



MINUTES
of the
GENERAL MEETING

CHAIRMAN: Cr R Dyne (Mayor)

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

**On Wednesday 9 March 2011
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 G.L. Engeman, Cr I.T. Petersen, Cr R.A. Gâté, Cr D.R. Neilson, and Cr J. Watt.

Also in attendance were Acting Chief Executive Officer (Mr C. Manson), and Minutes Clerk (Mrs S Lowe).

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS

P13/03/11 - Cr I.T. Petersen - Material Personal Interest
F04/02/11 - Cr L.J. Friske - Conflict of Interest

Cr J. Watt entered the meeting at 9.02 am.

SECTION 1: OPEN WITH PRAYER

Pastor Rick Roberts from the Gympie Christian Family 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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

G18/02/11 – *That Cr J.A. Walker be granted leave of absence from all Council meetings on the 9 & 16 March 2011.*

G39/02/11 - *That Cr Larry Friske be granted Leave of Absence from all Council Meeting from the 9 March to and including the 23 March 2011.*

SECTION 2: APOLOGIES

SECTION 3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING

G01/03/11 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That the Minutes of the Gympie Regional Council General Meeting held on 23 February 2011 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

SECTION 4: PETITIONS

SECTION 5: ADOPTION OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

G02/03/11 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on 23 February 2011 as presented, be received.

Carried

G03/03/11 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on 23 February 2011, be adopted.

Carried

SECTION 6: REPORT BY THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Cr Donna Neilson presented the following Report:-

The meeting learnt of the Community Group Flood Assistance Grants Program established by the Commonwealth Bank. The \$5 million fund

can be accessed by community groups that have suffered from damage and loss of equipment due to the recent flooding. Affected groups can access details from the Bank's website.

Emergency Management Queensland will be allowed to occupy office space in the Youth and Community Development unit for a further two year term. The Local Emergency Service Cadets has previously occupied the premises with no negative impact.

The meeting recommended that tenders be called for the sale of the Sandy Creek Hall and the land having an area of 4047 square metres. As the hall is no longer used by the community and there is no active Hall Committee it was resolved to sell the hall after rezoning from 'Community' to the Rural zone. The proceeds of sale will be used towards the maintenance of other halls in the region.

It was recommended that Council offer a lease over land at Sandy Creek Road, Victory Heights to the Gympie Sporting Clays Inc. The Club currently occupies land at Sexton, but most of their infrastructure has been destroyed in recent flooding. The meeting also requested that the Mayor make representations to the State Government to progress the proposed Regional Shooting Facility in the Curra State Forest.

Malcolm Blaylock and Brett Houghton from the Heart of Gold Film Festival addressed the meeting in relation to support for the 2012 festival. Council will waive the hire fees for the use of Dickinson Park for the purpose of running the Goomeri Pumpkin Festival.

Gympie Regional Council has received a bronze award in the national 50:50 Vision – Councils for Gender Equity program. The scheme encourages councils to address gender equity issues within the organisation and among elected representatives.

G04/03/11

Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That the Report be received.

Carried

**SECTION 7: ADOPTION OF WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

G05/03/11 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Recommendations of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on 1 March 2011 as presented, be received.

Carried

G06/03/11 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Recommendations of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on 1 March 2011, be adopted.

Carried

**SECTION 8: REPORT BY THE WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN**

Nil

**SECTION 9: ADOPTION OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

G07/03/11 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2011 as presented, be received with the exception of Minute P13/03/11 to be withdrawn and dealt with later in this meeting.

Further that Minute P09/03/11 be withdrawn for further consideration at the request of the applicant.

Carried

G08/03/11 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2011 as amended, be adopted.

Carried

Cr I.T. Petersen declared a Material Personal Interest in Minute P13/03/11 due to being the Director of the company and left the meeting at 9.13 am.

Recommendation P13/03/11 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on the 2 March 2011.
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G09/03/11 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That Recommendation P13/03/11 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2011 be received and adopted.

Carried

Cr I.T. Petersen returned to the meeting at 9.14 am.

SECTION 10: REPORT BY THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Nil

SECTION 11: OTHER MATTERS

11/1 4th Australian Small Bridges Conference 10-11 May 2011 - Melbourne
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Re: **G10/03/11** 4th Australian Small Bridges Conference 10-11 May 2011 - Melbourne
From: Design Services – Ross Chapman
File: 4-1-03-0001
Date: 25 February 2011

Report: (General Manager Design Services – R. Chapman)

Overview: Attendance at conferences is considered necessary for staff to ensure their knowledge is kept up to date on matters of importance to Council.

Corp Plan: 4.4 (ii)

Op Plan: 2.11

Budget: Ledger Item. 2120705

Consultation: RRG Meetings

Issues:

1. Timber bridge maintenance and replacement is a major issue for many Council's including Gympie with 90 timber bridges.
2. Up to date knowledge is essential to get best value for dollar.

Risk Analysis:

1. No perceived risk technically.
2. Estimated cost \$1,700.

Discussion:

The RRG has determined to fund 50% of costs to attend with up to two (2) people to attend. Antal Laszlo is responsible for Council's Timber Bridge Program.

G10/03/11**Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman****Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

That Antal Laszlo be authorised to attend the 2011 4th Australian Small Bridges Conference at Melbourne on 10-11 May 2011.

Carried

Manager Information Systems & Change Management Mr Brian Hayes entered the meeting at 9.16 am.

11/2**Electoral Arrangements Questionnaire**

Re: **G11/03/11 Electoral Arrangements Questionnaire**
 From: Acting Director Corporate Services - B Hayes
 File:
 Date: 2 February 2011
 Reference:

Report: (Acting Director Corporate Services - B Hayes)

Further to recent reports to Council regarding the above matter, Councillors are advised that community input via the Electoral Questionnaire closes at 5:00pm on Friday, March 4, 2011.

Staff will provide Councillors with an update on the results of input received via the Questionnaire as soon as practicable following the consultation close off date.

As per Minute G38/02/11, Council is obliged to inform the Minister for Local Government of its decision on Electoral Arrangements as soon as possible following the conclusion of the consultation period.

No Divisions	248	(39%)
Divisions	<u>384</u>	(61%)
Total	<u>632</u>	

Of the 632 Questionnaire responses received, 53 have not been able to be verified as being from currently enrolled 'electors'.

Of the 53 unverified responses included in the totals above, 17 voted for No Divisions, 36 voted for Divisions.

Of those who voted for Divisions and nominated a preference, 232 voted for Single Member Divisions, 142 voted for Multi-Member Divisions.

The above represents a response to the Representation Questionnaire from approximately 2% of the electors enrolled for the Gympie Regional Council area as at January 2011.

G11/03/11

Moved: Cr R.J. Dyne

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

That Council advise the Minister of Local Government that following a 3 week consultation period Council has decided not to request the Minister to seek a change in existing Electoral Divisional arrangements.

Carried

Manager Information Systems & Change Management Mr Brian Hayes left the meeting at 9.31 am.

SECTION 12: MEETING DATES

The meeting dates for the month of April 2011 have been set as follows:

APRIL**TUESDAY, 5 April 2011****Works & Services Committee Meeting
9am****WEDNESDAY, 6 April 2011****Planning & Development Committee
Meeting 9am****WEDNESDAY, 13 April 2011****General 9am
Community & Economic
Development Committee Meeting to
Commence at the Conclusion of the
Preceding General Meeting****WEDNESDAY, 20 April 2011****Planning & Development Committee
Meeting 9am****WEDNESDAY, 27 April 2011****General 9am
Corporate Governance & Finance
Committee Meeting to Commence at
the Conclusion of the Preceding
General Meeting.****G12/03/11 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett****Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

That the meeting dates for the month of April 2011 be adopted.

Carried

SECTION 13: GENERAL BUSINESS**International Women's Day Celebrations**

Cr Rae Gâté advised of the various International Women's Day Celebrations held on 8 March, culminating in the Women in Business Excellence Awards in the evening. She commented that the nominees in all categories were of a very high calibre which made the judging very difficult and that business women are involved in many diverse businesses across the Region. Cr Gâté extended her congratulations to the organisers of the various events across the Region.

Goomeri 100 Year Birthday Celebrations

Cr Graham Engeman reported that the 100 Year Birthday Celebrations at Goomeri on Saturday (5 March) were well attended despite the showers on the day. He extended his congratulations to the organisers for a successful and well received event.

Mayor, Cr Ron Dyne advised the two blocks of land in Goomeri that Council provided for the historic auction were sold.

SECTION 14: IN COMMITTEE

SECTION 15: ATTACHMENTS

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.33 am.

Confirmed this TWENTY-THIRD day of MARCH 2011

CHAIRMAN
Cr R.J. Dyne