



MCKINLAY SHIRE COUNCIL

CONFIRMED MINUTES

OF THE

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD AT THE

BOARDROOM, CIVIC CENTRE
JULIA CREEK

22nd May 2018

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OPENING BUSINESS

All Councillors having signed the Attendance Book, Mayor Belinda Murphy declared the meeting open at 3:30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Cr. B Murphy

Members: Cr. P Curr, Cr. S Royes, Cr. N Walker

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer Mr Peter Fitchat
Executive Assistant, Mrs Amy Tinning
Director of Corporate & Community Services, Ms Tenneil Cody

Apologies:

Director of Engineering, Environmental & Regulatory Services Mr Andrew Boardman

Other people in attendance:

Julia Creek State School P&C: Rachel Anderson, Helen Lynch & Kathleen Hewlett.

PROCEDURAL MOTION:

Cr Janene Fegan requests the acceptance of a leave of absence from the May Special Meeting of Council.

Resolution No. 249/1718

That Cr Janene Fegan be granted leave of absence from the May Special Meeting of Council.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. P Curr

CARRIED 4/0

1. COMMUNITY SERVICES

1.0 Julia Creek State School Funding Support

Council is presented with a petition organized by the Julia Creek State School Parents & Citizens requesting Council financially support an additional teacher.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider the request.

Resolution No. 250/1718

Council receives the verbal report given by Lyle Giles from the Department of Education ARD detailing the current staffing structure and changes for term 3.

Council receives verbal report from representatives of the Julia Creek State School Parents & Citizens Association detailing their concerns around the current staffing structure.

Council supports the concerns from the Julia Creek State School Parents & Citizens Association around staffing and large student classes. Council will continue to support the Julia Creek State School Parents & Citizens Association and Julia Creek Isolated Children Parents Association for their proposal to have additional funding for qualified teacher support at the school when class numbers are over 20.

Council also continue to lobby directly Minister Grace Grace for a funding allocation to small rural schools with greater than 40 students and less than 52 students to allow additional qualified teacher allocations that do not impact in the Principals role to run the school.

Council will continually monitor and review the situation, along with the Julia Creek State School Parents & Citizens Association with an updated report to be presented in November 2018.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. S Royes

CARRIED 4/0

Attendance – Cr. P Curr left the meeting room at 4:03pm.

Attendance – Cr. P Curr re-entered the meeting room at 4:04pm

Attendance – Julia Creek State School P&C:

Rachel Anderson, Helen Lynch & Kathleen Hewlett left the meeting room at 4:29pm.

2. ENGINEERING SERVICES

2.0 Round 5 Remote Airstrip Upgrade (RAU) Programme McKinlay Airstrip Funding

Council in the September ordinary meeting supported the decision to prepare and application for the Remote Airstrip Upgrade (RAU) Programme Round 5 provided by the Australian Government's Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, Regional Aviation Access Programme. This funding will provided 50% funding if matched 50% or 33% is matched by Council and another party, i.e. state government or Industry. Preliminary costings indicated the cost for an all-weather emergency airstrip will be \$1,189,740.00 (Excluding GST).

Since we are in the final stages of our draft budget for the 2018-19 financial year we had our visit from the Regional Area Board to explain and assist with next Round of Funding opportunities from State Development Funding opportunities, where Building our Region fund would no longer support applications for Airstrips earmarked for upgrades. This has been a set back in McKinlay Shires ability to fund this at 50%.

To evaluate the risk we contacted the Royal Flying Doctor Service for input and attached is a letter indicating there is no issue landing at this emergency airstrip on the Cannington Road. The issue however is that that landing appears to be no issue we have numerous letters from staff at the McKinlay Bush Clinic concerned about stopping traffic and assist with the landing and look after a patient by themselves if no one is available to assist.

Flight Care has a merge service and could dispatch either a fix wing aircraft or a helicopter in the event of an emergency so the prep work at our current gravel airstrip to accommodate a helicopter will be in the region of \$30,000 for a sealed access and sealed.

To prepare the emergency strip to have a Pilot Activated Traffic Management to assist Clinic Staff when they under resourced which happened a couple of times in the last 2 years, and the cost of this would be \$50,000.

This will also require an improved drainage system if we going to address the lights, and an indicative cost is around \$150,000.

We are hoping to have a meeting with Cannington South 32 Mine about a possibility to assist with funding to address these issues.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

That Council resolve not proceed with the funding application Remote Airstrip Upgrade (RAU) Programme Round 5 and write back to Hon Michael McCormack MP Minister for Infrastructure and Transport thanking him for the opportunity.

Option 2.

That Council resolve to proceed with the funding application Remote Airstrip Upgrade (RAU) Programme Round 5 and write back to Hon Michael McCormack MP Minister for Infrastructure and Transport asking if the total project cost could be reduced to \$200,000, to install Pilot Activated Traffic Management and improve the culvert capacity in a storm event on the east side of the runway, and continue to lobby South 32 for a contribution so at 33% split between Remote Airstrip Upgrade (RAU) Programme Round 5, South 32 and McKinlay Shire Council, making each contribution if South 32 willing to contribute \$66,000 (South 32, RAU and McKinlay Shire) or \$100,000 if its only (RAU and McKinlay Shire) contributing.

Option 3.

That Council proceed to upgrade the road into the McKinlay Shire Airstrip and construct a sealed access road and a sealed helicopter landing pad for \$30,000 and lobby South 32 for 50% contribution.

Resolution No. 251/1718

Council resolve not proceed with the funding application Remote Airstrip Upgrade (RAU) Programme Round 5 and write back to Hon Michael McCormack MP Minister for Infrastructure and Transport thanking him for the opportunity. Council will proceed to upgrade the road into the McKinlay Shire Airstrip and construct a sealed access road and a sealed helicopter landing pad for \$30,000 and lobby South 32 for 50% contribution.

Moved Cr. P Curr

Seconded Cr. N Walker

CARRIED 4/0

3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3.0 McKinlay Shire Council Ordinary Meeting date change for June 2018

Council is presented with a report for the purpose to change the date for the Ordinary Council Meetings in June 2018 that the Ordinary meeting 19th June 2018 be moved to accommodate the ALGA Conference in Canberra to 26th June 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to change the dates for the Ordinary Meeting in June to be moved to the 26th June 2018.

Resolution No. 252/1718

Council resolves to change the dates for the Ordinary Meeting in June to be moved to the 26th June 2018.

Moved Cr. P Curr

Seconded Cr. N Walker

CARRIED 4/0

4. ENGINEERING SERVICES

4.0 Julia Creek Housing Project Tender – T1718003

Council have held negotiations with the two highest ranked tenderers, Arid to Oasis Solutions Pty Ltd and M & C Glasgow Pty Ltd as Trustee for the Glasgow Family Trust to clarify and quantify the tender submissions. Arid to Oasis Solutions Pty Ltd have provided an amended offer of \$1,429,524.00.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to award the Tender T1718003 Julia Creek Housing Project Contract to the highest scoring tenderer Arid to Oasis Solutions Pty Ltd for the sum of \$1,429,524.00 excluding GST.

Resolution No. 253/1718

Council resolves to award the Tender T1718003 Julia Creek Housing Project Contract to the highest scoring tenderer Arid to Oasis Solutions Pty Ltd for the sum of \$1,429,524.00 excluding GST.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. P Curr

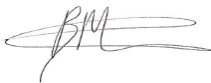
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MEMBERS BUSINESS

Nil

CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair of the meeting Mayor Belinda Murphy declared the meeting closed at am 4:47pm.



Mayor Belinda Murphy