relation to the issue of a Liquor Licence for 'Capelli on Duke'.

Building Summary for October 2009

A total of 37 new dwellings were approved in the month of October, which is comparable with the 40 dwellings approved in the same month last year.

G30/11/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Report be received.

Carried

SECTION 9: OTHER MATTERS

9/1 Amamoor Bin Site – Opening Hours/Extension of Contract

Re: **G31/11/09** Amamoor Bin Site – Opening Hours/Extension of Contract

From: Director of community Services – Mr M Grant

File:

Date: 17 November 2009

Report: (Director of Community Services – Mr M Grant)

Reference is made to Minute CS07/11/09.

RECOMMEND THAT THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT BACK TO THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING, 25 NOVEMBER 2009, IN RELATION TO THE OPENING HOURS/DAYS FOR THE AMAMOOR BULK BIN SITE.

I refer to the above Minute and suggest that this issue be referred to the Waste Strategy Working Group Meeting to be held on Monday, 30 November 2009 for consideration.

G31/11/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

That the matter of opening hours/days for the Amamoor Bulk Bin Site be referred to the Waste Strategy Working Group Meeting to be held on the 30 November 2009 for consideration.

Carried

9/2	First Quarterly Review – Operational Plan
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Re: **G32/11/09** First Quarterly Review – Operational Plan
From: Chief Executive Officer – Ken Mason
File:
Date: 18 November 2009

Report: (Chief Executive Officer – Ken Mason)

Councillors are aware that the Operational Plan is reviewed quarterly and reported to Council. Capital Works projects are also reported and are noted at the conclusion of the Program.

Attachment 1:

First Quarterly Review – Operational Plan

G32/11/09 **Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté** **Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske**

That Gympie Regional Council's Operational Plan 2009/2010 quarterly review as at 30 September 2009 as presented, be received.

Carried

9/3	Contract 2009/2010 – Q504 Purchase of two (2) Light Trucks
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Re: **G33/11/09** Contract 2009/2010 – Q504 Purchase of two (2) Light Trucks
From: General Manager Eastern Division Mr G.C. Ingham
File:
Date: 17 November 2009

Executive Summary:

Replacement of two (2) light trucks to replace existing fleet vehicles, quotes have been called and assessed against task specifications and price.

Previous Council Considerations:

Nil.

Report: (Fleet Manager – Peter Stevenson)

Three (3) suppliers provided quotes for three (3) machines, each machine offered meets the specifications detailed in the ‘Request for Quote’ documentation. Offers to purchase/trade the existing machines were called at the same time, each of the new machine suppliers submitted ‘Trade’ offers, an offer for outright purchase for both vehicles was received from another machinery dealer.

Supplier	Make	Model	Trade Unit	Purchase Price exc GST	Trade offer exc GST	Change over exc GST
Madill's Isuzu	Isuzu	NPR400 275 Short	101	\$62,476.08	\$ 5,454.55	\$57,021.53
Madill's Isuzu	“	“	119	\$62,476.08	\$12,727.27	\$49,748.81
Hi Way 1 Truck & Tractor	Hino	616 Long	101	\$57,774.15	\$10,454.55	\$47,319.61
Hi Way 1 Truck & Tractor	“	“	119	\$57,774.15	\$15,454.55	\$42,319.61
Ray Grace Trucks	Fuso	Canter FE 2.0 XLWB	101	\$55,682.73	\$ 6,363.64	\$49,319.09
Ray Grace Trucks	“	“	119	\$55,682.73	\$13,636.36	\$42,046.37
East Coast Commercials			101		\$ 8,510.91	
East Coast Commercials			119		\$10,200.00	

The trucks offered met Council specifications. Carrying capacity is the crucial specification in this application. These vehicles are loaded to the maximum capacity at all times.

The estimated carrying capacity of the Hino 616 as quoted is approximately 7 – 10 % higher than the other trucks offered. The Hino 616 represents the best option for Council both on change over price and estimated load carrying capacity.

Strategic Implications:

Corporate Plan: Nil

Budget: Nil – allocation for machine in financial year budget.

Legal/Statutory: Nil – machine meets Australian Design Standards and Council specifications.

Risk: Nil – pre-purchase safety risk assessments completed with operational risk assessment scheduled to be completed on machine delivery.

Consultation:

Darren Beutel – Manager Plumbing
 Noel Battersby, Michael Daunt – Operators
 Doug Foster – Leading Hand Workshop

Checklist:

- Financial Services Directorate
- Corporate Services Directorate
- Community Services Directorate
- Engineering Services Directorate
- Planning & Development Directorate
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer

G33/11/09 Moved: Cr L.J. Friske Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

That:

- 1. Council purchases two (2) Hino 616 trucks as specified from Hi Way 1 Truck and Tractor for \$57,774.15 exc GST for each unit (\$63,551.57 inc GST).**

Total purchase \$115,548.30 exc GST (\$127,103.13 inc GST).

- 2. Council accepts the trade offer from Highway One Truck and Tractor for Unit 101 \$10,454.55 exc GST (\$11,500 inc GST).**
- 3. Council accepts the trade offer from Highway One Truck and Tractor for Unit 119 \$15,454.55 exc GST (\$17,000 inc GST).**

Carried

9/4	Passenger Rail Service – Traveston Station
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Re: **G34/11/09** Passenger Rail Service – Traveston Station
 From: Chief Executive Officer – Ken Mason
 File:
 Date: 18 November 2009

Report: (Chief Executive Officer – Ken Mason)

The writer is seeking support from Council to ensure that the passenger rail service at Traveston Station is not shut down.

The advice from QR Passenger Pty Ltd manger is that they have applied to the Minister of Transport to conduct a review of Traveston Station. As at 6 November 2009 the Minster has not responded.

The writer also raises some strategic planning issues which should be considered in this Region's future Town Plan.

Attachment 2:

Correspondence from Brian O'Connor

G34/11/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That:

- 1. Council write to QR Passenger Rail regarding the future of Traveston Station.**
- 2. the correspondence be referred to the Director of Planning for consideration of planning issues.**

Carried

9/5	Annual Report 2008-2009
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Re: **G35/11/09** Annual Report 2008 - 2009
 From: Executive Policy and Liaison Officer – Janet Lee
 File:
 Date: 17 November 2009

Executive Summary: (Executive Policy and Liaison Officer – Janet Lee)

Council is legally required to produce an Annual Report. This Report is compiled through input from the various Directorates of Council and reports on the actions of the Council for the financial year to which it pertains. This is the first Annual Report of the Gympie Regional Council. It is a legislated requirement that this report relate to the period from amalgamation to 30 June 2009.

Previous Council Considerations:

Reference any previous agenda items, minutes or committee (eg Audit Committee) discussion relating to this matter.

Report: (Executive Policy and Liaison Officer – Janet Lee)

Gympie Regional Council's Draft Annual Report for March 2008 – June 2009 is attached.

Strategic Implications:

Gympie Regional Council's Draft Annual Report for March 2008 – June 2009 is attached.

Corporate Plan: Outcome 4.6

Operational Plan: 1.1 (iii) Governance - Legal

Budget: Council has provided a budget allocation for the preparation of the Annual Report.

Legal/Statutory: Council is required under the Local Government Act 1993, section 531 to prepare an annual report for each financial year. The report must be presented to the Local Government for adoption and must be adopted by it before November 30 in the year after the end of the financial year to which the report relates.

Risks: Council will be non-compliant with legal obligations or that material contained in the report may be inaccurate or misleading.

Consultation:

CEO
Mayor
Councillors
Director of Finance
Director of Corporate Services
Director of Engineering
Director of Planning
Director of Community Services
Executive Policy and Liaison Officer
Quality Assurance Officer
Financial Accountant
Information Technology Officer

Attachment 3:

Gympie Regional Council's Draft Annual Report March 2008 – June 2009.

G35/11/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman**

That the Gympie Regional Council 2008-2009 Annual Report as amended be adopted.

Carried

SECTION 11: GENERAL BUSINESS

Economic Development Conference 10-12 February 2010

G36/11/09 Moved: Cr L.J. Friske**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

That Cr Tony Perrett attend the Economic Development Conference in Cairns on 10-12 February 2010.

Carried

Land for Wildlife Program in Gympie Region

Cr Jan Watt advised that she had been contacted by members of Land for Wildlife claiming that the program is no longer operational under the Burnett Mary Regional Group and has not been for some months. It was also requested that Council review its involvement in the Program if BMRG are unable to facilitate. Other Councillors advised that they too had been contacted. Cr Graham Engeman added that this program had been replaced some time ago by the Healthy Habitats Program under the MRCCC banner.

G37/11/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt**Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett**

That Council staff provide a report regarding the status of the Land for Wildlife Program in the Gympie Region to a future meeting of the Planning and Development Committee.

Carried

Bullock Point Jetty

Cr G.L. Engeman requested an update of the situation regarding the demolition of the Bullock Point Jetty. The Mayor advised that he did not have additional information at this stage, no response to Council's request for further information had been forthcoming from the State Government and that correspondence had been received from the Rainbow Beach Residents' & Ratepayers' Association requesting that Council press the State Government for prompt demolition of the jetty.

2009 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards

Cr Donna Neilson reported that she and Cr Rae Gâté recently attended the 2009 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards in Brisbane, at which Kerrie Atkins received the Gallery Services Queensland Award in the "Volunteer Individuals" Category.

G38/11/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Kerry Atkins, of Gympie Regional Council Gallery, for receiving this award.

Carried

Leave of Absence

G39/11/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That Cr Donna Neilson be granted a Leave of Absence from the Works Committee Meeting on 1 December 2009, due to her attendance at Wide Bay Burnett Regional Development Association inaugural meeting.

Carried

BMRG Presentation – Dr Natarajan Ishwaran

Cr Tony Perrett reported that he and other Councillors attended the presentation by Dr Natarajan Ishwaran on 12 November 2009 as arranged by the Burnett Mary Regional Group. Cr Perrett advised that the presentation by the Sri Lankan scientist on the Biosphere Program was well attended and provided useful information.

SECTION 12: ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - First Quarterly Review – Operational Plan – Refer Item 9/2

Attachment 2 – Correspondence from Brian O’Connor - Refer Item 9/4

Attachment 3 - Gympie Regional Council’s Draft Annual Report March 2008 – June 2009
- Refer Item 9/5

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:40 am.

Confirmed this NINTH day of DECEMBER 2009.

CHAIRMAN
Cr R.J. Dyne