



Ordinary Meeting

TRC Coordination Centre, 15 Vernon Street, Atherton

Thursday, 14 March 2024

at 9:00 AM

MINUTES

1. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Cr Rod Marti (Mayor), Cr K Cardew (Deputy Mayor), Crs A Haydon, D Bilney, P Hodge, D Clifton and B Wilce.

2. OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

G Rinehart (Chief Executive Officer), H Jackson (General Manager Community & Corporate Services), M Vis (General Manager Infrastructure & Environmental Services), S Lisle (Executive Manager Development Services), D Fletcher (Manager Roads & Projects), S Savich (Manager Strategic Assets), T Pringle (Graduate Planner) E Bowden (Manager Finance), S McHardie (Manager Community Services), G Breeuwer (Community Development Officer), B Rutherford (Community Engagement Advisor), A Loudon (Executive Assistant Community & Corporate Services), K Coutts (Executive Assistant Mayor & Councillors) and J Hunter (Minute Secretary).

3. APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No apologies.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson delivered this Acknowledgement of Country — *'I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and live, and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.'*

5. BEREAVEMENTS/CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect for the members of our community who have recently passed. We wish their family and friends peace and comfort during this challenging time.

6. DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS AND SENIOR COUNCIL OFFICERS

Cr Annette Hayden declared that she has a **Declarable Conflict of Interest** (as defined in 150ES of the Local Government Act 2009) in relation to Confidential *Item 16.1. Tolga Industrial Estate – Expansion Agreement*, as her husband's Uncle and Aunt (Raymond and Cheryl Fitzgerald) own a block of land that backs onto the Rail Trail. Her husband's uncle is not a related party for the purpose of Section 150EN Local Government Act 2009, however Cr Hayden declared that she has had discussions with them to assist them in understanding what is being proposed and that she proposes to exclude herself from the meeting while this matter is debated and the vote is taken.

There were no other conflicts of interest declared by any Councillor or senior Council officer in relation to the items of business listed on the agenda.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by Cr Wilce

Seconded by Cr Clifton

"That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 January 2024, be confirmed as true and correct.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIONS OUT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

| Meeting Date | Item | Officer | Questions on Notice | Question Response |
|---------------------|---|----------------|---|---|
| 22/02/2024 | 13.1 – FINANCIAL REPORT – JANUARY 2024 | Erica Bowden | Question on Notice – Cr Clifton raised the issue of purchasing Grundfos dosing pumps commenting there were no local suppliers for this product. | On review of this purchase from Professional Pump Services & Irrigation I have identified that they do have a local store at 603 Wongabel Road, Atherton. However, the address details we have on file for payments is recorded under their NQ head office in Townsville which is why this purchase was reported on the non-local supplier list. It is also worth noting that the competing quote for this one from another local supplier was \$4,000 more than what was quoted from Professional Pump Services & Irrigation. Sent by Finance Manager 22/02/2024 |

The Chief Executive Officer updated the Councillors in relation to *ITEM-16.1 Notice of Motion – Cr David Clifton - Petersen Creek Walking Track* negotiations with the landholders.

9. DEPUTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

PATHS OF TINAROO FORESHORE

Belinda Moore, Melitta Lewis, Lachlan Farquharson on behalf of the Inclusion Advisory Committee attended the meeting at 9.04am.

The presentation concluded at 9.22am.

10. MAYORAL MINUTE

No Mayoral Minute.

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

11.1. LESSONS LEARNT FROM RECENT DISASTER OPERATIONS

Moved by Cr Wilce

Seconded by Cr Haydon

"That Council accept the recommendations outlined in the Bushfire and TC Jasper Debrief Implementation Action Plans."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Moved by Cr Bilney

Seconded by Cr Wilce

"That Council

1. Receive and note the unconfirmed minutes of

- Malanda Falls Visitor Centre Gift Fund Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2024.
- Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 February 2024
- Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting held on 19 February 2024

and

2. Endorse the following recommendations:

- Malanda Falls Visitor Centre Gift Fund Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2024.

"That TRC Officers obtain costing to automate the front door to comply with the current TRC inclusivity campaign "Everyone Welcome Here".

- Agriculture Committee Meeting held 9 February 2024.

"All new landholders in rural and rural residential areas to be provided with information leaflets on weeds in TRC local government area."

"TRC to review composting process relating to weed control in Council's Mulch particularly around the weed night jasmine."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

12.1. MT GARNET STATE SCHOOL FUNDING REQUEST

Moved by Cr Haydon

Seconded by Cr Wilce

"That Council:

1. Provide a one-off financial assistance to the Mount Garnet State School to the value of \$5,831.10 including GST to support the transportation of students to the Malanda pool to attend swimming lessons as part of the 2024 school curriculum.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise all matters associated with this request."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. COMMUNITY & CORPORATE SERVICES

13.1. FINANCIAL REPORT - FEBRUARY 2024

Moved by Cr Hodge

Seconded by Cr Clifton

"That Council:

1. Receive and note the Financial Report for February 2024.
2. Endorse a reallocation of \$4,398.45 from the capital Riparian Restoration project to the enable connection of the Animal Management Facility to the Sewerage System this financial year. This change is a reallocation only and will not increase the overall capital budget."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2. AFTER HOURS SERVICE REPORT

Moved by Cr Hodge

Seconded by Cr Bilney

"That Council receive and note the Afterhours Service Call Management report and that an update report be brought back to the June Ordinary Meeting."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

14.1. NOTICE OF MOTION - CR PETER HODGE - PATHS OF TINAROO FORESHORE

Moved by Cr Hodge

Seconded by Cr Wilce

"That Council officers provide a detailed costing of works for the inclusion connection of paths on the Tinaroo Foreshore, to be provided for consideration for the 24/25 capital budget."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.2. NOTICE OF MOTION - CR PETER HODGE - A&B BRAGG - REQUEST FOR ALTERNATE ACCESS - 36A COOK STREET, ATHERTON

Moved by Cr Hodge

Seconded by Cr Wilce

"That the Tablelands Regional Council honour the agreement with Alan & Beris Bragg as per the letter dated 13 March 2014."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

No business without notice.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

Moved by Cr Wilce

Seconded by Cr Clifton

"That in accordance with Section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be closed to the public at 10.07am to discuss matters relative to:

ATTENDANCE

*Cr Haydon dealt with the declared **Declarable Conflict of Interest** by leaving the meeting at 10.07am whilst confidential discussion on Item-16.1. took place.*

16.1. Tolga Industrial Estate – Expansion Agreement – March 2024

- (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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPENING OF MEETING

Moved by Cr Hodge

Seconded by Cr Clifton

"That the meeting be opened at 10.10am."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

16.1. TOLGA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE - EXPANSION AGREEMENT - MARCH 2024

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haydon remained out of the meeting for Item-16.1.

Moved by Cr Hodge

Seconded by Cr Wilce

"That Council:

1. Endorse the commencement of negotiations with Tolga Industrial Estate Land Owners based on the draft Tolga Industrial Estate Proposed Expansion - Expansion Agreement attached to this report.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with the Tolga Industrial Estate Expansion Agreements."

CARRIED 4-2

DIVISION

Cr Hodge called for a Division of Votes to be recorded.

Crs Hodge, Wilce, Clifton and Cardew voted for the motion.

Crs Marti and Bilney voted against the motion.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haydon returned to the meeting at 10.11am.

17. NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL

The next meeting of Council will be held at Atherton

Post Election Meeting to be advised.

Ordinary Meeting – 9.00am on 24 April 2024

There being no further business, the meeting closed 10.20am.

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Cr Rod Marti

Mayor

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Gary Rinehart

Chief Executive Officer