



**MINUTES OF THE  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
27 JANUARY 2021**

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF  
SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2021  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL,  
61 MARSH STREET, STANTHORPE AT 9:00AM**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY**

**1. PRAYERS & CONDOLENCES**

Pastor Jeremy Greening offered a prayer for the meeting and acknowledged condolences.

**2. ATTENDANCE**

Present: Crs Pennisi (Chair), Bartley, Gale, Gliori, Gow, McDonald, McNally, Tancred and Windle

Officers: Dave Burges (Chief Executive Officer), Brook March (Manager Human Resources – via Telephone) for Executive Service Reports, Shannon Aspinall (Senior Finance Coordinator), Peter Gribbin (Manager Corporate and Commercial Services) and Belinda Armstrong (Community Service Coordinator) for Corporate and Commercial Services Reports, Seren McKenzie (Director Infrastructure Services) and Tony Butler (Manager Parks and Operations) for Infrastructure Services Reports, Jane Stroud (Director Sustainable Development), Craig Magnussen (Manager Environmental and Regulatory Services), Angela O'Mara (Manager Strategic Planning and Prosperity) for Sustainable Development Reports and Marion Seymour (Minute Secretary)

**3. APOLOGIES**

Nil

**4. READING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Ordinary Council Meeting - 16 December 2020**

**Resolution**

**Moved Cr A Gale**

**Seconded Cr C McDonald**

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16 December 2020 be adopted.

**Carried**

**4.2 Special Council Meeting - 20 January 2021**

**Resolution**

**Moved Cr M Gliori**

**Seconded Cr C McDonald**

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20 January 2021 be adopted.

**Carried**

## 5. ACTIONS FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

### 5.1 Actions from Council Meeting

#### Resolution

Moved Cr S Tancred

Seconded Cr A Gale

THAT Council receive the reports and note the contents.

**Carried**

## 6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item No	Item Precise	Nature of Conflict
11.3	COVID Pandemic Financial Implications Update	Cr Tancred declared a declarable conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in Section 150EF(3) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> ) as he anticipates that he will be submitting a development application in the coming year. The CEO has clarified with legal advice that I have a declarable conflict of interest. As a result of Cr Tancred's conflict, he will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.
12.12	Saleyards Advisory Committee Minutes	Cr McDonald declared a declarable conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in Section 150ES(3) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> ) due to three complaints being lodged against her in regard to a possible conflict of interest with her occupation as a farmer and being on the Saleyards Advisory Committee. Although Cr McDonald has a declarable conflict of interest, she does not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias because of her occupation and being a member of the Saleyards Advisory Committee. Therefore, Cr McDonald will choose to remain in the meeting. However, she will respect the decision of the meeting on whether she can remain and participate in the decision. Following a resolution from Council which determined that it is in the public interest that Cr McDonald participates and votes on Agenda Item 12.12 due to her specialised knowledge and the agenda item is to receive information and therefore a reasonable person would trust that the final decision is made in the public interest, Cr McDonald participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.
12.12.1 and 12.12.2	Saleyards Advisory Committee Minutes	Cr McDonald declared a declarable conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in Section 150ES(3) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> ) due to three complaints being lodged against

		<p>her in regard to a possible conflict of interest with her occupation as a farmer and being on the Saleyards Advisory Committee. Although Cr McDonald has a declarable conflict of interest, she does not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias because of her occupation and being a member of the Saleyards Advisory Committee. Therefore, Cr McDonald will choose to remain in the meeting. However, she will respect the decision of the meeting on whether she can remain and participate in the decision. Following a resolution from Council which determined that it is in the public interest that Cr McDonald participates and votes on these matters because of her specialist knowledge, and the verbal legal advice received by Cr McDonald, and that she would best perform her responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter, noting the complaints lodged against Cr McDonald are in relation to her occupation as a grazier and a user of the Warwick Saleyards, Cr McDonald participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.</p>
13.7	Request for Raw Water Use at Polocrosse Club Morgan Park	<p>Cr Gliori declared a declarable conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in Section 150EF(3) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>) as he was contracted as entertainment at the Warwick Polocrosse Club in 2019 for the World Polocrosse Championships. This event is referred to in this matter as a precedence for supply of Raw Water to the Club by Council. The relationship with Warwick Polocrosse was Cr Gliori was employed as a contractor. As a result of Cr Gliori's conflict, he will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.</p>
14.7	Review of Invasive Pest Control Scheme	<p>Cr Gliori declared a declarable conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in Section 150ES(3) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>) as a result of his personal friendship with a staff member who is a Council Local Laws Officer and also a fencing contractor used by Council for the exclusion fencing program. Our families are friends and we attend weddings, celebrations, and mix socially and occasionally. The relationship with Lloyd Hilton and Steven Hilton is a close personal family friend. Their interest in this matter is they are both parties are employed and/or contracted by Council in matters directly related to the Invasive Pest</p>

		Control Scheme. Although Cr Gliori has a declarable conflict of interest, he does not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias because of his personal relationship with either party. Therefore, Cr Gliori will choose to remain in the meeting. However, he will respect the decision of the meeting on whether he can remain and participate in the decision. Following a resolution from Council, Cr Gliori will leave the meeting and not take part in any discussion or vote.
14.9	Local Events Funding Program Round 1 2020/2021	Cr Gliori declared a declarable conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in Section 150EF(3) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> ) as he is a Council appointed Committee member on two of the applicants in this round of funding. Cr Gliori voluntarily excluded himself from the panel assessing both these applicants. The relationship with Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery and Granite Belt Art is Cr Gliori is a Council appointed Committee member. As a result of Cr Gliori's conflict, he will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

## 6.1 Conflict of Interest - Cr McDonald - Agenda Item 12.12

### Resolution

**Moved Cr A Gale**

**Seconded Cr M Gliori**

THAT following the declared conflict of interest by Cr McDonald, Council determines that it is in the public interest that Cr McDonald participates and votes on Agenda Item 12.12 due to Cr McDonald's specialised knowledge and the agenda item is to receive information, and therefore a reasonable person would trust that the final decision is made in the public interest.

**Carried**

## 6.2 Conflict of Interest - Cr Gliori - Agenda Item 14.7

### Resolution

**Moved Cr S Windle**

**Seconded Cr C Gow**

THAT following the declared conflict of interest by Cr Gliori, Council determines that it is in the public interest that Cr Gliori participates and votes on Agenda Item 14.7 due to his ability to make a decision without bias, and therefore a reasonable person would trust that the final decision is made in the public interest.

**Lost**

### **6.3 CONFLICT OF INTEREST - CR MCDONALD - AGENDA ITEM 12.12.1 AND 12.12.2**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**MOVED CR A GALE**

**SECONDED CR M GLIORI**

THAT FOLLOWING THE DECLARED CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY CR MCDONALD, COUNCIL DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT CR MCDONALD PARTICIPATES AND VOTES ON AGENDA ITEM 12.12.1 AND 12.12.2 BECAUSE OF HER SPECIALIST KNOWLEDGE, AND THE VERBAL LEGAL ADVICE RECEIVED BY CR MCDONALD, SHE WOULD BEST PERFORM HER RESPONSIBILITY OF SERVING THE OVERALL PUBLIC INTEREST OF THE WHOLE OF THE COUNCIL AREA BY PARTICIPATING IN THE DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON THIS MATTER. THE COMPLAINTS LODGED AGAINST CR MCDONALD ARE IN RELATION TO HER OCCUPATION AS A GRAZIER AND A USER OF THE WARWICK SALEYARDS.

**CARRIED**

### **7. MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

### **8. READING AND CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **8.1.1 Queensland Police Service Forum - Councillor Attendance**

##### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr R Bartley**

**Seconded Cr A Gale**

THAT Council endorse Cr McDonald's attendance at the Queensland Police Force 'Protecting Crowded Places from Terrorism Forum'.

**Carried**

#### **8.1 Correspondence**

##### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr R Bartley**

**Seconded Cr C McDonald**

THAT the report of the Chief Executive Officer in relation to Correspondence be received.

**Carried**

### **9. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS**

Nil

## **10. EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 Quarterly People and Culture Report**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr S Windle**

**Seconded Cr C McDonald**

THAT Council receive the report and note the contents.

**Carried**

### **10.2 Councillor Representation on Committees**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr R Bartley**

**Seconded Cr S Tancred**

THAT Council nominate Cr Gale as a representative on the Southern Border Regional Roads and Transport Group.

**Carried**

## **11. FINANCE, ASSETS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS**

### **11.1 Financial Report as at 31 December 2020**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr R Bartley**

**Seconded Cr M Giori**

THAT Council receive and note the Financial Report as at 31 December 2020.

**Carried**

### **11.2 Second Quarter Budget Review 2020/2021**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr A Gale**

**Seconded Cr R Bartley**

THAT Council adopt the Amended 2020/21 Budget as presented in the Attachments to the report.

**Carried**

#### **Attachments**

1. Amended 2020/2021 Budget - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**

*Cr Tancred declared a declarable conflict of interest in Agenda Item 11.3 as defined in Section 150EF(3) of the Local Government Act 2009 and left the meeting while the matter was discussed and voted on. Cr S Tancred left the meeting at 09:49am.*

### **11.3.1 COVID Pandemic Financial Implications Update - Amendment**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr J McNally**

**Seconded Cr C Gow**

THAT Council amend the recommendation for Agenda Item 11.3 to reflect the date of removal of the items from the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Package to be effective from 1 February 2021.

**Carried**

### **11.3 COVID Pandemic Financial Implications Update**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr J McNally**

**Seconded Cr C Gow**

THAT Council receive and note the COVID-19 Pandemic Financial Implications Update report and resolve to remove the following items from the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Package from 1 February 2021:

- Suspension of charging of interest on outstanding rates and charges
- 50% reduction in all development assessment fees for any new applications, extensions to existing applications and operational works applications fees for 2020/2021

**Carried**

*09:53 am Cr S Tancred rejoined the meeting.*

### **11.4 Councillors Reimbursement of Expenses Quarterly report - Q2 20-21 FY**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr C McDonald**

**Seconded Cr J McNally**

THAT Council receive and note the Councillors Reimbursement of Expenses Quarterly report for quarter two 2020/21.

**Carried**

### **11.5 Grants Status Report**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr R Bartley**

**Seconded Cr M Giori**

THAT Council note the current grants status as at 31 December 2020.

**arried**

## **11.6 Asset Management Report**

### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr J McNally**

**Seconded Cr M Giori**

THAT Council receive and note the Asset Management Report.

**Carried**

## **12. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS**

### **12.1 Corporate and Community Services Monthly Status Report**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr J McNally**

**Seconded Cr A Gale**

THAT Council notes the operational details as outlined in the Corporate and Community Services Monthly Status Report.

**Carried**

### **12.2 Community Engagement Policy**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr J McNally**

**Seconded Cr C Gow**

THAT Council adopt the attached Community Engagement Policy for implementation.

**Carried**

#### **Attachments**

1. PL-CS059 Community Engagement Policy - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**

### **12.3 2020-2021 Operational Plan Quarterly Review - October to December 2020**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr M Giori**

**Seconded Cr C Gow**

THAT Council receive and note the contents of the 2020/21 Operational Plan Quarterly Review – October 2020 to December 2020.

**Carried**

## 12.4 Arts and Culture Policy

### Resolution

**Moved Cr S Tancred**

**Seconded Cr M Giori**

THAT Council:

1. Adopt the Arts and Culture Policy 2020; and
2. Note the supporting Arts in Public Spaces Blueprint.

**Carried**

### Attachments

1. PL-CS053 Arts and Culture Policy - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**

## 12.5 Amendment to listed supplier included in libraries procurement exception

### Resolution

**Moved Cr C Gow**

**Seconded Cr M Giori**

THAT Council:

1. Note the change in supplier of one of the library digital resources platform (in the report below) due to the contractor taking over this part of the business of one of the contractors that Council currently sources materials.
2. Council resolves not to request quotes or tenders from this new contractor for the purchase of library materials due to the specialised nature of the supplies, pursuant to section 235(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

**Carried**

## 12.6 Warwick Art Gallery - Quarterly Update

### Resolution

**Moved Cr J McNally**

**Seconded Cr R Bartley**

THAT Council:

1. Note the Warwick Art Gallery's update on activities occurring in the second quarter of 2020/2021 FY and upcoming events occurring in January 2021.
2. Note and congratulate Gallery Director, Karina Devine on the 15 years of dedicated service that she has achieved at the gallery.

**Carried**

## **12.7 Procurement Policy Amendments**

### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr C Gow**

**Seconded Cr M Giori**

THAT Council adopt the attached updated Procurement Policy PL-FA010.

**Carried**

### **Attachments**

1. Procurement Policy PL-FA010 - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**

## **12.8 YMCA Monthly Report - December 2020 - WIRAC**

### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr R Bartley**

**Seconded Cr M Giori**

THAT Council receive the December 2020 monthly report from Brisbane Young Men's Christian Association in relation to the operation of the Warwick Indoor Recreation and Aquatic Centre.

**Carried**

## **12.9 Council Representatives - Appointment to Morgan Park User Group**

### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr A Gale**

**Seconded Cr C McDonald**

THAT Council appoint Cr Bartley as Council's representative to attend the Morgan Park User Group Committee meetings.

**Carried**

### **12.9.1 Councillor Representatives - Appointment to Condamine River Sports Group**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr S Windle**

**Seconded Cr C McDonald**

THAT Council appoint Cr Giori as Council's representative to attend the Condamine River Sports Group Committee meetings.

**Carried**

### **12.9.2 Councillor Representatives - Appointment to Stanthorpe Sports Association**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr A Gale**

**Seconded Cr M Giori**

THAT Council appoint Cr Tancred as Council's representative to attend the Stanthorpe Sports Association Committee meetings.

**Carried**

*10:35am Presentation of Recognition of Volunteer Certificate to Teena Wilcocks.*

*The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:42am and reconvened at 11:00am at which time there were present Crs Pennisi, Bartley, Gow, McNally, Windle, Gliori, McDonald, Gale and Tancred.*

## **12.10 Operation of Stanthorpe Fitness Centre**

### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr C Gow**

**Seconded Cr S Windle**

THAT Council resolve to continue to operate the Stanthorpe Fitness Centre until 30 September 2023.

**Carried**

## **12.11 Southern Downs Emergency Relief Fund**

### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr J McNally**

**Seconded Cr C Gow**

THAT Council defer further consideration of the proposal to wind up the Southern Downs Emergency Relief Fund Inc to a February 2021 Council Meeting to allow further clarification to be obtained.

**Carried**

*Cr McDonald declared a declarable conflict of interest in Agenda Item 12.12 as defined in Section 150ES(3) of the Local Government Act 2009 and following a resolution from Council remained in the meeting for discussion and vote.*

## **12.12 Saleyards Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr J McNally**

**Seconded Cr M Gliori**

THAT Council:

1. Receive the Saleyards Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes held 10 December 2020 and note the recommendations of the Committee.
2. Consider releasing publically the Livestock Selling Centre's operations presentation, as per the motion from the Saleyards Advisory Committee meeting, 10 December 2020.
3. Receive and note the Warwick Saleyards Business Case.
4. Consider releasing publically the Warwick Saleyards Business Case, excluding financials, as per the motion from the Saleyards Advisory Committee meeting, 10 December 2020.

**Carried**

*Cr McDonald voted for the motion.*

*Cr McDonald declared a declarable conflict of interest in Agenda Item 12.12.1 as defined in Section 150ES(3) of the Local Government Act 2009 and following a resolution from Council remained in the meeting for discussion and vote.*

**12.12.1 Warwick Saleyards Advisory Committee Minutes - Release of Information Resolution**

**Moved Cr A Gale**

**Seconded Cr C Gow**

THAT Council:

1. Release publically the Livestock Selling Centre's operations presentation, as per the motion from the Saleyards Advisory Committee meeting, 10 December 2020
2. Release publically the Warwick Saleyards Business Case, excluding financials, as per the motion from the Saleyards Advisory Committee meeting, 10 December 2020.

**Lost**

*Cr McDonald voted against the motion.*

*Cr McDonald declared a declarable conflict of interest in Agenda Item 12.12.2 as defined in Section 150ES(3) of the Local Government Act 2009 and following a resolution from Council remained in the meeting for discussion and vote.*

**12.12.2 Warwick Saleyards Advisory Committee Minutes - Release of Information Resolution**

**Moved Cr J McNally**

**Seconded Cr S Windle**

THAT Council:

1. Release publically the Livestock Selling Centre's operations presentation, as per the motion from the Saleyards Advisory Committee meeting, 10 December 2020
2. Release publically the Warwick Saleyards Business Case, including financials, as part of a future report to Council in relation to the Warwick Saleyards.
3. Release publically the Warwick Saleyards Master Plan, including financials, as part of a future report to Council in relation to the Warwick Saleyards.

**Carried**

*Cr McDonald voted for the motion.*

### **12.13 Expression of Interest - Water Carting and Supply of Potable Water to Rural Landowners - Amendment**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr A Gale**

**Seconded Cr C McDonald**

THAT Council:

1. Approve amendment of the 14 October 2020 resolution for payment of water cartage to rural residents to now include payment of supply and cartage of water.
2. Approve the rural property owners that took advantage of the Rural Tank Rebate Scheme, and Council will proactively contact those owners to offer to supply and cart potable water up to a maximum of 17 000L.

**Carried**

### **12.14 Request for Loan**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr A Gale**

**Seconded Cr S Tancred**

THAT Council does not agree to fund the request from Amiens History Association Inc. for the loan amount of \$3M, which would allow them to submit an application to the Building Better Regions Fund, Round 5.

**Carried**

## **13. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS**

*12:28 pm Cr S Tancred left the meeting.*

### **13.1 Infrastructure Services Monthly Status Report**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr J McNally**

**Seconded Cr R Bartley**

THAT Council notes the operational details as outlined in the Infrastructure Services Monthly Report.

**Carried**

*12:31 pm Cr S Tancred rejoined the meeting.*

### **13.2 Roads and Places Naming Policy**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr R Bartley**

**Seconded Cr A Gale**

THAT Council adopt the Roads and Places Naming Policy.

**Carried**

#### **Attachments**

1. Roads and Places Naming Policy PL-IS092 - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**

### **13.3 Request to Name Storm King Dam Boat Ramp**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr C Gow**

**Seconded Cr S Tancred**

THAT Council name the new Storm King Dam boat ramp as "Barlows Boat Ramp".

**Carried**

### **13.4.1 Request to Rename Witches Lane, Loch Lomond - Deferral**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr S Windle**

**Seconded Cr M Gliori**

THAT Council defer consideration of this matter to a February 2021 Council Meeting.

**Lost**

### **13.4 Request to Rename Witches Lane, Loch Lomond**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr A Gale**

**Seconded Cr R Bartley**

THAT Council resolve to rename Witches Lane to Chaff Cutters Lane, Loch Lomond.

**Carried**

*12:53 pm Mayor V Pennisi left the meeting. The Deputy Mayor took the Chair.*

*12:56 pm Mayor V Pennisi rejoined the meeting.*

### **13.5 Workplace Health and Safety Quarterly Report - Quarter 2 FY20-21**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr R Bartley**

**Seconded Cr C Gow**

THAT Council notes the operational highlights as outlined in the Quarterly Workplace Health and Safety Report.

**Carried**

### **13.6 21\_095 Supply and Delivery of Six (6) Various Vehicles**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr C Gow**

**Seconded Cr A Gale**

THAT Council resolve:

- a) To enter into a contract with Warwick Automotive for the sum of \$33,751.17 ex GST for Contract 21\_095 Vehicle One - for the Supply and Delivery of One (1) Ford XL Ranger 2WD Hi-Ride Single Cab Utility.
- b) To enter into a contract with Warwick Automotive for the sum of \$42,819.65 ex GST for Contract 21\_095 Vehicle Two - for the Supply and Delivery of One (1) Ford XL Ranger 4WD Style Side Dual Cab Utility.
- c) To enter into a contract with Warwick Automotive for the sum of \$87,678.06 ex GST for Contract 21\_095 Vehicles Three and Four - for the Supply and Delivery of Two (2) Ford XL Ranger 4WD Dual Cab Utilities.
- d) To enter into a contract with Warwick Automotive for the sum of \$84,633.24 ex GST for Contract 21\_095 Vehicles Five and Six - for the Supply and Delivery of Two (2) Ford XL Ranger 4WD Extra Cab Utilities.

**Carried**

*The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm and reconvened at 1:45pm at which time there were present Crs Pennisi, Bartley, Gow, McNally, Windle, Giori, McDonald, Gale and Tancred.*

*Cr Giori a declarable conflict of interest in Agenda Item 13.7 as defined in Section 150EF(3) of the Local Government Act 2009 and left the meeting while the matter was discussed and voted on. Cr M Giori left the meeting at 1:46pm.*

### **13.7 Request for Raw Water Use at Warwick Polocrosse Club, Morgan Park**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr C Gow**

**Seconded Cr R Bartley**

THAT Council does not approve the request for watering of the Warwick Polocrosse Club grounds at Morgan Park due to current water restrictions.

**Carried**

### **13.7.1 Request for Supply of Raw Water to Warwick Polocrosse Club at Morgan Park and to other Raw Water Users**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr C McDonald**

**Seconded Cr C Gow**

THAT officers bring further reports to Council in relation to:

1. The option of providing short term access of recycled water to Morgan Park.
2. Review the supply of raw water users along the pipeline
3. Explore other commercial strategies to supply water to Morgan Park.

**Carried**

*02:08 pm Cr M Gliori rejoined the meeting.*

### **13.8 Cambanoora Gorge Management Update**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr J McNally**

**Seconded Cr M Gliori**

THAT Council note the update on Cambanoora Gorge Management.

**Carried**

## **14. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORTS**

### **14.1 Sustainable Development Monthly Status Report**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr S Tancred**

**Seconded Cr S Windle**

THAT Council notes the operational details as outlined in the Sustainable Development Monthly Status Report.

**Carried**

### **14.2 Community signs**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr C Gow**

**Seconded Cr M Gliori**

THAT Council undertake consultation on the possible relocation, replacement or removal of the community sign located in John Simpson Park.

**Carried**

### **14.3 Shaping Southern Downs Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 24 November 2020**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr C Gow**

**Seconded Cr S Windle**

THAT Council receive the minutes of the Shaping Southern Downs Advisory Committee meeting held in Stanthorpe on 24 November 2020.

**Carried**

### **14.4 Queensland Bushfires Flexible Funding Grant - Round Two**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr C Gow**

**Seconded Cr M Giori**

THAT Council endorse application being made to Round Two of the Queensland Bushfires Flexible Funding Grant for all of the following projects:

1. Burning for Biodiversity - \$50,000
2. Rural Water Tank Rebate - \$100,000
3. Planning and Design for Bushfire Resilience - \$50,000
4. Laser Light Installation - \$100 000
5. Public Art Program - \$100 000
6. Sunflower Viewing Platform - \$100 000
7. Nature Based Webcams - \$100 000
8. Whatever the Weather We Stand Together - \$90,000

**Carried**

*03:02 pm Cr A Gale left the meeting.*

*03:04 pm Cr A Gale rejoined the meeting.*

### **14.5 COVID-19 Local Recovery and Resilience Plan**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr S Tancred**

**Seconded Cr C McDonald**

THAT Council endorse the COVID-19 Local Recovery and Resilience Plan and note that the Local Disaster Management Group has also formally endorsed the document.

**Carried**

### **14.6 Pest Management Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 27 November 2020**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr C Gow**

**Seconded Cr C McDonald**

THAT Council receive the minutes of the Pest Management Advisory Committee meeting held at Warwick on 27 November 2020.

**Carried**

*Cr Gliori a declarable conflict of interest in Agenda Item 14.7 as defined in Section 150ES(3) of the Local Government Act 2009 and following a resolution from Council left the meeting while the matter was discussed and voted on. Cr M Gliori left the meeting at 3:07pm.*

#### **14.7 Review of Invasive Pests Control Scheme**

##### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr C Gow**

**Seconded Cr J McNally**

THAT Council resolve to:

1. Note the review of the Invasive Pests Control Scheme undertaken, including consultation with affected landholders and benchmarking of other local government pest management schemes.
2. Endorse the implementation of an amended Scheme from 2021-2022 that retains the fundamental components of the Invasive Pests Control Scheme and incorporates a number of improvements, as follows:
  - a. Instigate a risk-focussed approach, consistent with the *General Biosecurity Obligation* in the *Biosecurity Act 2014*;
  - b. Include provision for a herbicide and mechanical contractor subsidy for control of declared invasive weeds;
  - c. Include provision for a meat bait rebate for coordinated control of wild dogs, foxes and feral pigs;
  - d. Replace annual Control Works Forms with three-year Invasive Pest Management Agreements;
  - e. Increased focus on landholder interactions, including forums to provide control advice and demonstrate the equipment Council loans out to landholders;
  - f. Retention of the application of an Invasive Pests Special Rate on relevant general rating categories, coupled with an upfront concession that is retained where the Invasive Pest Management Agreement is met.
3. Undertake an annual review of the Invasive Pests Control Scheme leading into the budget cycle.

**Lost**

*The Mayor accepted a call for a Division on the motion from the floor and the following votes were recorded:*

*For: Crs C Gow, J McNally and S Windle (3)*

*Against: Crs R Bartley, A Gale, C McDonald, V Pennisi and S Tancred (5)*

*Accordingly the Mayor declared the motion lost.*

#### **14.7.1 Review of Invasive Pests Control Scheme**

##### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr R Bartley**

**Seconded Cr C McDonald**

THAT Council resolve not to reinstate the current Invasive Pest Control Scheme.

**Carried**

*The Mayor accepted a call for a Division on the motion from the floor and the following votes were recorded:*

*For: Crs R Bartley, A Gale, C McDonald, V Pennisi and S Tancred (5)*

*Against: Crs C Gow, J McNally and S Windle (3)*

*Accordingly the Mayor declared the motion carried.*

*03:47 pm Cr M Gliori rejoined the meeting.*

#### **14.8 Quarterly Report on Development Approvals for the October to December Quarter 2020**

##### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr S Windle**

**Seconded Cr A Gale**

THAT Council receives the report and notes its contents.

**Carried**

*Cr Gliori a declarable conflict of interest in Agenda Item 14.9 as defined in Section 150EF(3) of the Local Government Act 2009 and left the meeting while the matter was discussed and voted on.  
Cr M Gliori left the meeting at 3:48pm.*

#### **14.9 Local Events Funding Program Round One 2020/2021**

##### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr S Windle**

**Seconded Cr J McNally**

THAT Council approve the six (6) full and four (4) part Local Events Funding Program (LEFP) Round One 2020/2021 grants totalling \$151,907.30.

**Carried**

##### **Attachments**

1. Approved Applications - 2020/2021 Local Events Funding Program Round 1 - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**

*03:53 pm Cr M Gliori rejoined the meeting*

#### **15. REPORTS OF DEPUTATION OR CONFERENCE & REPORTS FROM DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO OTHER BODIES**

Cr Windle provided a verbal update on her and Cr Gliori's attendance at the Warwick Women's Work Camp Meeting on 17 December 2020

#### **16. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

## **17. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

## **18. CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public and move 'into Committee' to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

### **Recommendation**

THAT the meeting be closed to the public and move into committee to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with Section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following, as indicated:

### **18.1 Trustee Permit over the Stanthorpe Visitor Information Centre**

#### **Reason for Confidentiality**

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 254J(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to 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.

### **18.2 Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting minutes 11 December 2020**

#### **Reason for Confidentiality**

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 254J(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to 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.

### **Meeting In Camera**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr S Windle**

**Seconded Cr C Gow**

THAT the meeting move into closed session.

**Carried**

The Meeting moved into closed session at 3:56pm

### **Meeting Out Of Camera**

#### **Resolved**

THAT the meeting resume in open session at 4:04pm.

**Carried**

### **18.1 Trustee Permit over the Stanthorpe Visitor Information Centre**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr M Giori**

**Seconded Cr A Gale**

THAT Council grant delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and approve or deny rent reduction requests from any affected parties due to COVID-19 reasons, including those eligible under the *Retail Shop Leases and Other Commercial Leases (COVID-19 Emergency Response Regulation 2020)*.

**Carried**

### **18.2 Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting minutes 11 December 2020**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr S Tancred**

**Seconded Cr A Gale**

THAT Council:

1. Adopt the minutes from the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on 11 December 2020.
2. Receive and note the business arising from the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on 11 December 2020.
3. Adopt the amended Risk Register.
4. Accept the People and Culture Internal Audit Report.

**Carried**

### **MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4:06pm.