CLONCURRY SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES
14 October 2008

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Cloncurry Shire Council held in the Council Chamber Cloncurry Tuesday 14 October 2008.

1.0 OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting opened at 8:08am.

2.0 PRESENT

Cr Andrew Daniels (Mayor); Cr Greg Campbell (Deputy Mayor); Cr Bob McDonald; Cr Colin Ferguson; Cr Lynne Vernon; Mr Craig Turnour (Chief Executive Officer); and Mrs Lynda Barnes (Minute Clerk).

3.0 LEAVE OF ABSENCE/CONDOLENCES

Condolences were offered to the families of Mervin Hartig & Cyril Alexander Ah Sam.

4.0 DEPUTATIONS

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the following deputations were expected at the meeting:- Telstra Country Wide – Mr Wally Donaldson, Area General Manager & Ms May Boisen Acting Area General Manager; Mr Brian Guthrie – Investigator appointed by the Government; Mr Geoffrey Plante – Principal/Chairman of PlanPac Group; Mr Graham King – Acting Principal Advisor for Local Government.; and Mr Tony and Mrs Sandra McGrady – Lagoon Creek Resources.

5.0 MAYOR'S REPORT

Cr Daniels provided a verbal report. Items discussed included:- MITEZ meeting 13 October; John Flynn Place 20th anniversary event; Blueprint for the Bush; Race meeting 11 October; Elaine McEwan re William Presley Place; deepening of Chinaman Creek Dam; Old bridge crossing fixed; excavator re soaks in river; reinstatement of bore (sent thank you letter to Noel Robinson re identifying the bore); Selwyn Mine visit 9 October; Dajarra water (proposal from Global Water Solutions); upcoming visit from Minister Craig Wallace and DG of DNR&W 16 October; Mike Westerman re removal of soil from dam; and signing of MoU with St Andrews.

6.0 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

⇒ *Cr Ferguson:- Cannington Community Development Meeting 17 September; Mini Games; and Western Club.*

⇒ *Cr Campbell:- QCOSS; MITEZ 13 October; and Battle of the Mines.*

⇒ *Cr McDonald:- MITEZ 13 October; Selwyn Mines visit (look into road improvements, airstrip, etc); Nursing issue re Dajarra; and roadworks issues.*

⇒ *Cr Vernon:- Meeting with Police Sgt & Cloncurry Justice Assoc.; Mary K Park vandalism & CrimeStoppers reward $1,000; St Vincent De Paul's re emergency housing; JFP Anniversary dinner; Ethel Walsh 90th birthday (oldest living Cloncurry born resident); MoU signing; Mini Games; Jacob Lillyman Shield; Battle of the Mines; Ballara Mine Heritage Trail Meeting 12*

October – hoping Council to provide use of some plant & equipment; and Tourism Meeting 8 October.

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

No minutes provided.

8.0 ITEMS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

No minutes provided.

The Town Planning & Building Administration Officer, Karen Bowman, entered the Chamber at 9:08am to provide her report.

9.0 TOWN PLANNING, BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

9.1 TOWN PLANNING

9.1.1 Renewal of Lease

Council has received a letter from Jane Louise Walsh asking Council for their consideration in allowing Jane to renew her lease over Lot 1 on AP9348 for the grazing purposes.

Defer until the water supply issue is investigated.

9.2 BUILDING REPORT

No report provided

9.3 DEVELOPMENT REPORT

This report is addressed in Late Items 17.3.

17.3 Development Application TP16/08

A Show Cause Notice has been issued to Westair Pty Ltd 24 September 2008 for a concrete batching plant being undertaken within or on the described land, Lot 100 on RP881681 with out a development permit.A building engagement notice has been received for 2 Industrial sheds with an office located on Lot 100 on RP881684. Zoning for this area is General Business and Industry the sheds do not require a Town Planning development permit as the sheds are class as self assessable. The 2 Industrial sheds will require building and plumbing permits.

Noted by Council.

The Town Planning & Building Administration Officer left the Chamber at 9:45am.

Council then received a deputation from Telstra Country Wide (Mr Wally Donaldson, Area General Manager & Ms May Boisen Acting Area General Manager). They entered the Chamber at 9:45am and left at 10:32am.

The Manager of Operations, Tom Arnold; Manager of Water, Sewerage and Environmental Health Services, Shane Noon, and Water Treatment Officer, Scott Cosgrove, entered the Chamber at 10:45am to provide their reports.

Mr Brian Guthrie and Mr Graham King entered the Chamber at 10:46am and sat in the public gallery.

17.1 WATER, SEWERAGE & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

17.1.1 Water Report

Water and Sewerage Report for September 2008.

Noted by Council.

17.1.2 Relift Pump Station

Noted by Council.

17.1.3 Leakage report from Wide Bay Water

Noted by Council.

17.1.4 Sewerage Report

Noted by Council.

17.1.5 Mitakoodi Pump Station

Quotes are in for the construction of a new pump station for the Mitakoodi houses in Miles Street.

Defer until scope of works finalised and formal quotes recalled.

The Water Treatment Officer left the Chamber at 11:03am.

17.1.6 Environmental Health Report

See attached report from Councils contract Environmental Health Officer Kerry Graham.

Noted by Council.

17.1.7 Waste Management

Draft Waste Management Plan

Noted by Council.

17.1.8 Food Licences

17.1.8.1 Blue Care

Blue Care Cloncurry has applied for an exemption for their food licence as they are a Charitable Organisation. As long as Blue Care meets the Australian and New Zealand food standards there would be no objection from the Environmental Health department in Council granting the exemption.

Moved: Cr Mc Donald **Seconded: Cr Vernon**
That Council grants the exemption of the 2008/09 food licence fee to Blue Care.
CARRIED 01.081014

17.1.8.2 Food Licenses Inspections

Food licence premises will be inspected during the week of 20 October by Council's contract Environmental Health Officer.

Noted by Council.

17.1.9 Wild dogs

1080 baiting has taken place within the Cloncurry Shire. Wild dog scalp fliers were sent out with the baiting information. The baiting information was sent out by mail using the rates system so that every land owner received the baiting information.

Noted by Council.

17.1.10 Systematic inspection program

Advertised systematic inspection program

On 10 November 2008 we intend to conduct an approved systematic inspection program under the *Local Government Act 1993*, section 1101, Power of Entry under Approved Inspection Programs. This is to ensure that all aspects of the Local Law are complied with in relation to Keeping and Control of Animals. The program will run for 3 months, and will run from Monday to Friday at any reasonable time of day or night. The program will end on 10 February 2009.

Moved: Cr Vernon **Seconded: Cr Ferguson**
That Council carries out an advertised systematic inspection program from 10 November 2008 to 10 February 2009.
CARRIED 02.081014

The Manager of Water, Sewerage and Environmental Health Services left the Chamber at 11:25am.

Xstrata Copper's Senior Community Relations Officer, Vicki Wilson, entered the Chamber at 11:25am and sat in the public gallery.

Principal of PlanPac Group, Geoffrey Plante, entered the Chambers at 11:29am and sat in the public gallery.

17.2 ENGINEERING (WORKS) REPORT

17.2.1 Works Report - General

Works Report for September 2008.

Noted by Council.

17.2.2 2008/09 Reseal Program – Request for Additional Funds

Fully fund to the amount of $194,000 the projected cost of Council's contribution to the EHM1150 project via the unallocated Roads to Recovery funding included in the 2008/09 budget ($928,000 of these funds remain unallocated).

Moved: Cr Campbell **Seconded: Cr Vernon**
That $194,080.00 be allocated from the Roads To Recovery funding included in the 2008/09 budget to the projects as incorporated in this report.
CARRIED 03.081014

The Manager of Operations left the Chamber at 11:47am.

Cr Campbell left the Chamber at 11:48am.

Moved: Cr McDonald **Seconded: Cr Vernon**
That Council move into Committee to discuss local government matters.
CARRIED 04.081014

Vicki Wilson and Geoffrey Plante left the Chamber at 11:52am.

Council moved into committee at 11:52am.

Moved: Cr Vernon **Seconded: Cr McDonald**
That Council move into Committee to discuss local government matters.
CARRIED 05.081014

Council moved out of committee at 12:44pm.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 12:44pm, and reconvened at 1:32pm with all those previously in attendance present.During the adjournment Council made a presentation to the Cloncurry Justice Association of a cheque for $22,000 for their Cloncurry Night Patrol.

Geoff Plante entered the Chamber at 1:32pm and provided Council with a presentation of the services his firm offers. He left the Chamber at 1:56pm

Tony & Sandra McGrady, representing Lagoon Creek Resources, entered the Chamber at 1:57pm and provided Council with a presentation on the company. They left the Chamber at 2:34pm.

The Manager Community Development, Karen Elphick, entered the Chamber at 2:34pm to provide her report.

12.0 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

12.1 Community Development Report

Noted by Council.

12.2 North Queensland Sports Foundation

Dave Watt attended the recent AGM (3 October 2008) of the Foundation on behalf of council. This information provided by Dave Watt; his report tabled at the meeting.

Noted by Council.

12.3 Waive of fees at Shire Hall and Recreation Grounds

Cloncurry Shire Council Social Club is currently conducting social activities at both the Recreation Grounds and Shire Hall. These functions are for members and non members of staff and their partners/friends. Groups will be instructed to maintain the facilities in a clean and tidy state after each use.

The group use only the supper room at the Shire Hall and John Flynn Place Kiosk area at the Recreation Grounds, most functions are for less than 4 hours. The venues can only be used when not previously booked by another organisation.

Moved: Cr McDonald **Seconded: Cr Ferguson**
That Council support Cloncurry Shire Council Social Club by providing the venues free of charge for the respective social functions at the Recreation Grounds and Shire Hall.
CARRIED 06.081014

12.4 Recreation Grounds Master Plan

Funding application was successful from Blueprint for the Bush as part of Our Place Our Future Funding. The council will receive $20,000 toward consultant fees to create a Master Plan including architectural designs of the recommendations. Advertising for a tender is expected to commence end of November 2008. The users of the Recreation Grounds will be consulted and community throughout the process. It is expected the Master Plan will be completed May 2009.

Council was required to contribute to the project to a total of $20,000. The Plan will be a $40,000 project.

Noted by Council.

12.5 Waive of fees at Recreation Grounds

The PCYC is currently looking to conduct a softball competition to encourage sporting activity within Cloncurry and expand positive opportunities for children in the town.

The competition will be conducting between 18 October and December of 2008. They are requesting as it is for the community and they are a non for profit group to waive fees associated with the Recreation Grounds. They will be using the grounds for a short time approx 10am – 1130am every Saturday morning.

Moved: Cr Vernon **Seconded: Cr McDonald**
That Council support Cloncurry PCYC by providing the Recreation Grounds free of charge for the Softball competition between October and December 2008.
CARRIED 07.081014

12.6 Sponsorship of Jeffery Wilson

Noted by Council.

12.7 John Flynn Place Report

John Flynn Place Report for September 2008.

Noted by Council.

12.8 Mary Kathleen Park Report

Mary Kathleen Park Report for September 2008.

Noted by Council.

The Manager Community Development left the Chamber at 2:56pm.

The Acting Finance Manager, Des Ryan, and the Senior Finance Officer, Jo Green, entered the Chamber at 2:56pm to provide the Finance Report.

13.0 FINANCE REPORT

13.1 Schedule of Payments – September 2008

The schedule of payments to be noted cover operating fund account cheques and EFT debits as per the attached cheque register, totaling $1,021,184.36, for the period 1 September 2008 to 31 September 2008.

Moved: Cr McDonald **Seconded: Cr Ferguson**
That the payments as listed on the cheque register for the period 1 September 2008 to 30 September 2008 be noted.
CARRIED 08.081014

13.2 Financial Reports to 30 September 2008

The following financial reports for the three months ended 30 September 2008 are attached under separate cover:-

(1) Income Statement
(2) Balance Sheet
(3) Revenue and Expenditure Statement (Operating) - Summary
(4) Revenue and Expenditure Statement (Operating) - Detail
(5) Capital Expenditure – Detail -*Not available at present*
(6) Significant Variances -*Not available at present*
(7) Plant Operating Costs (year & life to date)

Moved: Cr McDonald **Seconded: Cr Vernon**
That the financial reports for the three months ended 30 September 2008 as provided be received.
CARRIED 09.081014

13.3 Financial Matters Report as at 30 September 2008

The attached report summarises some main financial matters as at 30 September 2008.

Noted by Council.

13.4 Queensland Treasury Corporation Cash Fund Account Statement September 2008

Noted by Council.

13.5 Rates Discount and interest: Properties of Mr Cox Assessment 00218-00000-000
Assessment 00648-00000-000

Mr Cameron Cox, the owner of 27 Gregory Street (assessment 00218-00000-000) and 25 Perkins Street (assessment 00648-00000-000), Cloncurry, has written to Council with a request to waive the interest and missed discounts for both of these properties.

Moved: Cr Ferguson **Seconded: Cr Vernon**
That Council not allow discount, but write off interest providing that the amount outstanding is paid within a week of the ratepayer being advised of Council's decision.
CARRIED 10.081014

13.6 Rates Discount and Interest: Oasis Hotel Assessment 00275-00000-000

The Director of Peace Investments (Oasis Hotel) Mr Barry Peace has written to Council with a request to waive the interest on outstanding rates for the Oasis Hotel.

Moved: Cr Vernon **Seconded: Cr McDonald**
That the discount and write off of interest not be allowed.
CARRIED 11.081014

The Acting Finance Manager and the Senior Finance Officer left the Chamber at 3:47pm.

14.0 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

14.1 Environmental Protection Agency, 8 August 2008 – Cloncurry Copper Project

Providing a copy of the draft Terms of Reference and inviting Council to participate as an advisory body in the environmental impact statement for the Cloncurry Copper Project.

A reply has been sent advising that Council wishes to participate.

Noted by Council.

14.2 Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, 12 September 2008 – Revised Cloncurry Shire Council TSP

Providing details and a copy of the approved revised Cloncurry Airport Transport Security Program.

Noted by Council.

14.3 Deanna Cartledge LGAQ, 2 September 2008 – Native title briefing

Providing details and a copy of the draft native title briefing paper for Council to consider. Also providing follow up information regarding the purchase of USL lots.

Moved: Cr McDonald **Seconded: Cr Vernon**
That Council adopt the local government group representative model for the purpose of native title negotiations, in accordance with the "Guidelines on the Provision of financial Assistance by the Attorney-General under the *Native Title Act 1993*"; and that Council join with other affected Councils to collectively commence native title negotiation with the Mitakoodi, Pitta Pitta and Kalkadoon native title claim groups.
CARRIED 12.081014

14.4 Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation 9 September 2008 – Review of model local laws

Providing information regarding the review of six draft model local laws.

Noted by Council.

14.5 Mount Isa Community Helicopter, 18 September 2008 – Funding proposal

Applying for financial sponsorship of $15,000.00 towards the operation of their helicopter. The formal submission will be tabled at the meeting for Council's information.

Also seeking Council's approval for landing of the helicopter on the soccer field at the recreation reserve.

Moved: Cr Vernon **Seconded: Cr McDonald**
That approval is given for the Mount Isa Community Helicopter to land on the soccer field at the recreation reserve during emergencies only; and that a one off contribution of $15,000.00 (excl. GST) be made to the Mount Isa Community Helicopter.
CARRIED 13.081014

14.6 Department of Mines and Energy, 15 September 2008 – Assignment of Mining Lease # (ML) 2640

Providing notification of the approval of Mining Lease Number (ML) 2640.

Noted by Council.

14.7 Cloncurry Touch Assoc, 18 September 2008 – Waiver of hire fees

Requesting Cloncurry Shire Council to waive fees of $825 for the hire of the Recreation Grounds.

Moved: Cr McDonald **Seconded: Cr Ferguson**
That the Ground hire fees of $825.00 be waived for the Cloncurry Touch Association.
CARRIED 14.081014

14.8 Department of Communities, 19 & 22 September 2008 – Cloncurry Multifunctional Child Care Centre

Providing confirmation that compliance issues at the Cloncurry Multifunctional Child Care Centre have now been rectified.

Noted by Council.

14.9 Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation, 22 September 2008 – Approval of financial assistance for Cloncurry Recreation Grounds Master Plan

Providing details of Council's successful application for financial assistance of up to $20,000.00 (GST inclusive) to develop a master plan for the Cloncurry Recreation Grounds.

Noted by Council.

14.10 RG Hardy, 19 September 2008 – Weir over Cloncurry River at old bridge

Request access to engineering or consultation reports regarding the construction of a weir across the Cloncurry River.

Noted by Council.

14.11 LGAQ, 19 September 2008 – Skilling Queenslanders for Work 2008/2009

Advising Council of the placements allocated under the Queensland Government's "Skilling Queenslanders for Work" employment initiatives for 2008/2009.

Noted by Council.

14.12 Southern Cross Fertilisers, 26 September 2008 – Indigenous Liaison Committee in Cloncurry

Proposing the use of the Shire Hall for the next Incitec Pivot's Indigenous Liaison Committee (ILC) on 5 November 2008.

Moved: Cr McDonald **Seconded: Cr Ferguson**
That the Shire Hall meeting room be provided free of charge for the ILC meeting in Cloncurry on 5 November 2008.
CARRIED 15.081014

14.13 NSQA, 20 September 2008 – 2008/09 Membership fees for Cloncurry Saleyards

Providing an invoice for the 2008/09 NSQA membership for the Cloncurry Saleyards.

Moved: Cr McDonald **Seconded: Cr Vernon**
That the invoice be approved.
CARRIED 16.081014

14.14 Barrick Gold Corp, 1 October 2008 – Objection to Rates Categorisation

Requesting a statement of reasons for the mining leases 90125, 90128 and 90183 being rated at Mining C and D when the operations should be under Mining A.

Noted by Council.

14.15 Burnett Hollingsworth, 1 October 2008 – Caretaker of Recreation Grounds

Informing Council that he will be leaving Cloncurry and will no longer able to undertake the role of caretaker of the Recreation Grounds. His final day will be on 31 October 2008.

Moved: Cr Daniels **Seconded: Cr Ferguson**
That Mr Hollingsworth be thanked for his caretaker contributions.
CARRIED 17.081014

14.16 Cloncurry Junior Soccer, 1 October 2008 – Waiver of hire fees

Requesting Cloncurry Shire Council to waive fees over the last two years for the hire of the Recreation Grounds. The Cloncurry Junior Soccer Club has not operated since late 2007 and will not be operating in 2009.

Moved: Cr McDonald **Seconded: Cr Ferguson**
That the ground hire fees of $420.00 be waived for the Cloncurry Junior Soccer Club.
CARRIED 18.081014

14.17 IES Resources, 1 October 2008 – Current AAB Combination permit on Trekalano Road

Requesting an amendment of the AAB Combination Permit to extend the approved route from Trekelano Turnoff to the intersection with the Cloncurry–Duchess Road. They also wish to make an application for the use of Tri-Drive Prime Movers between Phosphate Hill and the intersection with the Cloncurry-Duchess Road.

Moved: Cr McDonald **Seconded: Cr Ferguson**
That the amendment of the AAB Combination Permit to extend the approved route from Trekelano Turnoff to the intersection with the Cloncurry-Duchess Road be approved on the same conditions as the previous approval.
CARRIED 19.081014

14.18 Department of Emergency Services, 1 October 2008 – District Disaster Management meeting

Providing information on the date for the next District Disaster Management meeting. The meeting will be held at Q Build (Traders Way) on 26 November 2008 commencing at 9:30am. There will be a conference call available for the members outside of Mount Isa, number and time to be advised.

Providing a copy of the report template. As per the Act functional agencies are required to report to the DDC on the activities of their particular agency.

Noted by Council.

14.19 Minister for Main Roads and Local Government, 1 October 2008 – Invitation to Mt Isa Cluster Workshop

Providing an invitation to the initial regional collaboration workshop to be held on 21 November 2008 from 10:00am to 3:30pm in Mount Isa.

Noted by Council.

14.20 Australian Local Government Association, 29 September 2008 – Local Government Constitutional Summit 8-11December, Melbourne

Providing information on the Local Government Constitutional Summit – A Special National General Assembly on 8-11 December 2008 in Melbourne.

Full program information and online registration can be found on the Constitutional Recognition website http://www.alga.asn.au/constitutionalrecognition/summit.php

Noted by Council.

14.21 Sarah Chaplain - Red Rock Motel, 3 October 2008 – Discounted rate payment

Requesting Council accept the discounted rate payment for Red Rock Motel, lodged one day late on 3 October 2008.

Moved: Cr Daniels **Seconded: Cr McDonald**
That due to the circumstances, discount be allowed in this instance.
CARRIED 20.081014

14.22 Cloncurry State School, 7 October 2008 – Ongoing Support of Chaplaincy

Requesting $10,000.00 in financial support towards the Local Chaplaincy Committee for the financial year 2008/09. Also reminding Council of the Annual Fundraising Dinner, scheduled for Thursday 16 October 2008.

Moved: Cr Daniels **Seconded: Cr Vernon**
That Council approve the financial support of $7,500.00 towards the Local Chaplaincy Committee.
CARRIED 21.081014

14.23 Rotary Club of Cloncurry Inc., 1 October 2008 – 2009 Cloncurry Rotary Merry Muster

Seeking approval to hold Air Show in conjunction with the Merry Muster on 31 July, 1 and 2 August 2009. Also providing a copy of the preliminary program of events for 2009.

Noted by Council.

16.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business

17.0 LATE ITEMS REPORT

Previously addressed in the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 4:27pm.