

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, RICHMOND ON
TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2020

PRESENT

Present when the Mayor Cr Wharton declared the meeting open at 8:03am were:

COUNCILLORS:

Cr Wharton, Cr Bawden, Cr Kuhl, Cr Fox, Cr Kennedy, Cr Geary

STAFF:

Chief Executive Officer – Peter Bennett, Director of Community Development & Services – Angela Henry, Director of Works – Bart Servaas, Director of Corporate Services – Colin Duffy and Minutes Secretary – Tiana Grant

PRAYER

Cr Fox read the prayer

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 20200718.1

It was moved Cr Bawden, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that the Minutes of the General Meeting of the Richmond Shire Council held in the Boardroom, Richmond on Tuesday 21 July 2020 be adopted as tabled.

ACTION ITEMS AND RESOLUTIONS

MATTERS ARISING

ITEM 1.0 MATTERS ARISING

Noted

Cr Wharton asked Councils thoughts on the bird scaring with the local helicopter.

Cr Fox declared an interest.

The general discussion was that it helped, however they are slowly coming back.

Cr Kennedy recommended next time flying around just as they roost at night. This may deter them for longer periods of time.

DIRECTOR OF WORKS REPORT

ITEM 2.0 DIRECTOR OF WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

Cr Kennedy advised Council that road complaints have decreased.

TECHNICAL OFFICERS REPORT

ITEM 3.0 TECHNICAL OFFICERS PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

Cr Kennedy asked if an audit had been done on the Town Pool as yet.

Cr Wharton noted that an audit is not needed, constant maintenance will solve the issues.

DOW notified Council that he has received an engineering report on the retaining wall and would go through it with the Mayor and CEO soon.

WATER AND SEWERAGE OFFICERS REPORT

ITEM 4.0 WATER AND SEWERAGE OFFICERS PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

Council discussed 7 Goldring Street dry lawn and requested to add pop up sprinklers to the budget while the house is vacant.

Council requested to follow up on the water laying under 38 Goldring Street.

WORKSHOP FOREMAN REPORT

ITEM 5.0 WORKSHOP OFFICERS PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

DOW Bart Servaas advised that Wurtgen came out to service the Stabilizer Council purchased off them. Council discussed potentially requesting all companies who sell the machines to come out yearly to check over the machines with the Workshop staff.

AERODROME REPORTING OFFICERS REPORT

ITEM 6.0 AERODROME REPORTING OFFICERS PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

After discussions regarding the runway at the Aerodrome, DOW Bart Servaas advised he would do an estimated cost to build the runway up.

Cr Wharton requested to add it to the next budget if the runway can last that long.

RURAL LAND OFFICERS REPORT

ITEM 7.0 RURAL LANDS OFFICERS PROGRESS REPORT

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Cr Wharton advised Council he received a quote for 10,000 baby red claw to add to the Lake. Council will then restock in six months' time. This will minimise the weed build up in the lake, rather than continuing to spray the weeds.

DCSD Angela Henry advised that Council was successful in funding to re-stock the Lake after the 2019 floods so Council can use this money.

Cr Wharton noted that the red claw will be ready by the end of September.

Cr Wharton advised he was approached by a concerned Grazier as they had been contacted by DNRME in relation to Stock Routes adjoining their property and a request to move their fence.

Cr Wharton asked Council if they were happy to advise Stock Routes if they want to move one they will then need to move them all rather than single out a single property and pay for the cost of moving them.

WILD DOG CONTRACTORS REPORT

ITEM 8.0 WILD DOG CONTRACTORS PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

Council discussed issues around 1080 Baiting in the Shire.

Cr Wharton advised that if the property owners don't 1080 Bait, they shouldn't get bounty.

Cr Kuhl mentioned that 50-60% of the Shire baits.

Cr Wharton asked Council to look into this and hold over until the next Council Meeting.

SALEYARD CONTRACTORS REPORT

ITEM 9.0 SALEYARD CONTRACTORS PROGRESS REPORT

Nil report

AGISTMENT ON TOWN COMMONS REPORT

ITEM 10.0 AGISTMENT ON TOWN COMMONS PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

REFUSE TIP CONTRACTORS REPORT

ITEM 11.0 REFUSE TIP CONTRACTORS PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

LOCAL LAWS OFFICERS REPORT

ITEM 12.0 LOCAL LAWS OFFICERS PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

Council discussed the possibility of overflow at the Racecourse for the Bush Races weekend and unanimously agreed to close it off for the Friday and Saturday night.

Attendance

Cr Kennedy left the room at 9:32am

Cr Kennedy re-entered the room at 9:34am

TOWN SERVICES REPORT

ITEM 13.0 TOWN SERVICES PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

Council commended the painting of the Racecourse Grandstand and agreed it looks great.

Cr Geary mentioned he had received compliments from local families regarding the new playground at the Bobby Murray Park.

POOL MANAGERS REPORT

Item 14.0 POOL MANAGERS PROGRESS REPORT

Nil Report

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

ITEM 15.0 WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

Attendance

Cr Kennedy left the room at 9:42am

Cr Kennedy re-entered the room at 9:44am

BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING REPORT

ITEM 16.0 BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

Cr Kennedy declared an interest for Item 16.1.

RESOLUTION 20200718.2

It was moved Cr Fox, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that the building application for the Richmond Campdraft be approved.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

ITEM 17.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS PROGRESS REPORT

Item 17.1 – 17.3

Noted

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

ITEM 19.0 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA PROGRESS REPORT

Nil report

CORRESPONDENCE AND TABLED ITEMS

ITEM 20.0 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Item 20.1 Alison Pauli

After discussions, Council agreed not to approve the request for shade structures because of the overhead power lines. Council agreed that the teachers need their own parking area and Cr Wharton advised that he would talk to the Richmond State School Principal.

Council discussed and agreed that parking lines and a zebra crossing would be possible after the water mains upgrades on Crawford Street are completed later this year.

Meeting adjournment

RESOLUTION 20200818.3

It was moved Cr Kuhl, Seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that the meeting adjourn for morning tea at 9:58am.

RESOLUTION 20200818.4

It was moved Cr Kuhl, Seconded Cr Geary and carried that the meeting resume at 10:29am.

Item 20.2 North Queensland Sports Foundation

Council resolved to accept the 2020/2021 membership invoice for the NQSF.

Item 20.3 Department of Natural Recourses, Mines and Energy

Council agreed to approve the application with the conditions that Council strongly advise not to move the road.

RESOLUTION 20200818.5

It was moved Cr Fox, Seconded Cr Geary and carried that the application for conversion to freehold on A637 be approved.

Change of order of business to consider late items.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

ITEM 17.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS PROGRESS REPORT

Item 17.4 Council Newsletter

Noted

Item 17.5 Stable Hire Agreement

RESOLUTION 20200818.6

It was moved Cr Kuhl, Seconded Cr Bawden and carried that council approve the updated stable hire agreement with changes.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT

ITEM 18.0 FINANCE PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

CORRESPONDENCE AND TABLED ITEMS

ITEM 20.0 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Item 20.4 Bill & Yvonne Schaefer

Council agreed to hold over the application until next Council Meeting to review the grid program.

POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND LOCAL LAWS

ITEM 21.0 POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND LOCAL LAWS REPORT

RESOLUTION 20200818.7

It was moved Cr Bawden, Seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that Council adopt the Crime and Corruption Policy as presented.

RESOLUTION 20200818.8

It was moved Cr Fox, Seconded Cr Geary and carried that Council adopt the Toolbox Talk Policy as presented.

TOURISM AND MARKETING REPORT

ITEM 27.0 TOURISM AND MARKETING OFFICER'S PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

Cr Wharton advised that the Moonrock Café's new Manager has recently started and has new ideas.

Council asked if Isla from Make a Wish Foundation had visited Richmond yet.

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Cr Wharton advised that Mayor Frank Beveridge from Charters Towers Regional Council contacted him and asked if Richmond Shire Council would once again become financial members of IQRAP. This amount does not include the membership fee of \$1,500.00.

RESOLUTION 20200818.9

It was moved Cr Fox, Seconded Cr Geary and carried that Council approve to pay IQRAP \$1,500.00 for the 2020-2021 financial years.

Cr Wharton advised Council that the Richmond Turf Club had issued a cheque for part payment for the painting of the Racecourse Grandstand. Council thanks the Club for their contribution.

Cr Wharton advised Council that the sale of Lots 18 and 19 on the Industrial Estate could be forfeited due to the conditions Council put in place within the agreement.

Cr Wharton declared an interest and left the room at 11:10am.

After a lengthy discussion, Council agreed to re-consider the agreement.

RESOLUTION 20200818.10

It was moved Cr Fox, Seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that Council rescind the resolution to accept the offer for Lots 18 and 19 on the Industrial Estate with a timeframe of 36 months to construct or the land will be forfeited.

RESOLUTION 20200818.11

It was moved Cr Kennedy, Seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council accept to the offer without covenants for Lots 18 and 19 on the Industrial Estate.

Attendance

Cr Kennedy left the room at 11:41am

Cr Kennedy and Cr Wharton re-entered the room at 11:42am

Kronosaurus Korner Manager Jodie Fox and Tourism Officer Morgan Jardine entered the room at 11:42am.

LAKEVIEW CARAVAN PARK MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM 28.0 MANAGER'S REPORT

Noted

KK Manager Jodie Fox and Tourism Officer Morgan Jardine updated Council on the progress at the Lakeview Caravan Park.

KK Manager Jodie Fox asked Council what their long term thoughts were regarding the contract of the Park.

Council agreed that Kronosaurus Korner would continue to run the Caravan Park.

Attendance

Cr Wharton, KK Manager Jodie Fox and Tourism Officer Morgan Jardine left the room at 12:01pm.

Cr Wharton re-entered the room at 12:05pm.

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Change of order of business to normal agenda.

MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES REPORT
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ITEM 22.0 MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

Cr Wharton advised Council that he had a meeting with the Bishop regarding issues with the Mary McKillop House.

Cr Wharton requested Council's thoughts on the future of the Mary McKillop House and what they would like to see done with it.

Council agreed that the Mary McKillop House should be open to Mental Health and Domestic Violence victims. DCSD Angela Henry to find out more information.

Council discussed the membership of the Community Gym and unanimously agreed to keep the membership to Richmond Community Members only during COVID-19.

DCSD Angela Henry went through the Adverse Event Plan with Council. Cr Kuhl requested that flooding needs its own header and to add a pandemic in the plan.

RESOLUTION 20200818.12

It was moved Cr Fox, Seconded Cr Geary and carried that Council accept the Adverse Event Plan with changes.

Meeting Adjournment

RESOLUTION 20200818.13

It was moved Cr Kennedy, Seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council adjourn the meeting to welcome the National Australia Bank representatives regarding changes in hours at the Richmond Branch.

Attendance

NAB North West Manager and Richmond Branch Manager entered the room at 12:30pm.

NAB North West Manager and Richmond Branch Manager left the room at 1:03pm.

RESOLUTION 20200818.14

It was moved Cr Fox, Seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that the meeting resume at 1:09pm.

Attendance

CEO Peter Bennett left the room at 1:08pm.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

ITEM 23.0 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

RICHMOND AGED CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

ITEM 24.0 RICHMOND AGED CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

ITEM 25.0 OSHC CO-ORDINATOR'S PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

ITEM 26.0 LIBRARIAN'S PROGRESS REPORT

Nil report

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM 29.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Geary asked if Council had a timeframe of when motorised water sports can start again. Council to follow up with contractors.

Attendance

CEO Peter Bennett re-entered the room at 1:15pm.

Cr Kennedy advised Council he had received a complaint about the grid between Town and the Feedlot on the Richmond-Croydon Road. DOW Bart Servaas to follow up.

Cr Kuhl mentioned the heritage light up signage down Goldring Street needed to be replaced.

Cr Kuhl requested a bench/shelf or coat hooks in the showers at the Saleyards.

RESOLUTION 20200818.15

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that the information reports be received and noted.

Meeting closure

RESOLUTION 20200818.16

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that the meeting close at 1:39pm.

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Next Ordinary Meeting

15 September 2020

I hereby confirm that this is a true and correct record of the minutes of the Richmond Shire Council Ordinary Meeting Tuesday 18 August 2020.

Mayor