



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

On Tuesday 6 August 2024

Commencing at 9.00am

**Leisa Dowling
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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Elected Members

Councillor - Mayor M Burnett (via teams)
Councillor G Churchill (via teams)
Councillor K Goodluck
Councillor M Wagner
Councillor K Davis (via teams)
Councillor M Holzheimer
Councillor S McClintock
Councillor L Patrick

Officers

M Holmes (General Manager Finance Governance and Risk)
R Millett (Executive Secretary)
T Whalley (Manager Governance and Risk)
C Quinn (General Manager People and Strategy)
K Lee (General Manager Community and Lifestyle)
J Tumbers (General Manager Operations)
M Francis (General Manager Assets and Environment)
R Huth (General Manager Customer Experience)
L Kroese (Manager Strategy and Improvement, Acting)
J Rossow (Manager Contracts and Procurement, Acting)

G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

GM/24/5290 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr McClintock

That an apology for Cr Muszkat be received.

CARRIED

G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

Nil

G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cr Goodluck

Councillor Kahn Goodluck declared a prescribed conflict of interest in Agenda Item G/3.1. BOYNE TANNUM ARTS BUSINESS COMMUNITY deputation as he is the president of the Boyne Tannum Arts Business Community (BTABC).

Cr Goodluck advised that he would leave the meeting room for the consideration of Agenda Item G/3.1.

Cr Churchill

Councillor Glenn Churchill declared a declarable conflict of interest in Agenda Item G/3.1. BOYNE TANNUM ARTS BUSINESS COMMUNITY deputation to provide information about future sites of Under the Trees Music and Arts Festival. Cr Churchill is a member of the International Percussion Society and an active member of a Country Rock and Rhythm Band called SAND.

SAND is made up of local musicians who perform a variety of gigs for community, corporate, charities, fundraisers and also negotiated contract performance agreements. SAND has performed at and for BTABC's Beach Arts Music event on a number of occasions with another in the near future.

Cr Churchill advised that as these performances are a fair and reasonable remunerated gig with BTABC he would leave the meeting room for consideration of Agenda Item G/3.1.

Cr Patrick

Councillor Leanne Patrick declared a declarable conflict of interest in Agenda Item G/3.1. BOYNE TANNUM ARTS BUSINESS COMMUNITY deputation as her husband's business, McDonald's Boyne Island, is a financial member of the BTABC.

Cr Patrick advised that although she has a declarable conflict of interest, she believes she would reasonably be perceived to be impartial because:

- whether or not the BTABC is successful in their application would not have a significant impact on McDonald's Boyne Island; and
- McDonald's Boyne Island stands to gain no greater benefit than any other member of the BTABC.

Cr Patrick requested to remain in the meeting room and participate in the debate and decision-making for Agenda Item G/3.1.

GM/24/5291 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Holzheimer
Seconded Cr Wagner

That notwithstanding Cr Patrick's declarable conflict of interest, it is in the public interest for Cr Patrick to remain in the room and participate in the decision without restriction.

CARRIED

For the Motion: Cr McClintock, Cr Holzheimer, Cr Davis, Cr Wagner, Mayor Burnett

Against the Motion: Nil

Ineligible: Cr Goodluck, Cr Churchill, Cr Patrick

Absent: Cr Muszkat

Mayor Burnett

Mayor Matt Burnett declared a prescribed conflict of interest in Agenda Item G/4.2. CONTESTABLE ENERGY - LARGE SITES as he is a director and acting President of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) and the Agenda item considers a contract between Council and Peak Services.

Mayor Burnett advised that he would leave the meeting room for the consideration of Agenda Item G/4.2.

G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

I would like to mention a few things that have happened in our region in the past few weeks. The opening of the GP Ultra Hub, which is fantastic news for Gladstone in the Valley Shopping Centre. At the same time, Glenn Butcher, Member for Gladstone, announced that there will be a nurse lead clinic opening up next door as well, which is also fantastic news in terms of health services. One of our key strategic priorities for Council is delivering more health services and obviously that is fantastic to see that Ultra Hub open. We have already seen this organisation run the buses out to the Boyne Valley and other places in the region, and also the opening of their facility in Calliope, which is great for Calliope. It is great to see this practice expanding into Gladstone city as well.

The opening of the Roseberry Housing and Homelessness Hub at Roseberry Community Services happened in July as well.

Councillor Simon McClintock and myself participated in the Boyne Valley 50. Cr McClintock did very well doing 25kms. Well done Cr McClintock. And I did survive the 12km.

We had the launch of the Gladstone Region Liveability campaign on Monday 22 July 2024 which has been an awesome advocacy tool for the Gladstone Region in terms of promoting our region and attracting those core services to our region. I would like to thank Casey McGuire and everyone who is involved in that. We are very fortunate to have some amazing talent in house at Council that was able to produce that, but also some fantastic volunteers in our community as well that helped put that Liveability campaign together. If anyone hasn't seen it, you should check it out. You'll be glad you made it and glad you visited. It is really a great campaign.

The Central Queensland University (CQU) and Sunshine Hydro Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed on Wednesday 24 July 2024.

We launched our Access and Inclusion Action Plan at Lions Park last Wednesday (31 July 2024).

Orica celebrated 150 years (35 years in Gladstone). Congratulations to the team at Orica. 150 years is a significant milestone for any company anywhere in the world and of course being in Gladstone for more than 3 decades is also fantastic.

Events coming up. We have the Mayor's Youth Dinner, which is tomorrow night (Wednesday 7 August 2024). We have over 300 young people in our community who will be attending. We are acknowledging them for their involvement in our community whether it is in sport, academic, cultural or volunteering. Some fantastic young champions in our community that will be acknowledged tomorrow night.

The Small Business Friendly Council launch next Tuesday (13 August 2024) with the Gladstone Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCl). Symphony Under the Stars is on Friday 16 August 2024. Vietnam Veterans Day is Sunday 18 August 2024. And CQU have their open day on Thursday 22 August 2024. There are a few other events coming up but another big one for the Gladstone Region is the PopCon Art competition which closes soon on Thursday 23 August 2024.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES FOR 16 JULY 2024

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 6 August 2024

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the Special Budget Meeting held on 16 July 2024.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Special Budget Meeting of Council held on 16 July 2024 be confirmed.

GM/24/5292 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Goodluck

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/2.2. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 16 JULY 2024

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 6 August 2024

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 16 July 2024.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 16 July 2024 be confirmed.

GM/24/5293 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr McClintock

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/2.3. CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES 30 JULY 2024

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 6 August 2024

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 30 July 2024.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 30 July 2024 be confirmed.

GM/24/5294 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Wagner

Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3. DEPUTATIONS

G/3.1. BOYNE TANNUM ARTS BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 6 August 2024

File Ref: CM7.6

Cr Goodluck (prescribed conflict of interest) and Cr Churchill (declarable conflict of interest) left the room for Agenda Item G/3.1. and did not participate in the decision.
(refer G/0.3.1. Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes - page 4)

Purpose:

For Boyne Tannum Arts Business Community to provide information regarding the Under The Trees Music and Arts Festival.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the deputation from Boyne Tannum Arts Business Community be received.

GM/24/5295 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr McClintock

Seconded Cr Davis

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

For the Motion: Cr McClintock, Cr Davis, Cr Holzheimer, Cr Patrick, Cr Wagner, Mayor Burnett

Against the Motion: Nil

Ineligible: Cr Goodluck, Cr Churchill

Absent: Cr Muszkat

Councillor Karen Davis left the meeting.

GM/24/5296 Procedural Motion:

Moved Mayor Burnett

Seconded Cr Churchill

That Councillor Goodluck chair the remainder of the meeting.

CARRIED

G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/4.1. ENDORSEMENT OF GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL 2024/25 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Responsible Officer: General Manager People and Strategy

Prepared By: Manager Strategy Improvement, Acting

Council Meeting Date: 6 August 2024

File Ref: ED6.1

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the proposed Strategic Priorities publication for 2024/25.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council endorses the 2024/25 Strategic Priorities for publication and advocacy as:

- Renewable Energy and the Transitioning Economy
- Health
- Housing
- Skills Development and Retention
- Regional Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure
- Waste
- Establishing the Royal Navy Fleet Base North - Port of Gladstone
- Gladstone Heavy Vehicle and Oversize Overmass Load Transport Corridor
- Inland Rail Extension to the Port of Gladstone
- Boyne Tannum Aquatic Recreation Centre (BTARC)
- Harvey Road Sports and Events Precinct
- Harbour Arbour

GM/24/5297 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Patrick

Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.2. CONTESTABLE ENERGY - LARGE SITES

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Manager Contracts and Procurement

Council Meeting Date: 6 August 2024

File Ref: FM21.1

**Mayor Burnett (prescribed conflict of interest)
left the room for Agenda Item G/3.1. and did not participate in the decision.
(refer G/0.3.1. Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes - page 5)**

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on the joint Council contestable energy supply agreement for large sites and seek endorsement of a further term.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council endorses the Chief Executive Officer's actions in accepting the best value price offered by Shell Energy for contestable electricity supply for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

GM/24/5298 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Patrick
Seconded Cr Churchill

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

For the Motion: Cr McClintock, Cr Holzheimer, Cr Patrick, Cr Wagner, Cr Goodluck, Cr Churchill

Against the Motion: Nil

Ineligible: Mayor Burnett

Absent: Cr Muszkat, Cr Davis

G/4.3. TENDER 122-24 - MAINTENANCE DOCUMENTATION

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Manager Contracts and Procurement (Acting)

Council Meeting Date: 6 August 2024

File Ref: FM21.1

Purpose:

This report seeks resolution from Council to enter into contracts with Assetivity Ptd and MBMpl Pty Ltd for separable portions of the Development of Maintenance Documentation.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Endorse the Tender Evaluation Team's recommendation to enter into a contract for:
 - a. The development of maintenance documentation for water and wastewater assets and corporate and community facilities with Assetivity Pty Ltd.
 - b. The development of maintenance documentation for Parks and vegetation (infrastructure assets, cemeteries, horticulture) and Waste assets with MBMpl Pty Ltd.

2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to the contracts.

GM/24/5299 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr Churchill

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.4. AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY 17 APRIL 2024

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Principal Internal Auditor

Council Meeting Date: 6 August 2024

File Ref: CM26.2

Purpose:

To provide a written report of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held 17 April 2024, pursuant to section 211(1)(c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council receive the summary of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting that was held on 17 April 2024.

GM/24/5300 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Wagner
Seconded Cr Patrick

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.5. AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY 12 JUNE 2024

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Principal Internal Auditor

Council Meeting Date: 6 August 2024

File Ref: CM26.2

Purpose:

To provide a written report of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held 12 June 2024, pursuant to section 211(1)(c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council receive the summary of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting that was held on 12 June 2024.

GM/24/5301 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Wagner
Seconded Cr Patrick

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Mayor Burnett congratulated our Olympians; Natalya Diehm for her bronze medal in the BMX Freestyle and Jack Cartwright for his silver medal in the men's 4 x 100 freestyle relay swimming. And wished Peyton Craig, who will be running in the 800m tomorrow night (Wednesday 7 August 2024), all the best.

G/6. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

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

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.09am.