



MINUTES
of the
GENERAL MEETING

CHAIRMAN: Cr R Dyne (Mayor)

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

**on Wednesday 27 April 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 L.J. Friske, Cr R.A. Gâté, Cr D.R. Neilson, Cr J. Watt and Cr J.A. Walker.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS

Planning & Development Committee

P36/04/11 - Cr I.T. Petersen - Material Personal Interest

SECTION 1: OPEN WITH PRAYER

Pastor Ian McGill from Mary Valley Wesleyan Methodist 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.

SECTION 1: OPEN WITH PRAYER

ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE TO BE OBSERVED FOR DECEASED GYMPIE REGION RESIDENTS.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

SECTION 2: APOLOGIES

Nil

SECTION 3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING

G18/04/11 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

That the Minutes of the Gympie Regional Council General Meeting held on 13 April 2011 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

SECTION 4: PETITIONS

Nil

SECTION 5: ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
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G19/04/11 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Recommendations of the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 13 April 2011 as presented, be received.

Carried

G20/04/11 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Recommendations of the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 13 April 2011 be adopted.

Carried

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

Cr Perrett presented the following Report to the meeting:

The incumbent Traveston Waste Management Facility Gatekeeper and Recycler has sought a further twelve (12) month extension to his current contract. The Committee recommends that a twelve (12) month

extension be granted to commence on the 01 August, 2011. There will be a small increase in the annual payment to \$7 200.00.

Due to the excellent growing conditions, overgrown land continues to be a major concern and complaints have increased throughout the Gympie region during the past month. Council officers have routinely dealt with these complaints issuing compliance notices where necessary. The Compliance and Local Disaster Coordinator will review the current procedure relative to the issuing of overgrown notices and report back to a future Committee meeting.

The Gympie SES has expressed concern that the existing accommodation in King Street is inadequate and can no longer accommodate their current membership and equipment. A number of properties in and around Gympie have been investigated as to their suitability for a possible new premise. The Director of Community Services will further investigate land in the sale-yards area for the purpose of a new SES facility and report back to a future meeting.

The RADF Committee advised Council that in Round 2, March 2011, eight (8) funding applications were received. The Committee recommends that six (6) RADF projects be funded totaling \$20 798.00.

Council's ongoing interest in the Kia Ora and Mooloo Halls was once again considered by the Committee. It is recommended that Council accept the proposal from the Kia Ora and District Sport and Progress Association Inc to manage the Kia Ora Hall. The association will be offered a twelve (12) month license agreement, which will be reviewed at the expiration of this period. The Committee also recommends that Council confirm its decision to relinquish interest in the recreation reserve surrounding the Mooloo Hall.

The Brooloo Hall Committee has written to Council seeking agreement to construct a shed on the site currently occupied by the hall, prior to the demolition of the building. Salvaged hall material will then be stored in the shed for future use. The Committee recommends that Council give the Brooloo Hall Committee until the 30 September, 2011 to the complete the construction of the shed, subject to Council's usual building requirements. The quotation of \$7 000.00 supplied by Valdora Earthmoving for the demolition/salvage of the hall will be referred to the 2011/12 draft budget.

The Committee considered the future management of the Woodworks Museum and recommends that Council accept the tender from Private Forestry Services Queensland (PFSQ) for the management of the Woodworks Museum. PFSQ will be offered an immediate ten (10) year freehold lease subject to a number of conditions.

Following the recent natural disasters, the Federal and State Governments have committed funding to a 'Queensland Natural Disasters Jobs and Skills Package'. The program aims to assist business by allowing Council to employ a designated officer for twelve (12) months to coordinate employment and skills assistance. This officer will also support specific workforce development strategies aligned to the flood affected industries. Gympie Regional Council area has been identified as a priority region within the Package, and as a result has been considered for funding under the JSDO initiative. The Committee is recommending that Council support the submission of an application for engagement of a Jobs and Skills Development Officer through funding provided by the Federal and State Governments.

Complete Sports Marketing has approached Council to host the 2011 Queensland State Aerobic Championships. Preliminary discussions have been held with the Gympie Gymnastics Club with a very positive response being received regarding the commitment of funding for sponsorship and support to conduct the event. The Committee recommends that Council support the event to allow discussions and negotiations to continue with Gymnastics Queensland and Complete Sports Marketing.

The Economic Development and Public Relations Officer's report for the month of March was received noting the ongoing work in Business, Industry and Regional Development. A very successful launch of the Agribusiness project was held 01 April at the Gympie Campus of the Wide Bay Institute of TAFE. Further workshops and seminars will be held in May and June to help develop skills and capabilities of the agribusiness sector across the region.

The General Manager of Gympie Cooloola Tourism presented her monthly report noting the ongoing work with advertising and promotion. 40 000 Gympie maps have been received and distributed to Council, business advertisers and regional information centres. Visitor numbers through the two (2) GCT information centres for February totaled 1,600.

G21/04/11 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Report be received.

Carried

SECTION 7: ADOPTION OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

G22/04/11 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 20 April 2011 as presented, be received, with the exception of Recommendation P25/04/11 and P36/04/11 which is to be withdrawn and dealt with later in this meeting.

Carried

G23/04/11 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 20 April 2011 as amended, be adopted.

Carried

Recommendation P25/04/11 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on the 20 April 2011.

G24/04/11 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That Recommendation P25/04/11 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 20 April 2011 be amended to state:-

That Council, as Assessment Manager, APPROVE development application 2009-0748 for a Material Change of Use – Special Industry (Bulk Storage Depot and Magazine Facility) over Lot 1 SP221900 located at 720 Moy Pocket Road, Moy Pocket subject to the following conditions:

SECTION 1.0 – Conditions to be Satisfied Prior to the Commencement of the Approved Use

1.1 An Emergency Response Plan is to be documented and a copy provided to Council outlining:

- (i) guidelines for evacuation in a bushfire scenario as a precaution given the types of materials stored on the site; and
 - (ii) plans for annual scheduled training sessions to be provided to the Rural Fire Brigade to ensure the hazards of Class 5.1 materials such as ANEs (and also Class 1 explosives at the existing facilities) involved in a fire (e.g. bushfire) and evacuation distance requirements are understood.
- 1.2 A Development Permit for Building Work is to be obtained and complied with as required.
- 1.3 A contribution of \$25 600 is to be paid to Council towards upgrading of Moy Pocket Road in relation to the additional traffic to be generated by the development. The contribution amount will be indexed annually from the date of this approval in accordance with CPI until paid.
- 1.4 Prior to obtaining a development permit for building work elevations of the proposed structures are to be submitted to Council to confirm the requirement of condition 2.4.
- 1.5 Firebreaks are to be established around the approved facilities as outlined in the Bushfire Management Plan prepared by The Consultancy Bureau and dated April 2010, including:
 - (i) a cleared 20 metre buffer around the facilities.
- 1.6 A fuel reduction burn is to be conducted and thereafter on a 5-7 year rotation in winter along the western edge of the subject sites. Notification this has been carried out in accordance with Fire Department requirements is to be submitted to Council following its completion.
- 1.7 A fire fighting vehicle carrying suitable quantities of water is to be based on the quarry site at all times.
- 1.8 Provide at least four (4) off-street car parking spaces (including access and manoeuvring areas).
- 1.9 Car parking and access areas shall be dust-reduced pavement and designed, drained, constructed and maintained in accordance with Council's Vehicle Parking and Access Code.
- 1.10 The Hazardous Industries and Chemicals Branch of the Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney-General is to be notified before introducing dangerous goods to the facility. The relevant notification form can be found at:-

<http://www.deir.qld.gov.au/workplace/resources/pdfs/chem/form46.pdf>

- 1.11 In consultation with 'The Consultancy Bureau' the bushfire prevention recommendations contained in the Preliminary Hazard Analysis are to be amended to be consistent with those in the Bushfire Management Plan for the site in relation to the width of appropriate buffering.
- 1.12 All structures are to be treated or constructed of non-reflective materials and painted with muted earth tones to reduce the potential for adverse visual amenity impacts and sun reflection.
- 1.13 (i) Mounding and screening vegetation is to be installed along the frontage of the proposed Bulk Storage Facility and the Magazine Facility to result in a minimum width of five (5) metres and using species achieving a minimum height of ten (10) metres;
- (ii) Battered areas around the development site are to be landscaped to reduce visual impact;
- (iii) The landscaping work required by this condition is to be undertaken in accordance with a plan submitted to and approved by Council demonstrating compliance with Planning Scheme Policy 4;
- (iv) The landscaping shall be maintained (watering, fertilising, mulching, weeding, and the like) at all times.
- 1.14 A Development Permit for Operational Work is to be obtained for bulk earthworks, vegetation removal and erosion and sediment control measures.
- 1.15 Prior to commencement of site works written confirmation is to be provided to Council that Department of Environment and Resource Management conditions attached to this Development Permit are not considered compromised by the approved operational work required by condition 1.14.

SECTION 2.0 – Conditions Relevant to the Ongoing Use

- 2.1 The development is to be carried out in accordance with the proposal plans and reports submitted with the application, specifically:

<u>Drawing Number</u>	<u>Drawn By</u>	<u>Dated</u>
1172.025	Groundwork Plus	5 March 2010
1172.028	Groundwork Plus	2 March 2010

1172.029

Groundwork Plus

2 March 2010

- 2.2 Hours of operation are approved as:**
Monday to Saturday 6:00am-6:00pm
- 2.3 All cleared vegetation is to be suitably processed or removed from the site at no cost to Council. Prior to the commencement of clearing works on site the preferred means of disposal of cleared vegetation is to be approved by Council's Chief Executive Officer. The following means of disposal are acceptable, but are not limited to:**
- (i) Processing through a woodchipper.
 - (ii) Disposal for firewood.
 - (iii) Disposal for landscaping.
 - (iv) Transport to alternative site for breaking down materials.
- Burning off is not an acceptable means of disposal and will not be approved.**
- 2.4 Approved structures are not to exceed 12 metres height above the existing ground level.**
- 2.5 Roof and surface water is to be collected on site and is to be discharged into the existing stormwater management system established by the existing quarry on-site.**
- 2.6 No permanent night lighting is to be installed around the facilities and any motion-sensor lighting is to be established so as not to be sensitive to the movements of nocturnal wildlife found in the area.**
- 2.7 All heavy vehicle movements associated with this development are to access and egress the site from the south.**
- 2.8 Heavy vehicle traffic movements associated with the development are restricted to those outlined in the application as follows:**

Table 1**Number and Type of vehicles per day**

Quarry Usage	Type of Trucks	Number of Vehicles per day
Plant Customers	8x4 rigid truck	1
Plant Customers	8x4 rigid truck towing a dog trailer	1
Material Delivery (Ammonium Nitrate Emulsion)	Semi –trailers (Tankers)	0.14 (1 vehicle per week)
Material Delivery (Ammonium Nitrate Prill)	Semi –trailers (Tippers)	0.07 (1 vehicle every 2 weeks)
Staff	Light Vehicles	6
Shotfires or Surveyors	Light Vehicles	2

Carried

Cr J.A. Walker voted against the motion.

Cr I.T. Petersen declared a Material Personal Interest in the next matter due to being a Member of the Board and left the meeting at 9.12 am.

Recommendation P36/04/11 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 20 April 2011

G25/04/11 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That Recommendation P36/04/11 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 20 April 2011 be taken as read, confirmed and adopted.

Carried

Cr Petersen returned to the meeting at 9.13 am.

SECTION 8: REPORT BY THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Nil

SECTION 9: OTHER MATTERS

9/1 Third Quarterly Review – Operational Plan

Re: **G26/04/11** Third Quarterly Review – Operational Plan
From: Acting Chief Executive Officer – Craig Manson
File:
Date: 14 April 2011
Reference:

Report: (Acting Director of Corporate Services – B Hayes)

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 each Program.

Strategic Implications:

Corporate Plan: N/A.

Operational Plan: N/A.

Budget Implications: N/A.

Budget Reference: N/A.

Legal/Statutory: N/A.

Risks: N/A.

Consultation:

Chief Executive Officer

All Directors

All General Managers.

Checklist:

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

Attachments:

Third Quarterly Review – Operational Plan.

Cr G.L. Engeman left the meeting at 9.14 am.

G26/04/11 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

**That Gympie Regional Council's Operational Plan 2010/2011
quarterly review as at 31 March 2011 as presented, be received.**

Carried

9/2	Gympie Family Fun Night
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Re: **G27/04/11** Gympie Family Fun Night
From: Rural Fire Brigades Association Qld Inc, 101A Mary Street, Gympie Qld 4570
File: 3/2/7-1 Doc # 1488952
Date: 11 April 2011
Reference:

"I am writing to you regarding the Gympie Family Fun Night held on 19 February 2011 at Nelson Reserve.

Volunteer fire fighters in small communities find it especially hard to raise the kind of money necessary to buy and maintain the equipment they need to do their job effectively. The Association is therefore humbled as the recipients of the generous amount of \$3,000 received from the proceeds of the auction that evening. We also received \$507.10 from the Gympie Cricket Association which they raised through their own fundraising campaign.

The success of the evening is a credit to the local businesses and all that supported the event, including the Gympie Regional Council. We thank the Council for your ongoing support of the volunteer rural firefighters and the recognition they received for their efforts during the floods that affected Gympie and the local community.

There were many people and businesses affected by the floods, and to be the recipient of the auction proceeds is very much appreciated. The Association will distribute the monies between the needy brigades in the area and those assisting in the clean-up."

G27/04/11 Moved: Cr L.J. Friske Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

That the information be received.

Carried

SECTION 10: GENERAL BUSINESS

Mary Valley Land Issues

Cr Jan Watt requested an update regarding the ongoing Mary Valley Land issues in respect to the Co-ordinator General's Department's lack of consultation with Councillors.

The Mayor reported that he has recently spoken with the Deputy Premier and followed up with a letter to emphasise the Government's need to consult with Councillors on this matter and included that Minister Hinchliffe (previous Minister for Planning) had agreed to involve Councillors in discussions. The Mayor also reported that new staff within the Department were establishing the Department's position regarding the Mary Valley following Mr Col Bunker's departure. He advised that while two members of Council staff have attended two meetings with Departmental Officers, no Council position as such has been presented. The Mayor advised that he called in unannounced to the meeting (Thursday, 21 April) to reiterate to Departmental Officers his concern regarding the non-consultation with Councillors.

Cr Ian Petersen added his displeasure with the non-consultation and called for a more militant approach to informing the Department of Council's dissatisfaction.

Cr G.L. Engeman returned to the meeting at 9.19 am.
Cr G.L. Engeman left the meeting at 9.21 am.

Regional ANZAC Day Services

Councillors reported that the Services across the Region (Rainbow Beach, Tin Can Bay, Mary Valley, Gympie, Widgee, Woolooga, Kilkivan, Goomeri, Cooloola Cove and Wolvi), were all very well attended and organised.

SECTION 11: IN COMMITTEE

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

The Mayor advised the meeting that Council was going "Into Committee" to discuss a legal matter.

G28/04/11 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

That pursuant to the provisions of Section 72 of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010, Council resolves to close the meeting to the public and move "into committee" to consider a legal matter.

Further, that in relation to the provisions of Section 171 of the Local Government Act 2009, 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

G29/04/11 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

That proceedings be resumed in Open Council.

Carried

Cr G.L. Engeman returned to the meeting at 9.26 am.

Cr G.L. Engeman left the meeting at 9.28 am and returned at 9.29 am.

11/1	Legal Matter
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Re: Legal Matter
From: Acting Chief Executive Officer – C Manson
File:
Date: 20 April 2011
Reference:

A Verbal report was presented to the meeting by the Acting Chief Executive Officer.

G30/04/11 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske

That Council ratifies the actions of the Mayor in forwarding correspondence to the Mary Valley Heritage Rail on the 10 November 2010.

Carried

SECTION 12: ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Item 9/1 - Third Quarterly Review – Operational Plan

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 am.

Confirmed this ELEVENTH day of MAY 2011.

CHAIRMAN
Cr R.J. Dyne