

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, RICHMOND ON
TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2019

PRESENT

Present when the Mayor Cr Wharton declared the meeting open at 10:13am
were:

COUNCILLORS:

Cr Wharton, Cr Kuhl, Cr Bawden, Cr Fox, Cr Pattel and Cr Kennedy

STAFF:

Chief Executive Officer – Peter Bennett, Director of Works – Bart Servaas, Manager of
Communities – Angela Henry, Contract Manager of Finance – Gavin Herbst and
Minutes Secretary – Judy Norton.

PRAYER

Cr Kuhl read the prayer.

APOLOGIES

Nil

Cr Wharton apologised for the late start to the meeting owing to both he and the CEO
having to travel back from attending a meeting in Mt Isa. Cr Wharton advised that the North
West Queensland Economic Diversification Strategy discussion was very beneficial and
promises to look beyond the economic recovery phase towards long-term opportunities to
attract investment, strengthen supply chains and build sustainable communities in North
West Queensland.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 20190618.1

*It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the Minutes of the General
Meeting of the Richmond Shire Council held in the Boardroom, Richmond on
Tuesday 21 May 2019 be adopted as tabled.*

ACTION ITEMS AND RESOLUTIONS

MATTERS ARISING

ITEM 1.0 MATTERS ARISING

Cr Wharton commented that the work on the Maxwellton water mains was underway.

Councillors confirmed their attendance at the upcoming NAOC and Bush Councils
Conferences in Bowen and Roma.

Cr Wharton discussed the proposal of contracting a local mechanic to assist the Workshop
in completing outstanding repairs and maintenance to Council plant.

Cr Kennedy commented on the good work being carried out by the maintenance graders
but had noticed that they were not opening up the drains. Cr Wharton agreed that the drains
should be opened up and suggested that this work be carried out at the end of each job.

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Council discussed the recurring problem of Parthenium growing in the Shire and Cr Wharton suggested the formation of a Landcare Group to monitor the situation.

WORKS AND SERVICES

WORKS COORDINATORS REPORT

ITEM 2.0 WORKS COORDINATORS PROGRESS REPORT

Nil Report

WATER AND SEWERAGE OFFICER REPORT

ITEM 3.0 WATER AND SEWERAGE OFFICER PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

WORKSHOP FOREMAN REPORT

ITEM 4.0 WORKSHOP REPORT

Noted

AERODROME REPORTING OFFICER REPORT

ITEM 5.0 AERODROME REPORTING OFFICER REPORT

Noted

DIRECTOR OF WORKS REPORT

ITEM 6.0 DIRECTOR OF WORKS REPORT

Noted

RURAL LAND OFFICERS REPORT

ITEM 7.0 RURAL LANDS OFFICERS REPORT

Noted

SALEYARD CONTRACTORS REPORT

ITEM 8.0 SALEYARD CONTRACTORS REPORT

Nil Report

AGISTMENT ON TOWN COMMONS REPORT

ITEM 9.0 AGISTMENT ON TOWN COMMONS REPORT

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LOCAL LAWS OFFICERS REPORT

ITEM 10.0 LOCAL LAWS OFFICERS REPORT

Noted

REFUSE TIP CONTRACTORS REPORT

ITEM 11.0 REFUSE TIP CONTRACTORS REPORT

Noted

Council considered the provided quote for the crushing of concrete rubble including mobilisation and demobilisation and declared it to be a budget item for consideration. DOW to investigate how much concrete is stored at the refuse tip to determine if it's worthwhile.

TOWN SERVICES REPORT

ITEM 12.0 TOWN SERVICES REPORT

Noted

Cr Wharton discussed the Streetscape Project and questioned if the designated works have been completed with the exception of the relocation of the power poles.

Cr Kuhl advised that the placement of flag poles in the median strip in front of Kronosaurus Korner had yet to be completed or the small brick curved walls at the start of the median strips.

SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

ITEM 13.0 SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

Noted

The CEO advised Council of the resignation of the current Workplace Health and Safety Officer.

BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING REPORT

ITEM 14.0 BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING REPORT

Nil Report

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT

ITEM 15.0 FINANCE REPORT

Noted

Meeting adjournment

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RESOLUTION 20190618.2

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the meeting adjourn for a short break at 11:25am.

Meeting resumption

RESOLUTION 20190618.3

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the meeting resume at 11:46am.

Attendance

Cr Wharton, Cr Kuhl, Cr Bawden, Cr Fox, Cr Pattel, Cr Kennedy, Peter Bennett, Angela Henry, Bart Servaas, Gavin Herbst and Judy Norton.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

ITEM 16.0 CEO REPORT

Noted

Item 16.1 Planning Scheme Review

Noted

Item 16.2 Confidential Report

Attendance

Cr Fox declared an interest and left the room at 11:48am.

RESOLUTION 20190618.4

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that Council enter closed session according to Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 275 (1) (c) (h).

RESOLUTION 20190618.5

It was moved Cr Pattel, seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council exit closed session according to Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 275 (1) (c) (h).

Item 16.2.1 Payment of Invoice deemed non-claimable by QRA

RESOLUTION 20190618.6

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that Council absorb the costs of the non-claimable invoice pertaining to charges incurred for helicopter services during the February flood event.

Attendance

Cr Fox re-entered the room at 12:09pm.

Item 16.2.2 New Town Bore

Noted

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Item 16.2.3 Councillor Wage Increase 2018-2019

RESOLUTION 20190618.7

It was moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Bawden and carried that the increase in Councillor remuneration for the 2018-2019 period not be taken up as a back payment.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

ITEM 17.0 RDA REPORT

Nil Report

Cr Kuhl advised of her attendance at the recent meeting held in Mt Isa and that a report will be presented at the July meeting of Council.

CORRESPONDENCE AND TABLED ITEMS

ITEM 18.0 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Item 18.1 Permit for Road Side Trading

RESOLUTION 20190618.8

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that an alternate site for Roadside Trading would be established at 96 Goldring Street, and that the Policy be amended to reflect same.

Attendance

Cr Wharton declared an interest and left the room at 12:20pm.

Cr Kuhl took the chair.

Item 18.2 Tree Planting - Goldring Street

Council discussed the request from a local business to not plant a tree in front of their premises in order to allow more parking space and easier access to the driveway. A majority vote declared not to go ahead with the planting.

Attendance

Cr Wharton re-entered the room at 12:28pm.

Cr Kuhl vacated the chair.

Item 18.3 2020 NQ Sportstar Awards

RESOLUTION 20190618.9

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that Richmond Shire submit an expression of interest to NQSF to host the 2020 NQ Sportstar Awards.

Item 18.4 Thank you and Request for Funding

Council discussed the request from the Richmond Junior Social Soccer Group for funding and the request, though warranted, could not be approved on the grounds that existing sporting clubs are liable for their own costs which are gleaned through membership fees.

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POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND LOCAL LAWS

ITEM 19.0 MONTHLY REPORT

Item 19.1 **PROCUREMENT POLICY**

RESOLUTION 20190618.10

It was moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that an amendment to the Procurement Policy of a clause stating that where reasonable, the procurement of goods and services from local suppliers is preferable.

MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES REPORT

ITEM 20.0 MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES REPORT

Noted

Requests for Community Small Grants

Attendance

Cr Bawden declared an interest and left the room at 1:05pm.

Council discussed the application from the Richmond Pony Club Inc. for a Community Small Grant to replace fencing at the Pony Club grounds to the amount of \$2,237.40.

Attendance

Cr Bawden re-entered the room at 1:06pm.

Attendance

Cr Wharton and Cr Pattel declared an interest and left the room at 1:06pm.

Cr Kuhl took the chair.

Council discussed the application from the Richmond Branch of the Queensland Country Womens Association for funds to supplement the Gaming Grant already received. The amount of \$5,000.00 will be used to cover the shortfall between the grant money and the quoted cost of the renovations.

Attendance

Cr Wharton and Cr Pattel re-entered the room at 1:10pm.

Cr Kuhl vacated the chair.

RESOLUTION 20190618.11

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that Richmond Shire Council support both applications for Community Small Grants to fund the development and upgrading of existing facilities.

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RICHMOND AGED CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

ITEM 21.0 RICHMOND AGED CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Noted

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

ITEM 22.0 OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Noted

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

ITEM 23.0 LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Nil Report – Library currently closed for refurbishment.

POOL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM 24.0 POOL MANAGER'S REPORT

Nil Report – Pool Closed.

TOURISM AND MARKETING REPORT

ITEM 25.0 TOURISM AND MARKETING OFFICER'S REPORT

Nil Report

LAKEVIEW CARAVAN PARK MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM 26.0 MANAGER'S REPORT

Noted

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM 27.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Pattel gave an overview of the recent meeting of OQTA held in Julia Creek. Peter Homan has resigned from the position of General Manager. The second round of outback funding events have opened. The OQTA strongly support the full sealing of the Richmond to Winton Road.

Cr Kuhl mentioned the Policy and Register requirements to be displayed on Councils' website that were highlighted at the recent Belcarra training.

Cr Kuhl advised of a hold up with the intended artwork to be painted on the water tower as the measurements of the tower are yet to come to hand.

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Cr Kuhl advised that the October RDA meeting will be held in Richmond.

Cr Kuhl questioned if sand had been dropped at the beach area of the Lake.

Cr Kuhl advised of a request received from a retired Counsellor who is interested in relocating to Richmond to offer their services in lieu of free accommodation. Council decided not to take up this offer as the Shire is already being serviced by a registered Practitioner.

Cr Kennedy questioned the need of the reflector posts on the gravel roads as the graders were having to grade around them. Council agreed that the posts should be removed except at culverts, causeways and grids.

Cr Kennedy reported the large hole in the bitumen between Yan Yean and the Cambridge Crossing at the 2 Mile Channels and requested repair of same.

Cr Bawden mentioned the fenced paddock on the town common previously held by a resident with a Permit to Occupy since cancelled. Council suggested that the paddock could be offered by EOI for lease.

The CEO advised that Andy Pethybridge QFES Emergency Management Coordinator, would be in Richmond on Thursday 20 June 2019.

Cr Kuhl reported on a recent teleconference of Social Recovery at which the discussion was that Councils are in need of more training. This matter was very evident during the February event, albeit, recovery on this scale has not been experienced before.

Information Reports

RESOLUTION 20190618.12

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

Meeting closure

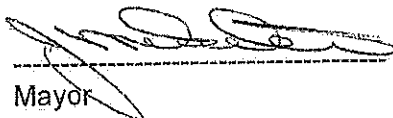
RESOLUTION 20190618.13

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that the meeting close at 1:59pm.

Next Ordinary Meeting

16 July, 2019

I hereby confirm that this is a true and correct record of the minutes of the Richmond Shire Council Ordinary Meeting Tuesday 18 June, 2019.



Mayor