



Inglewood Shire Council

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chambers

Cnr Albert and Elizabeth Streets

Inglewood Queensland 4387

Monday 16 July, 2007

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Present: Councillor J White (Mayor)
Councillor RJ Pietsch (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor B Johnson
Councillor L Cox
Councillor L Dawson
Councillor M Moffitt
Councillor T Tait
Councillor D Thompson
Don Ramsland (Chief Executive Officer)

Apologies *Councillor R McDougall*

Officers in Attendance *The following officers attended the meeting at various times during the course of proceedings as recorded in the minutes.*

Dave Burges Consulting Engineer
Vince Stephens Environmental Health Officer
Bill Carr Works Manager
Dave Hayward Community Development Officer
Andrew Wegener Accountant

Other Attendees Hon. Bruce Scott, MHR Federal Member for Maranoa

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed all Councillors and declared the meeting open at 9.30 a.m.

Attendance: At the time of commencement of the meeting, Councillor Johnson was not in attendance of the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

All other Councillors with the exception of Cr McDougall were in attendance.

Resolution: 2007-0665

Moved: Cr Pietsch Seconded: Cr Dawson

That the apology of Cr McDougall be accepted and that leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 7/0)

3. RECEIPT AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: 2007-0666

Moved: Cr Thompson Seconded: Cr Moffitt

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18 June, 2007, as supplied to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings thereat:-

CARRIED: (VOTE: 7/0)

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There is no business arising from the minutes.

5. NOTICE OF MOTIONS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

Attendance: The Consulting Engineer attended the meeting at 9.38 am.

Attendance: Councillor Johnson attended the meeting at 9.38 am.

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6. CONSULTING ENGINEERS REPORT

Attendance: Councillor Dawson left the meeting to collect Hon Bruce Scott from the Inglewood Airstrip at 9.50 am.

6.1. WATER SUPPLY PLANNING REPORT – TEXAS RESERVOIR DUPLICATION

SYNOPSIS:

Council has acknowledged the requirement for an augmentation of the clear water reservoir capacity at Texas. To this end the project has been recognised as a priority in the recently adopted Water Supply TMP Financial Model and it is proposed to consider funding in the 2007/08 budget deliberations.

A draft planning report has been prepared to investigate the various options and provide a recommendation to Council. Should Council wish to proceed with the project the planning report must be accepted by Council and submitted to DNRW for approval.

The project may be eligible for part subsidy under the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport & Recreation Water & Sewerage Program (WASP). Council could also submit an application under the Smaller Communities Assistance Program (SCAP) however the next round of submissions has been deferred from mid 2007 to an as yet unspecified time with verbal advice from the department being at least early 2008 for invitations. If Council wishes to proceed prior to mid 2008 this would not be a viable avenue for funding assistance.

A copy of the report has been forwarded to Councillors under separate cover.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The recommended outcome for the planning report is the construction of a new 2Ml reservoir for an estimated cost of \$750,375.

POLICY:

There are no policy implications

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

The preliminary estimate for the works in the report is \$???.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:-

- **Receive the Texas Water Supply Headworks Planning Report;**
- **Submit the planning report to DNRW for approval;**
- **Submit a funding application to DLGP under the Water & Sewerage Program; and**
Make appropriate provision in the 2007/08 budget.

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Resolution: 2007-0667

Moved: Cr Tait Seconded: Cr Cox

That Council:-

- Receive the Texas Water Supply Head works Planning Report;
- Submit the planning report to DNRW for approval;
- Submit a funding application to DLGP under the Water & Sewerage Program; and

Make appropriate provision in the 2007/08 budget..

CARRIED: (VOTE: 7/0)

6.2. LOGGING OPERATIONS ON SHIRE ROADS

SYNOPSIS:

By letter of 13th April 2007, the Department of Natural Resources, Mines & Water are requesting Council's views on proposed logging operations over part of State Forest 341 Bringalily.

The area in question is near the northern extremity of the Shire.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The writer is not aware of any impacts that would warrant Council objecting to the proposed works.

POLICY:

There are no policy implications

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council advise the Department of Natural Resources, Mines & Water that they have / do not have any objections to the proposed logging operations over part of State Forest 341 Bringalily.

Resolution: 2007-0668

Moved: Cr Johnson Seconded: Cr Pietsch

That Council advise the Department of Natural Resources, Mines & Water that they do not have any objections to the proposed logging operations over part of State Forest 341 Bringalily.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 7/0)

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6.3. TEXAS WATER SUPPLY – BORE REHABILITATION

SYNOPSIS:

The existing bore at Texas has not been operational for some years due to major operational problems being experienced on several occasions. Due to the sometimes precarious nature of the Texas river water supply it is important that Council consider the rehabilitation of the bore and make use of the valuable resource that this asset and associated license represents.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

It has been demonstrated that the Texas river water supply can be unreliable in terms of water level and can be difficult to treat when the turbidity is high. There are also operational difficulties associated with the intake structure however these will be addressed in the shorter term with the construction of a new intake.

The use of the bore water would be extremely beneficial in providing a more secure supply for the town. It would also make use of an extremely valuable asset and may allow the seasonal trading of additional river water to generate income. There is also potential for the bore water to be blended into any future wastewater reuse scheme although considerable investigation would have to be done on this issue from a technical viewpoint and the license conditions may preclude this type of use without approval from DNR&W. The bore water may also be able to be incorporated in an untreated water supply scheme for irrigating the sports ovals and hospital grounds however this project is also still in the concept stage.

The recommended bore rehabilitation would consist of selling the existing pump and ancillary equipment and installing a new submersible pump, flexible delivery pipe and associated switchboard. The chemical dosing system may also have to be revisited and possibly modified or improved. Prior to proceeding, a bore draw down test would be required to be undertaken. Enquiries have been made in this regard and arrangements made for a contractor to be able to undertake this work in the very near future if Council wishes to proceed.

The bore rehabilitation scheme, together with the intake and reservoir projects, should bring the Texas water supply head works to an acceptable standard and allow any future efforts to focus on operational and delivery systems such as routine asset replacement.

BACKGROUND:

This issue has been discussed in Council with the general consensus being that the works are indeed necessary. The purpose of this report is to formally table the issue for discussion and obtain clear direction from Council and ensure that the necessary funds are provided in the upcoming budget.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

The financial impacts on Council will be in the order of \$40,000 to \$50,000. This may be substantially reduced if the works are eligible for subsidy under the Urban Drought Water Program administered by DLGP. The costs could be further offset by the sale of the old pump and ancillary equipment.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council proceed with the rehabilitation of the Texas bore including bore draw down investigations and the sale by tender of any surplus equipment and make the necessary provision in the 2007/08 budget.

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Resolution: 2007-0669

Moved: Cr Moffitt Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council proceed with the rehabilitation of the Texas bore including bore draw down investigations and the sale by tender of any surplus equipment and make the necessary provision in the 2007/08 budget.

CARRIED: (VOTE:7/0)

Note: The order of business be amended and item 13.1 (Texas Wastewater reuse proposals – Meeting at Texas 28 June, 2007) be next item to be considered.

13.1 TEXAS WASTEWATER REUSE PROPOSALS – MEETING AT TEXAS 28 JUNE 2007

Reason to Report

To report outcomes of meeting held in Texas on 28 June, 2007 to discuss Texas Wastewater Reuse Proposals.

Background

The meeting was held to discuss Texas Wastewater Reuse Proposals including the MacMin Pipeline proposal.

It was agreed steps should initially be taken to bring the quality of reuse water up to a reasonable standard acceptable to EPA standards and carry out further research and discussions before considering a report setting out the various options coupled with costs involved.

Recommendation:

That Council:

- 1) Proceed with works up to an estimated value of \$100,000 in 2007/08 for the provision of a three phase power supply to the Texas Sewage Treatment Plant, together with an appropriate chlorination and pumping equipment.
- 2) Conduct discussions with MacMin to ascertain the extent of their commitment to using effluent reuse water in their mining operations.
- 3) Prepare an estimate of cost to bring Texas Sewage Treatment Plant up to a standard acceptable to the EPA.
- 4) Prepare an estimate of cost to supply effluent reuse water to local irrigators.
- 5) Accept the quote from Country Energy to the value of \$90,063.00.

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Resolution: 2007-0670

Moved: Cr Cox Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council:

- 1) Proceed with works up to an estimated value of \$100,000 in 2007/08 for the provision of a three phase power supply to the Texas Sewage Treatment Plant, together with an appropriate chlorination and pumping equipment.
- 2) Conduct discussions with MacMin to ascertain the extent of their commitment to using effluent reuse water in their mining operations.
- 3) Prepare an estimate of cost to bring Texas Sewage Treatment Plant up to a standard acceptable to the EPA.
- 4) Prepare an estimate of cost to supply effluent reuse water to local irrigators.
- 5) Accept the quote from Country Energy to the value of \$90,063.00.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 7/0)

Attendance: The Works Manager joined the meeting at 10.15 am.

7. WORKS MANAGERS REPORT

Resolution: 2007-0671

Moved: Cr Pietsch Seconded: Cr Cox

That the Works Managers report be received and the comments contained therein be noted.

CARRIED: (VOTE:7/0)

Attendance: The Works Manager retired from the meeting at 10.24 am.

Attendance: Councillor Dawson returned to the meeting at 10.24 am.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.24 am and reconvened at 10.47am.

Attendance: Hon. Bruce Scott, MHR Federal Member for Maranoa attended the meeting to discuss possible federal intervention in the local government reform issue. Hon. Bruce Scott retired from the meeting at 11.43 am.

Attendance: Council's Consulting Engineer retired from the meeting at 11.43 am and the Environmental Health Officer joined the meeting at 11.55 am.

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8. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORT

Resolution: 2007- 0672

Moved: Cr Pietsch Seconded: Cr Tait

That the Community Development Officers report be received and the comments contained therein be noted.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

8.1 LEASE OVER TEXAS FREEZER WORKS

SYNOPSIS:

Lease agreement for Texas Visitors Association to lease the old Freezer Works needs to be completed so that work on the development of this facility as a tourist attraction can proceed.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Following discussions with representatives from the Texas Visitors Association, Solicitor (Ian Rosenberger) and CEO it was decided that a lease over the Texas Freezer Works needed to be prepared in terms of the original deed of agreement.

The original deed of agreement clause 4 states "The Council agrees to lease the land to the association on terms and conditions satisfactory to the parties at a peppercorn rent for a term of twenty (20) years with two options for further terms of twenty (20) years."

This agreement related to the original purchase of Lot11 on SP134277 and the subsequent purchase of Lot 10 on SP134277 and amalgamation of both lots into new title Lot 1 on SP157957 should require a resolution from council to agree to the lease over the new amalgamated land.

The existence of a lease will satisfy requirements of funding bodies for any future grants that the association may wish to apply for and will formalise arrangements regarding tenancy of the building.

Instructions were sent to the solicitor to prepare the document and a draft has been returned for perusal.

This document is in accordance with the original agreement but does not specifically state that the lease will terminate should the Texas Visitors Association cease to function - contacted Ian Rosenberger and he advised that as the Texas Visitors Association is noted as the sole tenant this would be implied. The clauses relating to assignment of the lease specifically states that no assignment can occur without the permission of the lessor (Inglewood Shire Council) and that it is the responsibility of the lessee to prove that any proposed assignee is financially viable and acceptable.

BACKGROUND:

The old freezer works (Lot 11 on SP134277) was purchased by Council in 2000 with Texas Visitors Association reimbursing the purchase price of \$45,000 following a successful application to Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund in November 2001. Subsequent purchase of the adjoining Butter Factory (Lot 10 on SP 134277) occurred in April 2003 with Council providing funding and the two properties were amalgamated and registered on a single title deed (Lot 1 on SP157957) in April 2004.

When the original property was purchased a deed of agreement was executed between the Inglewood Shire Council and the Texas Visitors Association outlining the terms of repayment of the purchase price and a lease of the property to the Visitors Association.

The acquisition of properties and subsequent changes to title over the years has prolonged the preparation of the lease as details have changed over this period.

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FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

Legal costs for preparation of lease - \$445 being \$330- for solicitors cost and \$145 for registration fees.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Council agree to a lease over the amalgated title Lot 1 on SP157957; and
- 2) That the lease agreement be executed under Common Seal and returned to Ian Rosenberger, solicitor, for registration.

Resolution: 2007- 0673

Moved: Cr Johnson Seconded: Cr Moffitt

That Council:-

1. Agree to a lease over the amalgamated Title Lot 1 on SP157957; and
2. That the lease agreement be executed under Common Seal and returned to Ian Rosenberger, Solicitor for registration.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

9. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Resolution: 2007- 0674

Moved: Cr Pietsch Seconded: Cr Dawson

That the meeting be closed to the public under section 463 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the purposes of discussing infrastructure development issues.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned in committee for lunch at 1.38 pm and reconvened at 2.07pm.

10. MEETING REOPENED TO THE PUBLIC

Resolution: 2007- 0675

Moved: Cr Dawson Seconded: Cr Pietsch

That the meeting be reopened to the public.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

That it be reported to Council that whilst in Committee the following matters had been discussed.

1. Infrastructure Development – Coolmunda Dam
2. Infrastructure Development – Medical Centre/New (rural) residential subdivision.

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3. Inglewood IGA – Expression of Interest of Apsey Block
4. Position of Director of Engineering Services – Update.

That Council endorse the actions of the Committee.

Resolution: 2007- 0676

Moved: Cr Dawson Seconded: Cr Tait

That

- 1) Council note and endorse action and investigations undertaken with regards to this matter to date.
- 2) Council proceed with arrangements to secure identified land at Coolmunda Dam.
- 3) Council proceed with planned consultation with property development consultant to identify options and viability of development strategies.
- 4) Council be involved in the Queensland Tourism Investment and Infrastructure Plan process and have Coolmunda Dam included as a site for development as a tourist destination in this region.
- 5) Application be made to round 6 of Australian Tourism Development Program to assist in financing any identified strategies.
- 6) Council arrange to inspect similar facilities to those proposed for Coolmunda Dam.
- 7) Arrange a meeting with the Coolmunda Dam landholders when appropriate to discuss the need for the development of a strategic master plan for the whole area.
- 8) Negotiate to renew the flood margin licence known as Docs Point.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

Resolution: 2007- 0677

Moved: Cr Pietsch Seconded: Cr Tait

That

- 1) Council endorse the action taken with regards to this matter to date.
- 2) Council agree to establish a steering committee to explore the proposal to build a medical centre in Inglewood.
- 3) Council identify individual stakeholders with appropriate expertise to constitute the membership of the steering committee.
- 4) Council establish Terms of Reference for the proposed steering committee.
- 5) Council develop a short to medium term strategy for capital development of the proposal.
- 6) Council determine a longer term strategy for the provision of medical services.
- 7) A 'Village Green' concept be included in any town centre location development.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

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Resolution: 2007- 0678

Moved: Cr Thompson Seconded: Cr Moffitt

That a meeting be arranged with the owners of the Inglewood IGA to discuss their plans/proposals for development of the back block of the Apsey land as well as Council's own plans and the outcome reported back to Council's next meeting.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

11. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICERS REPORT

Resolution: 2007- 0679

Moved: Cr Cox Seconded: Cr Johnson

That the Environmental Health Officers report be received and the comments contained therein be noted.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

8.1 CLEAN-UP OF SITE – TEXAS-YELARBON ROAD, TEXAS

SYNOPSIS:

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the clean-up of the burned house site located on the Texas-Yelarbon Road, Texas.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Over the past few years, the site of the burned house on Texas – Yelarbon Road, Texas did provide harbourage for pests and vermin and could have contributed to the spread of disease in humans. Council had issued a Notice to the Owner of the property to remove all rubbish and mow or cut vegetation to prevent the harbourage of vermin.

The Owner of the property wrote to Council requesting assistance in cleaning the property. Council agreed to assist with the clean-up by providing the heavy equipment and operators for the task.

The total cost of the clean-up was \$2,326.81.

As a result of the clean-up, all materials have been removed from the site, the vegetation has been cut and removed and the site is clearly visible and presentable.

The squatter residing in his vehicle at the site has relocated and the vehicle and his other belongings removed from the site.

RECOMMENDATION:

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It is recommended that Council consider the \$2326.81 cost of cleaning the site is at Council's expense and waive the charging of these costs to the owner of the property.

Resolution: 2007- 0680

Moved: Cr Thompson Seconded: Cr Moffitt

That the \$2,326.81 cost of cleaning the site be at Council's expense and waive the charging of these costs to the owner of the property in the interests of public safety and community health concerns.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 6/2)

Attendance: Council's Environment Health Officer retired from the meeting at 2.57pm.

12. NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

SYNOPSIS:

To enable Council to consider that adoption of the Minutes of the NRM meeting held on 7 June 2007 and associated matters.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the NRM meeting held in Inglewood on Thursday 7 June, 2007 are attached for Council's information.

NRM PROJECT FUNDING:

QMDC fund the joint Stanthorpe/Goondiwindi/Waggamba/Inglewood position to the extent of 75% with each Council paying a contribution of \$4,500 each to make up the remaining 25%.

QMDC's funding for 2007/08 has been cut by 1/3 and, as a result, funding for the Local Government NRM position has been cut to 60%.

After discussions with QMDC and Stanthorpe Council's CEP (the sponsoring Council) agreement has been reached for a six months only contact at 2006/07 funding levels. What happens to make up any short fall in the first half of 2008 will be consulted late in 2007 with one option being to terminate the arrangement when funding is exhausted.

This will allow work already commenced in Inglewood's Reserve project to be finalised as at the 7 June meeting it was allocated top priority within the group.

INGLEWOOD LANDCARE:

A copy of a Memorandum of Understanding negotiated with the Inglewood Landcare Group Inc is attached for Council's information.

As Council is aware, the need for tighter control over the position was identified recently and following the appointment of the new Project Officer, Council has prepared a fixed term contract for the appointee aimed at removing any employment anomalies and establishing clear lines of responsibility and accountability.

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It is proposed that Council's Reserves Project be nominated as Council's task for 2007/08 for the Landcare Project Officer.

Resolution: 2007- 0681

Moved: Cr Tait Seconded: Cr Cox

That Council:

- 1) Receive and note the minutes of the NRM Meeting held on 7 June, 2007.
- 2) Note that the NRM Project Officer's contract will be for an initial period of six months ending 31 December, 2007.
- 3) Endorse the action taken in negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding with the Inglewood Landcare Group Inc in respect of the Inglewood Landcare Project Officer's position.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

13. HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICERS REPORT

Resolution: 2007- 0682

Moved: Cr Johnson Seconded: Cr Moffitt

That the Human Resource Officers report be received and the comments contained therein be noted.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

Attendance: Accountant, Andrew Wegener joined the meeting at 3.16pm

14. ACCOUNTANTS FINANCE REPORT

Resolution: 2007- 0683

Moved: Cr Pietsch Seconded: Cr Johnson

That the Accountants Finance report be received and the comments contained therein be noted.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

12.1 63/337/14.3 CHANDLER'S DUST SEAL ON MILLMERRAN-INGLEWOOD ROAD

Council has been made aware of the potential of Inglewood Shire Council to reach certain KPI on the 63/337/14.3 – Millmerran-Inglewood road Dust Sealy.

The highest possible KPI is 7.2%.

Per my recollection Council had been committed to pay-out to employees a bonus amount in excess of 5% of a possible total of 7.2% to employees.

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Council has not made this commitment in writing and it is advised to do so, for when the KPI payment comes through.

BACKGROUND:

Council in the budget meeting were made aware of the potential to reach a significant KPI return on the Chandler's Dust Seal on Millmerran-Inglewood Road. Per my recollection that Council agreed to pay to the employees any percentage amount to the employees above the 5% figure – given a total achievable result of 7.2%.

Council returned a 6.57% bonus. This payment is based on \$0.709 million which is \$46,581 bonus to Council. The 1.57% above the 5% level is worth \$11,131.30 which would be payable to the employees by way of a bonus as per previous commitment.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council commit to the pay-out of the 1.57% amount. Also that the payout is pro-rated to part-time/casuals, non-payable to school-based trainees and contractors (Environmental Health, Building and Engineer only).

Resolution: 2007- 0684

Moved: Cr Tait Seconded: Cr Cox

That Council commit to the pay-out of the 1.57% amount. Also that the payout is pro-rated to part-time/casuals, non-payable to school-based trainees and contractors (Environmental Health, Building and Engineer only).

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

Attendance: Accountant, Andrew Wegener retired from the meeting at 3.30 pm.

Attendance: Councillor Dawson left the meeting at 3.34 pm.

15. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

13.1 MATTERS GENERALLY FOR INFORMATION

Reason for Report

To bring Councillors' attention to the following items that are generally for information only:

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| 13.1.1 | Item No. 1 | - Planning Report into Pipelines from Texas STP to MacMin Silver Mine |
| 13.1.2 | Item No. 2 | - 2007/07 to 2011/12 Roads Implementation Plan |
| 13.1.3 | Item No. 3 | - National SES Telephone Number |
| 13.1.4 | Item No. 4 | - Revision of Queensland Fire Fighting Recommendations |
| 13.1.5 | Item No. 5 | - Queensland Health – Public Health Act 2005 and Public Health Regulation 2007 |

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- 13.1.6 Item No. 6 - Border Rivers and Moonie Catchments Salinity Audit
- 13.1.7 Item No. 7 - Publication of Prosecution Data for Food Act 2006
- 13.1.8 Item No. 8 - Sunwater MacIntyre Brook Water Supply Scheme
- 13.1.9 Item No. 9 - Interim Queensland (Whole-of-Government) Pandemic Influenza Plan
- 13.1.10 Item No. 10 - Local Government Association of Queensland – Summaries of Circulars
- 13.1.11 Item No. 11 - Sue Lewty Productions – Local Montages
- 13.1.12 Item No. 12 - Economic Development Workshop Opportunity

Recommendation:

That the CEO's Report in relation to the following matters:

- Item No. 1 - Planning Report into Pipelines from Texas STP to MacMin Silver Mine
- Item No. 2 - 2007/07 to 2011/12 Roads Implementation Plan
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- Item No. 11 - Sue Lewty Productions – Local Montages
- Item No. 12 - Economic Development Workshop Opportunity

be received and noted for information.

Resolution: 2007- 0685

Moved: Cr Moffitt Seconded: Cr Thompson

That the Chief Executive Officers report in relation to the following matters be received and the comments contained therein be noted.

- Item No. 1 - Planning Report into Pipelines from Texas STP to MacMin Silver Mine
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- Item No. 6 - Border Rivers and Moonie Catchments Salinity Audit
- Item No. 7 - Publication of Prosecution Data for Food Act 2006
- Item No. 8 - Sunwater MacIntyre Brook Water Supply Scheme
- Item No. 9 - Interim Queensland (Whole-of-Government) Pandemic Influenza Plan
- Item No. 10 - Local Government Association of Queensland – Summaries of Circulars
- Item No. 11 - Sue Lewty Productions – Local Montages
- Item No. 12 - Economic Development Workshop Opportunity

be received and noted.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 7/0)

Attendance: Councillor Dawson rejoined the meeting at 3.39 pm.

13.2 WATSON CROSSING/RIVERTON COMMUNITY - REQUEST FOR SEALING OF RIVERTON/TEXAS ROAD

Reason to Report

To consider a request from local landholders for the sealing of the Riverton/Texas Road.

Background

Council is well aware of the issues surrounding the upgrading and sealing of the Riverton/Texas Road.

Unfortunately, time constraints did not allow the road to be part of the Councillors' recent Shire Tour.

Improvement works in recent times have been funded from Roads to Recovery Funding.

With some 11kms of road yet to be straightened and sealed, Council has the alternative of progressively reconstructing and sealing the road under a longer term programme of works or speeding up the process by undertaking reconstruction and gravelling the whole length of the current unsealed section in a shorter time frame.

Cost to seal the section of the road in question would be in the order of \$60,000 per kilometre and only \$30,000 per kilometre to gravel.

It is proposed to allocate some \$330,000 from the Roads to Recovery programme to the road this year on the basis of gravelling the full length of the unsealed section.

At some stage Council must accept the situation that it does not have the capacity to reconstruct and seal every road within the Shire and that a decision must be made as to which roads can never be realistically sealed but instead be brought up to a reasonable standard as a gravel road and a regular, routine maintenance commitment made to the ratepayers such roads service. Roads with low traffic counts should receive a corresponding level of maintenance based on both local conditions and road usage.

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Recommendation:

That Council advise the residents of the Watson Crossing/Riverton community that it proposed to allocate funding to gravel the full length of the unsealed section in 2007/08.

Resolution: 2007- 0686

Moved: Cr Pietsch Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council advise the residents of the Watson Crossing/Riverton community that it proposed to allocate funding to gravel the full length of the unsealed section in 2007/08.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

13.3 LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWALS FUND

Reason to Report

To discuss avenues of pursuing the establishment of a specific fund to cater for Local Community Infrastructure Renewals.

Background

Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has set up a Community Infrastructure Ideas Register for Councils representing all states to submit ideas for projects they feel could be considered under a future Local Community Infrastructure Renewals Fund (LCIRF).

ALGA is using the information submitted on the Register to lobby both major parties to include an LCIRF in their election platforms in the lead-up to the Federal Election later this year.

In recent years the Federal Government set up the Roads to Recovery Programme with specific funding. That concept has proved very popular right across the nation and what was initially a face year pilot has become a permanent federal funding fixture.

One of the benefits of the programme is that funds are paid directly to individual Councils reducing red tape and the associated costs of administration.

A similar proposal could be established to provide for Local Government (Community) Infrastructure renewals. This would be distinct from new infrastructure which should be funded on a user pay basis particularly where major projects being carried out by commercial developers are involved.

Replacement of the Inglewood swimming pool is one project that should be high on any renewal infrastructure fund priority list as it is believed smaller, rural Councils should be targeted for such a programme.

It would be appropriate for Council to be lobbying not only through the Local Government Association of Queensland for such a programme to be established but also directly with the Federal Government and Opposition through local candidates in the lead up to the coming federal election.

Recommendation:

That Council continue lobbying through the Local Government Association of Queensland for the establishment of a Local Government Community Infrastructure Renewal fund and also make direct contact with both the Federal Government and Opposition at appropriate levels.

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Resolution: 2007- 0687

Moved: Cr Tait Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council continue lobbying through the Local Government Association of Queensland for the establishment of a Local Government Community Infrastructure Renewal fund and also make direct contact with both the Federal Government and Opposition at appropriate levels.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

13.4 REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND (RADF) PROGRAM

Reason to Report

To endorse action taken in signing RADF partnership documentation.

Background

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) have advised that Council will be receiving \$30,000 for arts and cultural development activities in 2007/08.

Prior to the end of June, Council was requested to sign appropriate partnership documentation and endorsement of the action taken in signing that documentation is now sought.

Recommendation:

That action taken in signing partnership documentation for the 2007/08 RADF allocation of \$30,000 be endorsed.

Resolution: 2007- 0688

Moved: Cr Dawson Seconded: Cr Pietsch

That action taken in signing partnership documentation for the 2007/08 RADF allocation of \$30,000 be endorsed.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

13.5 HEAVY VEHICLE PARKING – COMPLAINT LETTERS – DONNA LOWE AND TERRY RUTLEDGE

Reason to Report

To allow Council to consider letters of complaint received from Ms Donna Lowe and Mr Terry Rutledge in respect of heavy vehicle parking measures adopted by Council at its May, 2007 meeting.

Background

Council is aware of complaints received over a prolonged period in respect of heavy vehicles parking in Inglewood as they date back over a prolonged period.

Two letters dated 3 July, 2007 received from Ms Donna Lowe and Mr Terry Rutledge are now tabled for Council's consideration.

The first letter raises an objection on land valuation and any concerns the complainants may have in this regard should be more appropriately referred to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines for that Department's consideration.

The second letter deals with the control measures identified in Council's May, 2007 resolution.

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Notwithstanding the issues raised in the letter and the solutions suggested, Council is in a position where it must consider the interests of all parties concerned at all times. Suggestions 1, 2, 4 and 5 do not take into account the broader interests of all ratepayers and residents particularly from a cost and precedent setting point of view. Point 3 is addressed in Council's May, 2007 resolution as provision is made to limit parking outside residential properties by the use of a range of traffic control measures.

Obviously Council will monitor the effectiveness of the control measures it has adopted over the next twelve months and revisit the matter should any or all of the measures proposed be found wanting.

Recommendation:

That the complainants be advised:

- 1) Any concerns they have with regards to their land valuation should more appropriately be referred to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines for consideration.
- 2) The control measures implemented by Council will be periodically monitored over the next twelve months and the matter revisited should any or all of the measures being implemented be found wanting after that period.

Resolution: 2007- 0689

Moved: Cr Johnson Seconded: Cr Moffitt

That the complainants be advised:

- 1) Any concerns they have with regards to their land valuation should more appropriately be referred to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines for consideration.
- 2) The control measures implemented by Council will be periodically monitored over the next twelve months and the matter revisited should any or all of the measures being implemented be found wanting after that period.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

13.6 2007/08 BUDGET MEETING – FIXING OF DATE

Reason to Report

To set a date for the 2007/08 Budget Meeting.

Background

Pursuant to Section 518(2)(b) Council must adopt a budget and revenue statement before 1 September 2007 in respect of the 2007/2008 financial year.

Council's staff are currently preparing the appropriate documentation and, because of the uncertainty of the extent and nature of the workload after the Local Government Reform Commission announces its recommendations on 1 August, 2007, it would be best if the Budget Meeting of Council can be considered as early as possible.

One of the issues that would delay budget preparations is the proposed consideration of differential rating. From preliminary investigations, it is believed the effective public consultation period for establishing an equitable differential rating system would be between four and six months. Therefore, notwithstanding the outcome of the current amalgamation/reform issue, it is proposed that the introduction of differential rating for Inglewood Shire be deferred until 2008/09.

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Recommendation:

That Council hold it's 2007/08 Budget Meeting on Tuesday 31 July, 2007 at a time to be notified and delay the introduction of a comprehensive differential rating system until the 2008/2009 financial year.

Resolution: 2007- 0690

Moved: Cr Moffitt Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council hold it's 2007/08 Budget Meeting on Tuesday 31 July, 2007 at a time to be notified and delay the introduction of a comprehensive differential rating system until the 2008/2009 financial year.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 7/1)

13.7 DRAFT INGLEWOOD SHIRE LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Reason to Report

To note progress in the preparation of the Draft Inglewood Shire Local Disaster Management Plan.

Background

Council is aware Graham Preston Consulting has been appointed to prepare Council's draft Local Disaster Management Plan. That document is now tabled, and can be circulated to all Councillors under separate cover if required (100 page document).

The operational plans are currently being prepared and will be circulated as they are received.

Draft plans are being forwarded to the various local agencies for comment and it is anticipated a finalised set of documents will be available for Council's adoption at the August, 2007 meeting.

Recommendation:

That the Report in relation to progress on the revision of the Inglewood Shire Local Disaster Management Plan be received and noted.

Resolution: 2007- 0691

Moved: Cr Pietsch Seconded: Cr Tait

That the Report in relation to progress on the revision of the Inglewood Shire Local Disaster Management Plan be received and noted.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

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13.8 INGLEWOOD RAIL CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS – PHOTOS

Reason to Report

To note the holding of the Inglewood Rail Centenary Celebrations.

Background

The Inglewood Rail Centenary Celebrations were held on Friday 6/Saturday 7 August, 2007 and the outcome was extremely successful with a large community, both past and present, in attendance.

The organising Committee should be congratulated for their effort.

Council was presented with a photograph of the Old Texas Railway Station and a similar presentation was made in respect of the Inglewood Railway Station. It would be preferable for both photographs to be appropriately framed and locally displayed.

Recommendation:

That Council:

- 1) Congratulate the Inglewood Railway Centenary Committee on their staging of a very successful event.
- 2) Arrange for the appropriate framing of historic photos of both the Inglewood and Texas Railway Stations.

Resolution: 2007- 0692

Moved: Cr Dawson Seconded: Cr Pietsch

That Council:

- 1) Congratulate the Inglewood Railway Centenary Committee on their staging of a very successful event.
- 2) Arrange for the appropriate framing of historic photos of both the Inglewood and Texas Railway Stations.

CARRIED: (VOTE: 8/0)

16. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Councillors for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 4:00 pm.

Confirmed:.....

Date:.....

