



MINUTES
of the
GENERAL MEETING

CHAIRPERSON: Cr A.J. Perrett (Deputy Mayor)

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

**On Wednesday 24 March 2010
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 9:03 am.

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

Also in attendance were Director of Corporate Services / Deputy CEO (Mr C. Manson), and Minutes Clerk (Miss S Bull).

Cr J. Watt was not present at the commencement of the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS

Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting
CS07/03/10 – Cr Ian Petersen – Conflict of Interest

Planning & Development Committee Meeting
P32/03/10 - Cr A.J. Perrett - Material Personal Interest
P37/03/10 - Cr R.A. Gâté - Conflict of Interest

SECTION 1: OPEN WITH PRAYER

Pastor Thomas Hemphill from the Baptist Church 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.

Cr J. Watt entered the meeting at 9.06 am.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

G23/02/10 – That Cr R.J. Dyne be granted leave of absence from all Council meetings from 22 to the 25 March 2010.

G25/03/10 **Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté** **Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker**

That Cr L.J. Friske be granted leave of absence from all Council meetings from 22 to the 25 March 2010 to attend the Local Government Infrastructure & Planning Symposium in Brisbane.

Carried

SECTION 2: APOLOGIES

SECTION 3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING

G26/03/10 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Minutes of the Gympie Regional Council General Meeting held on 10 March 2010 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

SECTION 4: PETITIONS

4/1	Petition - Non Maintenance of roads – Laurel, Boundary & MacPherson Road, Veteran
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Re: **G27/03/10** Petition - Non Maintenance of roads – Laurel, Boundary & MacPherson Road, Veteran

From: G. MacPherson, 10 MacPherson Road, Veteran Qld 4570 and 21 other signatories

File: 4-8-7-7 Doc ID:1421266

Date: 19 March 2010

Reference:

“We, the undersigned residents of Laurel Road; Boundary Road and MacPherson Road, Veteran, Gympie wish to protest at the non-maintenance of our respective roads.

We believe that your Council are failing in your 'Duty of Care' towards your citizens and ratepayers by refusing to maintain our roads in a safe and trafficable condition.

We wish to advise that the road has deteriorated further since the inspection that was carried out by the Mayor and other councillors on Friday 12th March 2010. The road is now in such a condition as to be almost impassable and is now a serious safety issue.

This letter is to serve notice to your Council, its Staff and its Councillors that we will hold the Gympie Regional Council, its Staff and Councillors individually and severally liable for any accidents that occur due to the said lack of maintenance. We will also hold your Council, its Staff and its Councillors individually and severally liable for injury or damages incurred due to the inability of emergency service vehicles being able to access our properties which is now the situation. We will hold your Council, its Staff and its Councillors individually and severally liable due to your failure to provide a safe and trafficable access to properties that you levy rates on and have a legal responsibility to maintain because you accept rates from us, including amounts for road maintenance and infrastructure

that you do not apply to our properties even in the most rudimentary form. Your Council charge rates and levies on our properties at the same levels as those rates and levies applying to roads that you do maintain. If you wish to continue with the farce of "You live on an un-maintained road so it is not our (councils) problem" then we request a lower rate level to those properties located on roads that you do not maintain. In fact we would seek a rebate on our rates for the past 11 years when your council made this farcical decision.

A solution to the problem which would suit all parties would be to bring the roads up to a safe trafficable surface for all weather conditions. As you are aware the flooding of the causeway on the North Deep Creek end of Laurel Road forces residents to traverse the length of Laurel Road to exit on Sandy Creek Road.

We do not want a highway just a safely maintained gravel road."

G27/03/10 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Petition be received and referred to the Director of Engineering to report to a future Works & Services Meeting.

Carried

4/2	Petition – Proposed Quarry at Rossmore Road – BC Plant Hire Pty Ltd 2009-1439
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Re: **G28/03/10** Petition – Proposed Quarry at Rossmore Road – BC Plant Hire Pty Ltd 2009-1439
 From: Mark Burgess and 34 other signatories.
 File: 2009-1439 Doc ID: 1421492
 Date: 22 March 2010
 Reference:

***“OFFICIAL PETITION AGAINST PROPOSED QUARRY
 LOCATED AT LOT 1 ROSSMORE ROAD
 MPH334S-257 BY BC PLANT HIRE Pty ltd 2009-1439***

- 1. Destabilisation of surrounding land area and the effect on neighbouring dwellings*
- 2. Potential risk to release potentially hazardous material*
- 3. Noise levels being disruptive to surrounding residents - between 5,000 - 100,000 tonne of material to be moved per year 16 screens proposed*
- 4. Dust affecting all surrounding areas - rain water contamination such as collection of drinking water from house roofs*

5. Condition of Rossmore Road is sub-standard for heavy vehicle use e.g. width unsuitable and will impact residents with access to their property, major safety issue for vehicles turning into and out of adjoining Roads
6. Tourists using Rossmore Road to be affected by volume of trucks
7. General threat to the environment e.g. wildlife and livestock
8. Property devaluation for all surrounding areas
IF YOU AGREE WITH THESE OBJECTIONS PLEASE SUPPORT US BY WRITING IN YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE”

G28/03/10 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That the Petition be received and referred to the Director of Planning and Development for consideration during the assessment process of DA 2009-1439.

Carried

<p>SECTION 5: ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS</p>

Cr I Petersen declared a Conflict of Interest in Minute CS07/03/10 as he is Patron of Gympie & District Cricket Association.

G29/03/10 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Recommendations of the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 10 March 2010 as presented, be received.

Carried

G30/03/10 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Recommendations of the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 10 March 2010 be adopted.

Carried

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

Cr Tony Perrett presented the following Report:-

Council's Environmental Health Unit sought approval to purchase two (2) waste oil disposal facilities for the Mary Valley Waste Transfer Station and the Rainbow Beach Waste Management Facility. The Committee recommends that Council reallocate funds from the budgeted investigation of a landfill facility at Cinnabar to purchase these new disposal facilities.

The Gympie Regional Youth Council wrote to the Committee requesting permission to use an adapted version of the Gympie Regional Council Logo. The Committee recommends the adoption of the logo and also notes their request for Senior Councillors to attend youth Council meetings as guest speakers throughout the year.

Following a detailed request from the Gympie Cemetery Trust for a reallocation of unspent funds totaling \$33,193.65 the Committee agreed to the purchase of a web based mapping system and improved cemetery section signage.

Following a recent meeting of the Caravan Park Working Group the Committee resolved to go to tender for a thirty (30) year lease in relation to the redevelopment of the Gympie Caravan Park and Kingfisher Caravan Park. Tenders will include a capital improvement and maintenance schedule and will allow a date for inspection of both parks by prospective tenders.

The Health and Environmental Services, Compliance and Local Disaster and Community Facilities and Services reports were received for the month of February with no notable concerns.

The Committee received the minutes of the Waste Strategy Working Group and recommends the following-

1. That Council authorizes the Director of Community Services to include 240 litre wheelie bin recycling as part of tender documents for the 2013/14 cleansing contract for the current refuse areas in the former Kilkivan and Division 3 Tiaro Shire Council areas.
2. That Council continues to monitor the opening hours of the Bonnick Road Waste Management Facility and will be further investigate an extension of hours in Summer.
3. That Borumba Deer Park be given a period of 12 months to arrange a commercial bulk bin pick up from their site. In the meantime, rubbish generated by the Park can continue to be taken to the Mary Valley

Transfer Station by the owner by arrangement – charges will apply as per Council's 2009/10 fees and charges schedule.

4. That Council continue to charge for recycling services as per the revenue policy.

Correspondence from Complete Sports Marketing has identified the opportunity for the Gympie Region to host the ACA Masters Cricket tour and accompanying activity in Gympie from the 23 - 25 October, 2010. The Committee decided to refer the matter to a future Corporate Governance and Finance Committee meeting to allow further staff investigation. A Community Working Group is to be formed to advance the proposal and will include Councillors Friske and Petersen.

Amanda LePelbeit, General Manager Gympie Cooloola Tourism reported on a positive month of activities. Memberships now total 160 and with ongoing communication and persistence, memberships should continue to increase. Preparations for the Ultimate Steam Festival from the 9 -12 April are well advanced. A website (www.gympieultimatesteam.com) has been developed to promote the event and also provides the opportunity to purchase tickets online. The Visitor Information Centres continue to operate well with the recent recruitment of 5 new volunteers to assist with their operation.

Councils Economic Development Manager, Lynne Wilbraham provided a comprehensive report for the month of February including reports on Business, Industry and Regional Development. A new initiative from this Department is the Gympie Regional Roundup. This feature has commenced in the Gympie Times and will provide a whole of region focus to highlight the work that Council is undertaking throughout the region.

G31/03/10

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 R.A. Gâté declared a Conflict of Interest in Minute P37/03/10 - 2009-1346 due to being a member of the committee.

Cr A.J. Perrett declared a Material Personal Interest in Minute P32/03/10 due to being the applicant.

G32/03/10 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 17 March 2010 as presented, be received with the exception of Minute P27/03/10 & P32/03/10 to be withdrawn and dealt with later in this meeting.

Carried

G33/03/10 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 17 March 2010 as amended, be adopted.

Carried

Recommendation P27/03/10 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on the 17 March 2010.

G34/03/10 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That Recommendation P27/03/10 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 17 March 2010 be deleted and placed in its stead:-

“That staff be authorised to investigate the potential role and costs to Council for a Sport and Recreation coordinator utilising potential funding under the recently released State Government Sport and Recreation Services grants program.”

Carried

Cr A.J. Perrett vacated the chair.

G35/03/10 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That Cr D.R. Neilson be appointed Chairman of the meeting during the absence of Cr A.J. Perrett.

Carried

Cr A.J. Perrett declared a Material Personal Interest in Minute P32/03/10 due to being the applicant and left the meeting at 9.19am.

Recommendation P32/03/10 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on the 17 March 2010.

G36/03/10 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That Recommendation P32/03/10 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 17 March 2010 be received and adopted.

Carried

Cr A.J. Perrett returned to the meeting at 9.20 am.

Cr D.R. Neilson vacated the chair and Cr A.J. Perrett resumed the role of chairman of the meeting.

SECTION 8: REPORT BY THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Cr Ian Petersen presented the following Report:-

STRATEGIC PLANNING MATTERS

The Committee received a progress report on the development of infrastructure charging policies for former Kilkivan and Div 3 Tiaro Shires. The Committee is recommending that Council notes the progress of the report and adopts a Regulated Infrastructure Charging Scheme for relevant

infrastructure items subject to agreement from the State Government, and effective from the adoption of this recommendation.

A report was received from the Sport Recreation and Parks Coordinating Committee giving rise to three recommendations.

The Committee is recommending that Council:-

- (i) Make representations to the State Government on a bi-regional basis in relation to progressing development of a multi-discipline shooting complex
- (ii) Undertake a review of the Open Space and Recreation Plan for Imbil including an investigation of the suitability of Council owned land fronting Kandanga Imbil Road
- (iii) That staff be authorised to investigate the potential role and costs to Council for a Sport and Recreation Coordinator utilising potential funding under the recently released State Government Sport and Recreation Services grants program.

MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE APPLICATIONS

The Committee is recommending that Council approve an application to develop a Caravan Park at David Drive Curra. The park is to include 49 caravan sites, 7 cabins, and 4 tent sites plus a manager's residence and appropriate amenities. An application for 10 units on Exhibition Rd is also recommended for approval with conditions, and the Committee is recommending that Council approve an application to establish a multi – residential community village comprising 15 dwelling units and a manager's residence at Rose Road Southside.

RECONFIGURING A LOT APPLICATIONS

Two reconfiguring a lot applications, one at Imbil and one at Veteran were withdrawn from the agenda at the request of the applicants pending further submissions. In relation to representations in respect of a one lot subdivision at Kilkivan, the Committee is recommending that Council issue a Negotiated Decision Notice to accept a financial contribution equal to the estimated cost of the work.

The Committee is also recommending that Council approve an application to change an existing approval at Old Maryborough Road, accepting an amended proposal plan.

NEW APPLICATIONS

One new impact assessable Material Change of Use application was received along with one new code assessable application. One impact assessable reconfiguring a lot application, three code assessable and 3 operational works applications were noted. The number of new Development Applications is

diminishing quite markedly as predicted due largely to the impact of the Sustainable Planning Act and the Wide Bay Burnett State Planning Regulatory Provisions introduced on the 18th December. The positive news from this is that waiting lists are decreasing, but the negative aspect will be the effect on our Departmental budget, vindicating our decision not to fill the extra staffing positions previously sought.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED

9 Development applications were approved under delegated authority.

BUILDING SUMMARY

The building summary and report for the month of February 2010 was tabled with new dwelling numbers firm on the same month last year.

GENERAL MATTERS

The Committee is recommending that Council adopt the Planning and Development Committee Charter as amended to include a separate item under "Regional Planning".

Representatives from consultants GHD briefed the committee on the Residential and Rural Study as part of the development of the Gympie Regional Council Draft Planning Scheme which is now nearing completion. The Committee is recommending that Council authorises the Director of Planning and Development to provide the findings of the various planning studies as part of Council's submission to the Wide Bay Burnett State Planning Regulatory Provisions.

G37/03/10 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the Report be received.

Carried

SECTION 9: OTHER MATTERS

Traveston Station

Re: **G38/03/10** Traveston Station
From: QR Passenger, GPO Box 1429, Brisbane Qld 4001
File: 4-8-7-9
Date: 16 March 2010

Reference: G34/11/09, DS000844, Doc 1411942, DS000845,
Doc 1412604

“I refer to your letter of 15 January 2010, regarding the future of Traveston station.

Firstly, please accept my apology for the delay in responding to your letter. As soon as I was made aware of your concerns, I made enquiries to the TransLink Transit Authority on your behalf to provide a response.

QR Passenger Pty Ltd has been advised by TransLink that to upgrade Traveston station to required standards is currently not feasible, given the extremely low level of patronage and the amount of investment required.

Therefore, a recommendation has been made to close this station some time in the future.

It is noted that Cooran station is approximately five kilometres from Traveston. Cooran features assisted disability access and bus transfer services that are not available at Traveston station.

Should you have any further enquiries in relation to this matter, correspondence should be made with:

*Mr Gordon Buchanan
TransLink Transit Authority
GPO Box 50
BRISBANE QLD 4001*

Thank you for writing. I trust this information is of assistance.”

G38/03/10 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

That the information be received.

Carried

Queensland Growth Management Summit

Re: **G39/03/10** Queensland Growth Management Summit
From: Premier of Queensland, PO Box 15185, City East Qld 4002
File: 1-4-4-13
Date: 16 March 2010
Reference:

Queensland continues to be one of the fastest growing states in Australia.

My government is focusing on the challenges and opportunities that this growth brings by holding the Queensland Growth Management Summit in Brisbane on 30-31 March 2010.

It is my intention that local government play an active role in the summit. All South-East Queensland Mayors, the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) and representatives from regional councils have been invited to attend and participate in the variety of sessions and workshops.

The summit provides a great opportunity for both you and your community members to contribute ideas and opinions about state growth.

By visiting www.qld.gov.au/growthsummit all Queenslanders will have the opportunity to submit a question to be asked at the summit, complete a survey, share their ideas and opinions about state growth; and watch the summit live online.

Queenslanders can also attend a debate and dinner at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Tuesday, 30 March 2010. Moderated by comedian, broadcaster and presenter, Corinne Grant, *Growth is not a dirty word* will discuss the serious issue of population growth in a light hearted debate. Event details can be found on the summit website.

Accompanying this letter is a short article and poster detailing the ways in which the community can get involved in the Queensland Growth Management Summit. I ask for your support in encouraging your local community to get involved in the growth discussion by including the article in your next newsletter and displaying the posters on your notice boards.

Only by working together will we tackle the challenges of population growth and lay the foundations to make Queensland strong, green, smart, healthy and fair.

For more information on the summit visit www.qld.gov.au/growthsummit or contact the Queensland Growth Management Summit team by email growthsummit@premiers.qld.gov.au or on 1800082 105.

My government welcomes the opportunity to work in partnership with you and your council on growth management across the state.

Report: (Chief Executive Officer – Ken Mason)

Council was contacted by Mr Bob Hockey from DEEDI Maryborough office and asked to nominate a representative for the above summit. Council nominated Cr Ian Petersen and Director of Planning & Development Mr Mike Hartley. We have subsequently been advised that both nominations were unsuccessful. Given that Gympie Regional Council Region borders the SEQ region and is being impacted on an increasing level it is extremely disappointing that Council will not be represented.

Strategic Implications:

Corporate Plan: **4.2** - Council has the capacity to influence policy decisions affecting this Region by strengthening its Regional and intergovernmental relationships through advocacy and lobbying strategies.

Operational Plan: **Deputations/Advocacy/Lobbying** - Develop active and ongoing lobbying initiatives to enable Regional interests to be effectively promoted.

Budget Implications: Nil

Budget Reference:

Legal/Statutory: Nil

Risks: Council not having the ability to influence future state policy on growth which will affect the region.

Consultation:

Checklist:

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

G39/03/10 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That Council express disappointment and concern to the Premier as it is considered that this Region is an area of significance that needs to be represented at the Queensland Growth Management Summit.

Further that the Council immediately request that the Premier reconsider Council's nomination.

Carried

SECTION 10: GENERAL BUSINESS

Leave of Absence

G40/03/10 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That Cr G.L. Engeman be granted leave of absence at from all Council meetings from the 14 – 16 of April 2010 for family reasons.

Carried

Leave of Absence

G41/03/10 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

That Cr J. Watt be granted leave of absence at from all Council meetings on the 14 of April 2010 to attend to Council business in Brisbane.

Carried

TTAB Transition Plan

Cr R.A. Gâté advised Council that:

The Transition Plan was presented to Sunshine Coast Regional Council on Thursday 18th March and received unanimous support and endorsement.

I have presented each Councillor with copies of the subsequent press release and Tourism Industry update which have been emailed out to each of you. Also presented is the Transition Plan presented to Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

Sunshine Coast Regional Council has agreed to a new destination management organisation (DMO) which will operate from 1st July 2010. Four new destination desks representing the Hinterland region, Southern region, Central region and Northern region to be created.

The DMO positions will be :-
Chief Operating Officer
Financial Controller
Executive Assistant

Marketing Development Coordinator

Potentially a Visitor Information Centre Coordinator – to be determined by a separate review being undertaken of Visitor Information Services in the region.

The 4 Destination Managers are actually managing each of the local area destination desks but within the DMO structure.

The next step now leads on to select and appoint inaugural non-executive directors to the destination management organisation. There are to be 7 skill based directors appointed and the directors will appoint one of their own as the Chair. The Council will appoint the first directors based on a transparent and independent process with directors being appointed for a mix of 1, 2 and 3 year terms. An invitation has now been sent to specialist recruitment agencies to submit expressions of interest to and from this process a recruitment agency will be selected. A briefing paper for the recruitment agencies has already been developed. An interview panel will be formed (approx 5 people). Interviews to be conducted and selection made. Presentation to SCRC for Council discussion and endorsement.

A process has been established to select and appoint a chief operating officer for the DMO. Invitations will be sent to submit expressions of interest to specialist recruitment agencies. An interview panel will be formed (approx 5 people) – Directors of DMO. Selection to be endorsed by DMO Board.

A Charter for Advisory Panels is in the development process now. Advisory panels will be in place for each destination desk. As Gympie is in 2 destination desks being the Hinterland and North the Gympie Cooloola Tourism Inc will have substantial input.

G42/03/10 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That the Report be received.

Carried

Meeting with DIP and PIFU

Cr Ian Petersen advised that he will be attending a meeting of representatives of the Department of Infrastructure and Planning (DIP) and the Planning Information and Forecasting Unit (PIFU) on 23 April 2010 to discuss the WBB Regional Plan as pre-empted by the Treasurer at the recent WBBRPAC meeting.

Meeting with Maritime Safety Qld and Dept of Transport

Cr Graham Engeman advised that he, the Mayor, Cr Friske and Mr Bob Fredman met with Patrick Quirk of MSQ and representatives of the Dept of Transport to discuss the houseboats at Tin Can Bay issue, as well as Bullock Point Jetty & Barge Ramp, signage and parking at Norman Point and concerns regarding overnight campervan parking in parking areas. Advice from the Department will be received in due course regarding these matters.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.49 am.

Confirmed this FOURTEENTH day of APRIL 2010

CHAIRMAN
Cr A.J. Perrett