

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 17 JUNE 2021 AT 9:35AM

Present	Mayor Shaun Radnedge, Cr Peter Alexander, Cr Robert Eckel, Cr Michael McKellar, Cr Paul Taylor, Edwina Marks Interim CEO	
Opening Prayer	Cr Eckel delivered the prayer for the guidance of Council.	
Conflict of Interest	Cr Peter Alexander declared a conflict of interest in the agenda item regarding the Charleville Racecourse upgrade.	
Attendance	The Director Corporate Services and accountant were present when the meeting commenced.	
Minutes of Previous Council Meeting	Moved: Cr Alexander	Seconded: Cr Taylor
	"That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 May 2021 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings."	
		<u>Carried</u>
Financial Report	Moved: Cr Eckel	Seconded: Cr McKellar
	"That the Financial Report be received."	
		<u>Carried</u>
Interim Audit Report 20/21	Moved: Cr Alexander	Seconded: Cr Taylor
	"That Council note the 2021 Interim report for Murweh Shire Council in line with S213B of the Local Government Regulation 2012."	
		<u>Carried</u>
Attendance	The accountant exited the meeting at 10:02am.	
Operational Plan 20/21	Moved: Cr Eckel	Seconded: Cr Alexander
	"That Council receives and adopts the 2020/21 Operational Plan as presented, including the status report and update as per section 104 (7) of the Local Government Act 2009."	
		<u>Carried</u>
Workplace Health and Safety Report	Moved: Cr Eckel	Seconded: Cr Taylor
	"That the Workplace Health and Safety Report be received."	
		<u>Carried</u>

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Tourism Reports	Moved: Cr Alexander	Seconded: Cr McKellar
	<p>“That;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) “The reports from the Tourism Section (Cosmos, VIC, WWII Tour & Base) be received.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) Council receive a tourism investment report in October and April of each year.”</p>	
		<u>Carried</u>
Libraries Report	Moved: Cr McKellar	Seconded: Cr Eckel
	<p>“That the Libraries Report be received.”</p>	
		<u>Carried</u>
Meeting Adjourned	<p>The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:45am.</p>	
Meeting Resumed	<p>The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 11:08am.</p> <p>The Director Corporate Services and the Director Environment and Health Services were present when the meeting resumed.</p>	
Morven Progress Association Request to Council to Use Honesty Box Fund for a Community Purpose	Moved: Cr McKellar	Seconded: Cr Eckel
	<p>“That Council endorses the Morven Progress Association’s request to provide the Morven Historical Museum with a donation of \$2000 from the Morven Honesty Box Fund, for the purpose of covering insurance and rates costs.”</p>	
		<u>Carried</u>
SWQROC Study – The Impacts of Carbon Farming on South West Queensland Communities	Moved: Cr Alexander	Seconded: Cr Eckel
	<p>“That Council contributes \$5,000 to the South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC) proposed study in relation to “The Impacts of Carbon Farming on South West Queensland Communities” and that this amount be funded as part of the 2021/22 budget.”</p>	
		<u>Carried</u>
MWS1. 20-21 Morven Water Supply Tender	Moved: Cr Taylor	Seconded: Cr Eckel
	<p>“That the tender MWS1. 20-21 for construction of the new water supply bore for Morven be awarded to Qld Groundwater Solutions of Ramsay (south of Toowoomba) for the sum of \$249,554.30 + GST.”</p>	
		<u>Carried</u>

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Environment and Health Services Report	Moved: Cr Taylor	Seconded: Cr Eckel
	“That the Environment and Health Services Report be received.”	
		<u>Carried</u>
Charleville Racecourse Stables	Moved: Cr Eckel	Seconded: Cr McKellar
	“That Council defer the report to the July Ordinary Meeting and consult with stakeholders and incorporate that feedback as part of the report.”	
		<u>Carried</u>
Extension of Charleville Landfill Management Contract	Moved: Cr Alexander	Seconded: Cr Taylor
	“That Council extends the current contract with Egan Contracting for a maximum period of up to four months, until such time as Council decides upon a strategy for future management and operation of the Charleville Landfill.”	
		<u>Carried</u>
Attendance	The Director Environment and Health Services exited the meeting at 11:50am. The Director Engineering Services entered the meeting at 11:53am.	
Engineering Report	Moved: Cr Eckel	Seconded: Cr Taylor
	“That the Engineering Services Report be received.”	
		<u>Carried</u>
Upgrade to Roma Street Morven	Moved: Cr McKellar	Seconded: Cr Alexander
	“That Council approve the sealing of 1km of Roma Street Morven at a cost estimate of \$50,000.”	
		<u>Carried</u>
Perceived Conflict of Interest	Cr Peter Alexander declared a conflict of interest in the following matter due to being a bookmaker using the facilities of the Central Warrego Race Club. He is not a member of the club, receives no remuneration and is not actively involved in race club activities. All remaining Councillors considered the matter and advised that the Councillor could stay in the room, participate in the debate and vote.	
Charleville Racecourse Upgrade	Moved: Cr Eckel	Seconded: Cr Taylor
	“That Council	

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- a) Approach Queensland Racing to consider a revised scope for the available budget so that the project can proceed.
- b) Approach the Minister for Education, Industrial Relations and Racing to support the total project for an additional amount of \$325,000.00."

Carried

**Removal of
Charleville Street
Traffic Islands**

Moved: Cr Alexander

Seconded: Cr Eckel

"That Council endorse an annual removal program of aged traffic islands around the Charleville township and that the 21/22 program consist of the removal of the three aged traffic islands in Alfred Street, Charleville."

Carried

**Reseal Works –
Adavale and Old
Ward Road
Tender**

Moved: Cr Taylor

Seconded: Cr McKellar

"That Council award the sealing contract for Adavale and Old Ward Road to RPQ Spray Seal Pty Ltd for the amount of \$598,426.50."

Carried

**Meeting
Adjourned**

The meeting adjourned for a presentation from Angel Flight at 12:55pm.

**Meeting
Resumed**

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 1:48pm.

**Letter of Offer of
Services – Public
Relations,
Advocacy and
Lobbying
Services – Clare
Wilkes on behalf
of Rainmaker
Strategic
Planning Pty Ltd**

Moved: Cr McKellar

Seconded: Cr Eckel

"That in terms of section 235 (a) & (b) of the Qld Local Government Regulation 2012 Council contract Clare Wilkes of Rainmaker Strategic Planning Pty Ltd for a period of 12 months from 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022 to undertake public relations, advocacy and lobbying services on behalf of Council for a scheduled fee of \$72,000.00."

Carried

**CEO – Leave of
Absence**

Moved: Cr McKellar

Seconded: Cr Eckel

"That as per flying minute dated 7 June 2021 and in terms of s195(b) of the Local Government Act 2009, Council appoint Edwina Marks of Peak Services as the Acting CEO and take on all relevant delegations as CEO from 7 June 2021 to cover the period that the Chief Executive Officer is absent from duty or cannot for another reason perform the Chief Executive Officer's role."

Carried

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**Wild Dog Barrier
Fence Panel
Nomination**

Moved: Cr Alexander

Seconded: Cr Taylor

“That Council support the nominations of Mayor Stuart Mackenzie, Quilpie Shire Council and Councillor Julie Guthrie, Maranoa Regional Council as the Western Division representatives on the Wild Dog Barrier Fence Panel.”

Carried

**NBN ASA
Agreement –
Regional
Connectivity
Program**

Moved: Cr Alexander

Seconded: Cr Eckel

“That Council

- a) Note that this is a discussion draft agreement which forms the base of an agreement to be confirmed at a later date.
- b) Provide in principle support to enter into an Areas Switch Agreement with NBN as part of the Regional Connectivity Program.
- c) Advise NBN Co by the due date of 18th June 2021.”

Carried

Meeting Close

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2:05pm.

Cr Shaun Radnedge
Mayor