



**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
12 MAY 2014**

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 12 MAY 2014 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL, 64 FITZROY STREET, WARWICK AT 1.35PM

1. ATTENDANCE

Present: Crs Blundell (Chair), Bartley, Gow, Ingram, Mackenzie, McNally, Meiklejohn, Pennisi and Rees.

Officers: Andrew Roach (Chief Executive Officer), Eric Kraak (Acting Director Engineering Services), Ken Harris (Director Planning & Environment), David Tuxford (Director Business & Community Services)

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item No	Item Precise	Nature of Conflict
4.1	Draft Corporate Plan 2014-2019	Cr Gow declared a real conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>) due to his family making a financial contribution to the irrigator component of Emu Swamp Dam project and dealt with the real conflict of interest by leaving the meeting room, taking no part in the debate or decision on item 6.8 in the draft Corporate Plan.
4.2	Warwick Aerodrome	Cr McNally declared that a real conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>) due to ownership of a property in Route 5 of the proposed 110kw Ergon power line between Warwick and Stanthorpe and dealt with the real conflict of interest by leaving the meeting room, taking no part in the debate or decision on this matter.

4. BUSINESS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

4.1 BCS - Draft Corporate Plan 2014-2019

Resolution

Moved Cr N Meiklejohn

Seconded Cr C Gow

THAT Council adopt the content for the 2014/2019 Corporate Plan for Southern Downs Regional Council effective from 1 July 2014 with the exception of Item 6.8.

Carried

Cr Gow declared a real conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*) due to his family making a financial contribution to the irrigator component of Emu Swamp Dam project and dealt with the real conflict of interest by leaving the meeting room, taking no part in the debate or decision on item 6.8 in the draft Corporate Plan.

4.1.1 Draft Corporate Plan 2014-2019 Item 6.8

Resolution

Moved Cr N Meiklejohn

Seconded Cr D Ingram

THAT Council adopt Item 6.8 of the 2014/2019 Corporate Plan for Southern Downs Regional Council effective from 1 July 2014.

Carried

Cr. Gow rejoined the meeting.

Attachments

Draft Corporate Plan 2014-2019 (p5)

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4.2 Warwick Aerodrome

Resolution

Moved Cr R Bartley

Seconded Cr G Rees

THAT Council:-

- 1 Confirm its position to pursue development of the Aerodrome by providing incentives for new businesses from Toowoomba and Archerfield.
- 2 Pursue an upgraded classification of the aerodrome from its current rating of 2(c) to 3(c) with CASA.
- 3 Write to Ergon to ask for compliance of the CASA 3(c) rating, including maximum distance of all obstacles from the facility.
- 4 Lobby the State Minister for Energy and Local Member, Hon Lawrence Springborg, to ensure that the Warwick Aerodrome is not impeded in any way into future for its growth.

Carried

Cr. McNally rejoined the Meeting.

Meeting In Camera

The Meeting moved into closed session at 2.35pm.

Moved Cr D Ingram

Seconded Cr J Mackenzie

Meeting Out Of Camera

Recommendation

THAT the meeting resume in open session at 2.47pm.

5. ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

5.1 Request for Financial Contribution for Submission of a Proposal for a Pilot Project to fund Regional Development of Road Infrastructure Renewals and Upgrades.

Resolution

Moved Cr J McNally

Seconded Cr N Meiklejohn

THAT Council not fund this request but the offer of continued support of this lobbying process will continue.

Carried

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.48pm

ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTE ITEMS
for the
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

12 MAY 2014

4.1	BCS - Draft Corporate Plan 2014-2019	
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1. The Southern Downs Sense of Community

1.1 Review levels of service delivery to our region

1.2 Continually monitor and evaluate all Council operations and commission independent surveys of client/customer satisfaction levels

1.3 Council continues to remain informed about matters that affect the community.

1.4 Review the Southern Downs Community Plan and Community Engagement Strategy in consultation with other key stakeholders including other levels of Governments

1.5 Participate in the development of a Community Safety Plan with State Government Agencies

1.6 Continue to record and protect all significant heritage and cultural sites and structures

1.7 Partner with agencies to develop, enhance, promote and implement services for young people, people with a disability and our ageing residents.

1.8 Review Council's long term involvement in Council housing

1.9 Provide assistance to community groups to make them more self-sustainable and build the social capacity of the SDR by facilitating community initiatives

1.10 Develop and Implement Councils public consultation policies

1.11 Review all cemetery services including determining the viability of above ground vault construction

1.12 Establish community service obligations in relation to water, sewerage, roads etc. to precede the levels of service to clarify expectations.

1.13 Develop and promote our unique artistic and cultural diversity

1.14 Utilise and maintain CCTV cameras as one strategy to address identified public safety issues

Implement and Review the following agreed Plans and Strategies:

- The Southern Downs 2030 Community Plan
- Youth Action Plan
- Arts, Culture and Heritage Policy
- Public Art Policy

2. The Healthy and Active Southern Downs

2.1 Provide sport and recreation opportunities to encourage a healthier lifestyle for residents in the region.

2.2 Continue to upgrade pathways throughout the region to encourage increased walking and cycling by residents and visitors in accordance with the Footway and Bikeway Master Plan

2.3 Complete, implement and review a Sport and Recreation Master Plan

2.4 Implement the Morgan Park Master plan including: a) Recycled water, b) 1/4 mile drag way racing strip, c) Infrastructure development of water and sewerage through increased demand, d) Expansion through the acquisition of adjoining State land.

3. The Southern Downs Learning Community

3.1 Investigate opportunities for additional tertiary education in the region (e.g. USQ MOU)

3.2 Further develop libraries to become active community hubs of learning and social inclusion

3.3 Continue to work with external agencies to deliver learning opportunities (e.g. U3A, Men's Shed)

3.4 Lobbying state government for improved state secondary educational opportunities and/or facilities in the Southern Downs

3.5 Ensure that library services reflect agreed State Library standards.

4. The Economically Strong, Sustainable and Diverse Southern Downs

4.1 Identify new external revenue sources to fund regional infrastructure and services

4.2 Participate in the development of a fire trail implementation and maintenance program with other agencies.

4.3 Protect our prime agricultural land for sustainable primary industry use

4.4 Continue to provide development assessment, operational works, building, plumbing, regulatory, health and Local Law services in accordance with legislative requirements, community expectations and to ensure the protection of the environment and our community

4.5 Rationalise and provide appropriate levels of service to the parks and gardens network and flora reserves/wildlife corridors.

4.6 Investigate alternative uses of the Warwick TAFE facilities for other suitable activities.

4.7 Lobby State and Federal Governments on issues of concern to the regional community.

4.8 Maximise private and government funding opportunities to foster both community and business growth throughout the region.

4.9 Review and expand the amount of serviced land available for Industrial growth and development, including land for special industry and develop strategies for the expansion of key Council infrastructure to allow for this growth including opportunities for Council funding of this infrastructure.

4.10 Explore the establishment of Council quarries in the region to enable the delivery of economically viable process construction and maintenance projects

4.11 Further develop and foster the strategic alliance between SDRC and TSC and investigate opportunities with other neighbouring councils

4.12 Explore potential efficiencies and opportunities for Council's operations

4.13 Investigate strategies for the provision of infrastructure for villages.

Implement and Review the following agreed Plans and Strategies:

- Public Car Park Plan
- Economic Development Strategy
- Planning Scheme for the Southern Downs Regional Council

5. Destination Southern Downs

5.1 Investigate opportunities for funding 'Streetscaping' Stanthorpe and Allora in terms of beautification, safety, accessibility and services.

5.2 Assist in development and promotion of appropriate marketing brands for the Southern Downs Regional Council

5.3 Review Councils role in Tourism

6. The Environmentally Sustainable Southern Downs

6.1 Promote education and environmental awareness programs in relation to water conservation and wastewater recycling for both industry and residents.

6.2 Investigate appropriate waste water services and systems.

6.3 Construct new Waste transfer Stations at Broadwater, Amiens, Greymare, Forest Springs, Ballandean and to service the Northern Granite Belt in accordance with the Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan. Upgrade the existing Waste Transfer Stations at Leyburn and Pratten and upgrade the Yangan Landfill and construct a major new landfill cell at the Warwick Waste Management Facility. Close unmanned waste facilities following the construction of new facilities.

6.4 Implement innovative measures to reduce Council's energy use and carbon emissions

6.5 Protect the natural environment of reserves under Council control via strategic natural resource management.

6.6 Develop and manage the urban stormwater systems.

6.7 Secure a sustainable, reliable water supply to support industry and population growth.

6.8 Develop and review current plans for Emu Swamp Dam including the associated risk management strategies.

6.9 Continue to promote, educate and implement awareness and best practice waste collection, recycling, environmental health and environmental protection strategies

Implement and Review the following agreed Plans and Strategies:

- Waste Management Strategy

7.The Well-Connected Southern Downs

7.1 Develop a Regional Transport Strategy encompassing - Road, Air and Rail

7.2 Lobby State and National Governments to enhance and develop key transport gateways and freight links including public transport

7.3 Review and implement strategies to allow for the expansion of aviation activities at both aerodromes.

7.4 Lobby relevant authorities in regards to the upgrade of the Mt Lindsay Highway to a safe and accessible highway

7.5 Lobby Department Of Main Roads to Identify the corridor for a Warwick Heavy Vehicle bypass

7.6 Facilitate a transport infrastructure network that provides adequate accessibility across the region

7.7 Develop and enhance key strategic alliances with the Department of Main Roads and other key partners.

7.8 To provide well maintained sealed and unsealed roads, including footpaths and stormwater drainage, to determined levels of service as defined in the Asset management plan

7.9 Provide an economically sustainable timber bridge replacement program

7.10 Analyse current roads and other associated infrastructure to determine priorities.

8.The Well-Governed Southern Downs

8.1 Review the Planning Scheme in accordance with the new Planning Act

8.2 Develop and implement policies and procedures to effectively manage HR resources and practices across the entire Southern Downs organisation

8.3 Continue to promote and encourage a proactive approach to workplace health and safety.

8.4 Develop a procedure to ensure all lobbying processes are reported and completed.

8.5 Develop and implement a Native Title and Cultural Heritage Policy

8.6 Develop and implement customer focussed policies and processes in keeping with Council's commitment to customer service

8.7 Become an employer of choice - appropriate training, innovative leadership and improved career pathways

8.8 Use info management, communication and technology to provide and support modern delivery of services to Council and the region

8.9 Continue to develop accurate flood mapping studies

8.10 Investigate Council vs. contractor for delivery of services

8.11 Review depot/workshop operations including development of master plan

8.12 Develop and implement council land management strategies

8.13 Review plant strategy (own or lease)

8.14 Manage and develop SDRC's disaster management and recovery responsibilities

8.15 Implement a website for council's disaster management, including ability to notify the community using available technology

8.16 Update existing Asset Management Plans and develop meaningful new asset management plans for the remaining major assets.

8.17 Implement an ongoing review of the rating system encompassing benefited rate areas

8.18 Review pest management services in accordance with legislative requirements, community expectations and to ensure the protection of the environment.

8.19 Continue to promote and encourage a proactive approach to risk management, including business continuity

8.20 Provide and maintain appropriate security measures to protect council's assets (buildings, plants, sites etc).

8.21 Implement a video conferencing solution to allow constituents to connect with council's officers.

8.22 Provide and maintain WiFi functionality within council's administrative buildings, with some free access from the public where feasible.

8.23 Upgrade council's network structure between council's main administration buildings and other minor sites (Stanthorpe depot, pounds, cemeteries etc).

Implement and Review the following agreed Plans and Strategies:

- 10-year Financial Plan (Investment policy, debts policy, procurement policy, revenue policy)
- Disaster Management Plan
- Asset Management Plan
- Risk Management Plan
- Pest Management Plan and ensure compliance with the new Biosecurity Act
- Review Infrastructure Charging
- Local Laws and Regulatory functions