



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CIVIC CENTRE
101 GOONDOON STREET, GLADSTONE**

On 17 August 2021

Commencing at 9.00am

**Leisa Dowling
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 17 AUGUST 2021

Elected Members

Councillor - Mayor M J Burnett
Councillor G G Churchill (via teams)
Councillor K Goodluck
Councillor R A Hansen
Councillor D V O'Grady
Councillor C A Trevor - left the meeting at 9:30am
Councillor N Muszkat (via teams)
Councillor C Cameron
Councillor D Branthwaite

Officers

Mrs L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer)
Mrs R Millett (Executive Secretary)
Mrs B Saunders (Manager Governance)
Mr M Holmes (General Manager Finance Governance and Risk)
Mr M Francis (General Manager Strategic Asset Performance)
Mr R Huth (General Manager Customer Experience)
Mr J Tumbers (General Manager Operations)
Ms C Quinn (General Manager Strategy and Transformation)
Ms K Lee (General Manager Community Development and Events)

G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

Nil.

G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cr Trevor

Councillor Chris Trevor advised that he has a declarable conflict of interest in Agenda Item G/3.4 2021-22 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES DOCUMENT as this item includes the Jumpstart City Heart Harbour Arbour and Cr Trevor leases a premises at 62 Goondoon Street, Gladstone and owns properties in the City Heart with his wife, Colleen Trevor as directors of Warabale Pty Ltd.

Cr Trevor left the meeting room whilst this matter was considered and voted on.

G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

I would like to give a huge shout out to the team at the Gladstone Ports Corporation, all the volunteers and sponsors involved Port to Park. The first Port to Park, taking over from the Botanic to Bridge, was a huge success with thousands of people turning up to East Shores and joining the fun run and participating in that event and raising funds for local schools and their beneficiaries as well. I was there and completed the 3km run, next year I might try the 9km, but it was a fantastic event and it was good to see everybody out and about on the weekend.

Coming up in the Gladstone region, on Saturday 28 August 2021 is the Gladstone Multicultural Festival at the Tondoon Botanic Gardens. It's good to see events kicking off in our region again. And Spring in the Vale 2021 in Miriam Vale is happening on the same weekend.

Today is our first meeting back in the Council Chambers with the public gallery and I'd like to welcome back John and Tex to our public gallery. I think it is a significant day today with the public gallery and live streaming, it's the first time for Gladstone Regional Council to have both, and I would like to give a shout out to former Councillor PJ Sobhanian, who called on council to live stream our council meeting and it is his birthday today as well, so it is appropriate that on PJ's birthday we welcome the gallery back and live streaming. So happy birthday PJ, your wish is now happening.

Tonight I will be heading to the Discovery Coast Tourism Commerce meeting, where I will be presenting and catching up with locals and Stockwell will be giving their update on their activities and developments in Agnes Water.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 3 AUGUST 2021

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Council Meeting Date: 17 August 2021

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 3 August 2021.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 3 August 2021 be confirmed.

GM/21/4574 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Cameron

Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/3.1. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 28 JULY 2021

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Council Meeting Date: 17 August 2021

File Ref: FM15.1

Purpose:

This report seeks Council adoption of the Monthly Financial Statements for the 2021-22 year to date, for the period ended 28 July 2021.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Statements attached to the officer's report for the 2021-22 year to date, for the period ended 28 July 2021 as required under Section 204 Local Government Regulation 2012.

GM/21/4575 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr Goodluck

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3.2. GLADSTONE AIRPORT CORPORATION STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT FINANCIAL YEAR 2022

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Council Meeting Date: 17 August 2021

File Ref: FM19.1

Purpose:

This report seeks Council consideration of the Gladstone Airport Corporation's Statement of Corporate Intent for the 2021/2022 financial year.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council endorse the Gladstone Airport Corporation's Statement of Corporate Intent 2022, with amendment to reflect correction to the Financial Statements to reflect appropriate handling of loan ERA fee.

GM/21/4576 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Goodluck

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3.3. 2020/21 OPERATIONAL PLAN - FINAL REPORT

Responsible Officer: General Manager Strategy and Transformation

Council Meeting Date: 17 August 2021

File Ref: CM 14.2

Purpose:

To present Council with the final performance report on the 2020/21 Operational Plan ending 30 June 2021.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council note the 2020/21 Operational Plan Final Report and the report be published on Council's website.

GM/21/4577 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

GM/21/4578 Procedural Motion:

Moved Cr O'Grady
Seconded Cr Goodluck

That the Chair alter the Order of Business so that Item G/3.4 2021-22 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES DOCUMENT is considered last to allow Councillor Trevor to participate in other agenda items prior to his leave at 9:30am.

CARRIED

G/3.5. REGIONAL QUEENSLAND COUNCIL OF MAYORS - MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Council Meeting Date: 17 August 2021

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

This report allows Council to consider an invitation to become a member of the Regional Queensland Council of Mayors Incorporated (RQCOM).

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council decline the membership invitation from the Regional Queensland Council of Mayors Incorporated.

GM/21/4579 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Trevor
Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3.6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Council Meeting Date: 17 August 2021

File Ref: CM6.1

Purpose:

To confirm Councillor conference delegates for attendance at the Annual Conference of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) to be held on 25-27 October 2021 at Mackay.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council authorise Cr _____ and Cr _____ to attend as Council's Conference delegates at the LGAQ Annual Conference to be held on 25-27 October 2021 in Mackay.

GM/21/4580 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Trevor

Seconded Cr O'Grady

That Council authorise Mayor Burnett and Cr Muszkat to attend as Council's Conference delegates at the LGAQ Annual Conference to be held on 25-27 October 2021 in Mackay with Cr Goodluck to be proxy for the Mayor where required.

CARRIED

G/3.7. 2021 NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS & TRANSPORT CONGRESS

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Council Meeting Date: 17 August 2021

File Ref: CM6.1

Purpose:

To consider Council representatives for attendance at the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National Local Roads Transport Congress in Wrest Point, Tasmania on 8-9 November 2021.

Original Officer's Recommendation:

That Council authorise Mayor Burnett, Cr _____, Cr _____ & Cr _____ to attend the National Local Roads Transport Congress in Wrest Point, Tasmania 8-9 November 2021, noting that Mayor Burnett will be attending as Vice President of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).

It was noted that advice was received prior to the meeting but after the agenda was published notifying that this event would not include physical attendance. Therefore, an updated officers recommendation was verbally advised as below.

Updated Officer's Recommendation:

That Council take no action on agenda item G/3.7 2021 NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS & TRANSPORT CONGRESS.

GM/21/4581 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen

Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4. DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Mayor Matt Burnett thanked the 57 employees who celebrated their long service milestones at Council. Mayor Burnett mentioned that 25 employees celebrated 10 years of service, 14 employees celebrated 15 years of service, 11 employees celebrated 20 years of services, 4 employees celebrating 25 years, 2 employees celebrating 30 years, Joanne Webb and Rod Storey and 1 employee, who was present in the gallery, celebrating 35 years, which is General Manager Customer Experience, Rob Huth. Mayor Burnett congratulated Rob on 35 years of service. Mayor Burnett noted that collectively it is 875 years of combined service from those 57 employees to the community.

Councillor Glenn Churchill noted that following the announcement from the Northern Territory Chief Health Officer in relation to Darwin, the Developing Northern Australia Conference was converted to a virtual conference and Cr Churchill and Council's Economic Development Specialist Officer, Garry Scanlan, promptly left Darwin and were currently isolating pending instruction and direction from the Queensland Government. Cr Churchill thanked all involved in organising their prompt return to Gladstone. Cr Churchill further noted that a suggestion will be put to the conference organisers to post pone the conference rather than hold it virtually.

G/6. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

G/3.4. 2021-22 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES DOCUMENT

Responsible Officer: General Manager Strategy & Transformation

Council Meeting Date: 17 August 2021

File Ref:

Councillor Trevor (declared Conflict of Interest) left the room for Agenda Item G/3.4 and did not participate in the decision.

(refer G/0/3.4 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes – page 5)

Purpose:

To seek Council's endorsement of the 2021-22 Strategic Priorities document.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council endorse the 2021-22 Strategic Priorities document.

GM/21/4582 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr O'Grady

Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There being no further business the Mayor formally closed the meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:45am

CERTIFICATION

I hereby confirm that I have read the minutes and they are a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting. I certify that these 18 pages form the official copy of Gladstone Regional Council General Meeting Minutes of the 17 August 2021.

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Mayor Matt Burnett

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Date