

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Adopt Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes 16 May 2024

The Purpose of this Report is for Council to adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 16 May 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. K. A. Bourne

Seconded By Cr. O. G. Moore

That this Report be received and that:

1. The Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16 May 2024, copies of which have been circulated to Members, be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED



Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes

Date: Thursday, 16 May 2024

Time: 9:30am

Location: WDRC - Tara Memorial Hall

Councillors:

Cr. A. N. Smith
Cr. K. A. Bourne
Cr. P. T. Saxelby
Cr. K. A. Maguire
Cr. M. J. James
Cr. O. G. Moore
Cr. S. Bougoure
Cr. S. J. Condon
Cr. G. M. Olm

Officers:

J. Taylor, Chief Executive Officer
B. Bacon, General Manager (Corporate Services)
G. Cook, General Manager (Infrastructure Services)
D. Fletcher, General Manager (Community & Liveability)
B. Donald, Senior Executive Officer
A. Lyell, Executive Services Administration Officer

1. DECLARATION OF MEETING OPENING

The Chairperson declared the Meeting open at 9.30AM.

2. OPENING PRAYER AND MINUTE SILENCE

Pastor Ron Evans from the Tara Community Church delivered the opening prayer. This was followed by the observance of a minute silence.

3. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

4. CONGRATULATIONS

Cr P. T. Saxelby requested that congratulations be extended to Jemima Abraham who has been awarded the 2024 Chinchilla Showgirl.

Cr. M.J. James requested that congratulations be extended to the McNamara Family of Bell who won the Grand Champion Male at the 2024 Beef Australia Show.

Cr. M. J. James requested that congratulations be extended to Maxwell Carsons from Dalby for earning a spot in the 2024 Australian U17 Men's Netball Squad.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Adopt Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes 18 April 2024

The Purpose of this Report is for Council to adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 07 March 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. K. A. Maguire

Seconded By Cr. K. A. Bourne

That this Report be received and that:

1.The Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 April 2024, copies of which have been circulated to Members, be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

7. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

8. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS BY COUNCILLORS

There were no presentations by Councillors.

9. MAYORAL UPDATE

9.1 Executive Services Mayoral Report April 2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with significant meetings, forums and delegations attended by the Mayor during the month of April 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. K. A. Bourne

Seconded By Cr. P. T. Saxelby

That this Report be received and noted.

CARRIED

10. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012 in relation to Closed meetings provides:

(1) A local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the local government be closed to the public.

(2) A committee of a local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the committee be closed to the public.

(3) However, a local government or a committee of a local government may make a resolution about a local government meeting under subsection (1) or (2) only if its councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss one or more of the following matters—

(a) the appointment, discipline or dismissal of the chief executive officer;

(b) industrial matters affecting employees;

(c) the local government's budget;

(d) rating concessions;

(e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government;

(f) matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals;

(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

(h) negotiations relating to the taking of land by the local government under the Acquisition of Land Act 1967;

(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.

(4) However, a local government or a committee of a local government must not resolve that a part of a local government meeting at which a decision mentioned in section 150ER(2), 150ES(3) or 150EU(2) of the Act will be considered, discussed, voted on or made be closed.

(5) A resolution that a local government meeting be closed must—

(a) state the matter mentioned in subsection (3) that is to be discussed; and

(b) include an overview of what is to be discussed while the meeting is closed.

(6) A local government or a committee of a local government must not make a resolution (other than a procedural resolution) in a local government meeting, or a part of a local government meeting, that is closed.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION - CLOSE MEETING

Moved By Cr. P. T. Saxelby

Seconded By Cr. M. J. James

That Council resolve to close the Meeting in accordance with Section 254J(3)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* at 9.49 AM to discuss the following Confidential Reports:

1. Corporate Services Confidential Summary Report Quarterly Liability Update as at 31 March 2024

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved By Cr. A. N. Smith

to Suspend standing orders to have a discussion.

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION - REOPEN MEETING

Moved By Cr. K. A. Bourne

Seconded By Cr. S. J. Condon

That Council resolve to reopen the Meeting at 10.22 AM.

CARRIED

10.1 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

10.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

10.2.1 Corporate Services Confidential Summary Report Quarterly Liability Update as at 31 March 2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with a quarterly update on liability matters as at 31 March 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. O. G. Moore

Seconded By Cr. K. A. Bourne

That Council resolves to receive the *Corporate Services Confidential Summary Report Quarterly Liability Update, as at 31 March 2024.*

CARRIED

10.3 COMMUNITY AND LIVEABILITY

10.4 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

12. PLANNING

There were no planning reports.

13. EXECUTIVE SERVICES

13.1 Executive Services Chief Executive Officer Report April 2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with significant meetings, forums and delegations attended by the Chief Executive Officer during the month of April 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. P. T. Saxelby
Seconded By Cr. K. A. Bourne

That this Report be received.

CARRIED

13.2 Executive Services Report Outstanding Actions April 2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with an updated on the status of outstanding Council Meeting Action Items to 18 April 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. K. A. Bourne
Seconded By Cr. O. G. Moore

That this Report be received.

CARRIED

13.3 Executive Services Quarterly Report January to March 2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with a summary of the Executive Services Division's strategic and operational activities for the third quarter of the 2023-2024 financial year.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. O. G. Moore
Seconded By Cr. K. A. Maguire

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED

11. DEPUTATION

11.1 Cassandra Summers

Ms Summers addressed Council regarding the proposed Dalby Cultural Centre Project. She has concerns regarding the consultation process and advised other locations where she thinks the Dalby Cultural Centre should go.

11.2 Michelle Baber

Ms Baber addressed Council regarding the proposed Dalby cultural Centre Project. She had concerns regarding the potential use of Thomas Jack Park and the consultation process. Ms Barber presented Council with a suite of questions regarding the Dalby Cultural Centre Project.

11.3 Debra Golding

Ms Golding thanked Council for having the Dalby Myall Remembrance Park Cemetery looking well presented for Mothers Day. She request the Dalby Cultural Centre not be built at Thomas Jack Park and that other locations, including Sisters of Mercy and 107 Drayton Street be considered.

11.4 Stuart Walker

Mr Walker addressed Council in regards to Dalby Cultural Centre Project and requested that a concept plan or model be made public for the community. Mr Walker offer to assist with he construction of a model.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION - ADJOURN RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. P. T. Saxelby

Seconded By Cr. S. J. Condon

That Council resolve to adjourn the Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:51am.

The Meeting resumed at 11:10am.

14. CORPORATE SERVICES

14.1 Corporate Services Report Proposed Sale of Land for Arrears of Rates 2024

The purpose of this Report is to seek Council's direction in relation to the proposed sale of land for arrears of rates.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. O. G. Moore

Seconded By Cr. G. M. Olm

That Council resolves:

1. pursuant to Chapter 4, Part 12 Overdue Rates and Charges of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to sell the properties listed in Attachment One for overdue rates and charges; and
2. to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer its power to take all further steps under Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to effect sale of the land (including, the power to end sale procedures).

CARRIED

14.2 Corporate Services Financial Report April 2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with the Financial Report for the period ending 30 April 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. K. A. Bourne

Seconded By Cr. O. G. Moore

That Council resolve to receive the April 2024 Financial Report and:

1. approve the increase in budget for the capital flood works as listed in section three of this report, with an increase of additional expenditure of \$16,591,797 (exclusive of goods and services tax) and additional revenue of \$55,634,832 (exclusive of goods and services tax).

CARRIED

14.3 Corporate Services Asset Recognition Policy

The purpose of this report is to present the proposed amendments to the *Asset Recognition Policy* for Council's consideration and approval.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. O. G. Moore

Seconded By Cr. S. J. Condon

That Council resolves:

1. pursuant to section 206 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to adopt the amended *Financial Asset Recognition – Statutory Policy* as contained in Attachment Three; and
2. to adopt the asset recognition thresholds outlined in section 3.4 of *Financial Asset Recognition – Statutory Policy* as contained in Attachment Three.

CARRIED

14.4 Corporate Services Report Quarter Three 2023-24 Operational Plan and Enterprise Risk Management Review

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the third quarter progress in achieving the actions outlined in the *2023-24 Operational Plan* and the status of the strategic risks which Council manages under the *Enterprise Risk Management Framework*.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. M. J. James

Seconded By Cr. K. A. Maguire

That Council resolves to receive the *Quarter Three 2023-24 Operational Plan and Enterprise Risk Management Review*.

CARRIED

14.5 Corporate Services Quarterly Report January to March 2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with a summary of the Corporate Services Division's strategic and operational activities for the third quarter of the 2023-2024 financial year.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. P. T. Saxelby

Seconded By Cr. S. Bougoure

That Council resolves to receive the Corporate Services Quarterly Report for the period of January to March 2024.

CARRIED

15. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

15.1 Infrastructure Services Quarterly Report January to March 2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with a quarterly update in relation to the Infrastructure Services' Works, Utilities and Technical Services departments performance.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. G. M. Olm

Seconded By Cr. O. G. Moore

That this report be received.

CARRIED

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16. COMMUNITY AND LIVEABILITY

16.1 Community & Liveability Report Dalby Cultural Centre

This report provides necessary information and detailed responses to each specific resolution adopted by Council regarding the proposed Dalby Cultural Centre on 18 April, 2024.

MOTION

Moved By Cr. K. A. Bourne

Seconded By Cr. S. Bougoure

That the report be received and that Council continues with the planning for the proposed Dalby Cultural Centre in accordance with the Community Engagement Plan as per attachment 2.

FORESHADOWED MOTION

Cr S. J. Condon foreshadowed that if the motion on the floor failed, he would move:-

1. Acknowledge the presented report regarding the Dalby Cultural Centre.
2. Resolve to await the outcomes of the upcoming Community Advisory Panel (CAP) meeting and the community survey.
3. Commit to conducting a thorough review of the petition related to the project.
4. Schedule a Councillor information session to reconsider the project's location, following the completion of steps 2 and 3.
5. Decide not to progress the project any further until the aforementioned steps are undertaken, and the Councillor information session is held.

The **ORIGINAL MOTION** was **PUT** and **LOST (4 to 5)**

MOTION MOVED

As foreshadowed, the following motion was moved

Moved By Cr. S. J. Condon

Seconded By Cr. G. M. Olm

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the presented report regarding the Dalby Cultural Centre.
2. Resolve to await the outcomes of the upcoming Community Advisory Panel (CAP) meeting and the community survey.
3. Commit to conducting a thorough review of the petition related to the project.
4. Schedule a Councillor information session to reconsider the project's location, following the completion of steps 2 and 3.
5. Decide not to progress the project any further until the aforementioned steps are undertaken, and the Councillor information session is held.

Pursuant to section 17.5.2 of Council's *Meetings - Council Policy*, the mover and seconder of the motion accepted the following modified motion:

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the presented report regarding the Dalby Cultural Centre.
2. Resolve to await the outcomes of the upcoming Community Advisory Panel (CAP) meeting and all community engagement.
3. Commit to conducting a thorough review of the petition related to the project.
4. Investigate the suitability of land offered to council by a private landholder for the purpose of constructing a cultural centre.
5. Schedule a Councillor information session to reconsider the project's location, following the completion of steps 2, 3 and 4.
6. Decide not to progress the project any further until the aforementioned steps are undertaken, and the Councillor information session is held.

FORESHADOWED MOTION

Cr K. A. Bourne foreshadowed that if the Motion on the floor failed, she would move:-

1. *Acknowledge the presented report regarding the Dalby Cultural Centre.*
2. *Resolve to await the outcomes of the upcoming Community Advisory Panel (CAP) meeting and all community engagement.*
3. *Commit to conducting a thorough review of the petition related to the project.*
4. *Schedule a Councillor information session to reconsider the project's location, following the completion of steps 2 and 3.*
5. *Decide not to progress the project any further until the aforementioned steps are undertaken, and the Councillor information session is held.*

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved By Cr. P. T. Saxelby

That the motion be put.

The **PROCEDURAL MOTION** was **PUT** and **CARRIED (8 to 1)**

The **MOTION** was **PUT** and **CARRIED (6 to 3)**

16.2 Community & Liveability Partnership with Country Universities Centre Western Downs

The purpose of this report is to examine the request received from Chinchilla, Community, Commerce & Industry (CCCI) for Western Downs Regional Council to become a foundation partner of the Country Universities Centre Western Downs (CUC WD), a proposed Regional University Study Hub designed to enhance access to tertiary education for regional and remote students, committing \$25,000 annually for an initial three-year term.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. K. A. Bourne

Seconded By Cr. O. G. Moore

That this Report is received and that Council:

1. Resolves to become a foundation partner of the Country University Centre Western Downs at a cost of \$25,000 annually for an initial three-year term, subject to adjustment on the Chamber of Commerce Partnering Agreement for 2023 - 2026 between Chinchilla Community Commerce and Industry and Western Downs Regional Council.

CARRIED

16.3 Community and Liveability Quarterly Report January to March 2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with an update in relation to the Community and Liveability Division's strategic and operational activities for the third quarter of the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. M. J. James

Seconded By Cr. K. A. Maguire

That Council resolve to receive the Community and Liveability Quarterly Report for the period January to March 2024.

CARRIED

17. NOTICES OF MOTION

17.1 CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION/BUSINESS

There were no Notices of Motion/Business for consideration.

17.2 RECEPTION OF NOTICES OF MOTION FOR NEXT MEETING

There were no Notices of Motion for the next meeting.

18. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no Urgent General Business.

19. MEETING CLOSURE

The Meeting concluded at 12:23PM