

Attendees	Agenda Item 1	Attendees
Councillors	Cr DG Waugh, Mayor Cr FO Whelan, Deputy Mayor Cr JF Dowling Cr PW Lobegeier Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM Cr PW Francis Cr WJ Bowen	
Officers	Chief Executive Officer, MJP Pitt General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, D Wiskar General Manager of Engineering and Environmental Services, B Pearce Manager of Technical Services, TJ Harvey Executive Assistant, NJ Zillman	
Welcome	Agenda Item 2	Welcome / Housekeeping
	The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8:55am and welcomed all attendees to the meeting. Cannon Jan Whitehouse entered the meeting at 8:55am and led the meeting in prayer, withdrawing from the meeting at 8:58am.	
Public Gallery	The Public Gallery was attended by Central and North Burnett Times representative, Shirley Way and BIEDO representative, Rachael Chambers.	
Apologies	Agenda Item 3	Apologies
	Nil Apologies.	
Declaration	Agenda Item 4	Declaration of Interest
	Nil Declarations of interest.	
Deputations	Agenda Item 5	Deputations/Petitions
	5.1 Henry Harman – Public Gallery 5.2 10:00am – Wide Bay/Burnett District Director, Mr Scott Whitaker 5.3 11:30am – David Kerr and Rachael Hardy from Ken O’Dowd’s Office 5.4 Gary Channels – Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	
Minutes	Agenda Item 6	Confirmation of Minutes
General Meeting 674-11-2014	6.1 10 – October – General Meeting – Minutes – Biggenden Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That the minutes of the General Meeting held in Biggenden on the 21 October 2014 appearing on pages 196-204 of the minute book be adopted.	
		CARRIED 7/0

- Policy and Planning
675-11-2014
- 6.2 11 –November – Policy and Planning – Minutes – Monto
- Cr JF Dowling moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That the minutes of the Policy and Planning Meeting held in Monto on the 05 November 2014 appearing on pages 206-208 of the minute book be adopted. **CARRIED 7/0**
- Technical Services
676-11-2014
- 6.3 11 – November – Technical Services – Minutes – Monto
- Cr WJ Bowen moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That the minutes of the Technical Services Meeting held in Monto on the 05 November 2014 appearing on pages 210-213 of the minute book as amended, be adopted. **CARRIED 7/0**
- The Chief Executive Officer welcomed the Mayor back to full duties with a note of thanks from Cr Waugh to the Councillors and Deputy Mayor for their support during his absence.
- Governance
- Agenda Item 7 Governance Report**
- EEO
677-11-2014
- 7.1 Equal Employment Opportunities Report
- Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That Council adopt the updated North Burnett Regional Council Statutory Policy 101 – Equal Employment Opportunity as presented. **CARRIED 7/0**
- Annual Report
678-11-2014
- 7.2 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements
- Cr PW Francis moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That the Annual Report for the 12 month period ending 30 June 2014, incorporating Audited Financial Statements and Auditors Financial Report for the period be adopted. **CARRIED 7/0**
- Audit Committee
679-11-2014
- 7.3 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
- Cr PW Francis moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 21 October be received and noted and Council acknowledge the effort of Council staff with regards to the Audit process. **CARRIED 7/0**
- Financial Report
680-11-2014
- 7.4 Financial Report
- Cr PW Francis moved and Cr WJ Bowen seconded: That the Financial Report as presented be adopted. **CARRIED 7/0**
- Overdue Rates
681-11-2014
- 7.5 Overdue Rates and Charges
- Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That the Overdue Rates and Charges Report as presented be received as information. **CARRIED 7/0**
- Energy Efficiency
682-11-2014
- 7.6 Energy Efficiency Strategy and Audit
- Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That Council note progress with North Burnett Regional Councils' Energy Efficiency Initiative and congratulate staff for their work on the project. **CARRIED 7/0**

Public Deputation Mr Henry Harman, Mr Liam Harris and Mr Eric Sturgess entered the meeting at 9:30am to discuss the current situation of Flying Foxes roosting in Oakey Creek, Gayndah and withdrew from the meeting at 10:02am.

Flying Foxes
683-11-2014 Cr JF Dowling moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That the General Manager of Engineering and Environmental Services follow-up on a request for historic evidence on the number of bats in Queensland and Australia in order to establish a population trend and present a report to a future Council Meeting. **CARRIED 7/0**

Flying Fox Legislation
684-11-2014 Resolved: That the General Manager of Engineering and Environmental Services investigate changes in NSW legislation on Flying Foxes and determine if a similar option can be implemented in Queensland to move the bats.

Wide Bay/Burnett District Director, Mr Scott Whitaker entered the meeting at 10:02am.

685-11-2014 Resolved: That the following items as discussed, be sent through to the Wide Bay/Burnett District Director for the Department of Transport and Main Roads:

- Royalties 4 Regions funding (Monto – Mt Perry Road)
 - General Manager of Engineering and Environmental Services to be involved in assessment to assist with reporting to Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.
 - Council Media Officer delegated as a contact for Council for grant reporting and Richard Crook from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.
 - Request the District Director to have staff liaise with the General Manager of Corporate and Community Services for community consultation and information promotion through libraries etc.
- Forward resolution on the renaming of Abercorn Bridge on Burnett Highway to “Cynthia Bridge”
- Mullers Hill Mulgildie
- Boyne River Bridge
- Widening on the Mundubbera – Durong Road which continues into South Burnett
- Gayndah – Mt Perry Road
- 500m on Gooroolba side of Coringa Road Hill
- RMPC
- Maintenance of Lister Street Monto

Morning Tea The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:33am and resumed at 11:09am with Scott Whitaker having withdrawn from the meeting.

Rachael Hardy and David Kerr from Ken O’Dowd’s Office entered the meeting at 11:09am.

686-11-2014 Resolved: That Council continue to liaise with Ken O’Dowd’s Office for confirmation of deputations with the following Federal Minister in 2015:

- Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development The Hon Warren Truss MP;
- Treasurer, The Hon Joe Hockey;
- Minister for Finance, Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann; and
- Senator Nick Xenophon

Rachael Hardy withdrew from the meeting at 11:58am.

Infrastructure **Agenda Item 8** **Infrastructure Report**

Nil Items.

Social **Agenda Item 9** **Social Report**

Volunteer Awards
687-11-2014 9.1 Volunteer Awards Australia Day 2015

Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded:

1. That the Volunteer of the Year award run in conjunction with the Australia Day Awards 2015 utilising an updated version of Wide Bay Volunteer Nomination Forms and council's Australia Day promotions.
2. The North Burnett Regional Council Australia Day 2016 Awards incorporate the Volunteer of the Year to recognise volunteer members who have made an outstanding contribution to the community and for exceptional achievement in the six (6) communities of Biggenden, Eidsvold, Gayndah, Monto, Mount Perry and Mundubbera.
3. The North Burnett Regional Council Australia Day 2016 Awards and thereafter recognise members of the community who have made an outstanding contribution to the community and for exceptional achievement in the six (6) communities of Biggenden, Eidsvold, Gayndah, Monto, Mount Perry and Mundubbera with the following award categories for nominations:
 - Citizen of the Year
 - Young Citizen of the Year
 - Community Event of the Year
 - Volunteer of the Year
 - Achievement Medallion – Senior Sports Award
 - Achievement Medallion – Junior Sports Award
 - Achievement Medallion – Sports Administrator Award
 - Achievement Medallion – Senior Cultural Award
 - Achievement Medallion – Junior Cultural Award
4. In 2016 and thereafter, the Wide Bay Volunteers be included in the committees that are formed to represent the six (6) communities of Biggenden, Eidsvold, Gayndah, Monto, Mount Perry and Mundubbera which will include the Divisional Councillor as Chairperson, the nominated staff coordinator and the 2015 Citizen of the Year for each area as part of the selection process for the Volunteer of the Year.

CARRIED 7/0

Three Moon Historical
Complex Minutes
688-11-2014 9.2 Three Moon Historical and Cultural Complex Minutes

Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr JF Dowling seconded: That Council considers this report and adopt the Minutes of the Meeting as attached.

CARRIED 7/0

Christmas Lights
689-11-2014

9.3 2014 Christmas Lights Competition

Cr FO Whelan moved and Cr PW Francis seconded:

1. That Council receive the report on the 2014 Christmas Lights Competition as presented and approve budget.
2. In council's advertising for the Christmas Light Competitions the organising committees are to be included. For example the MEA in Mundubbera to be promoted as the organising committee and council being promoted as proud sponsors.

Council continue to support the community groups in Biggenden, Mundubbera, Gayndah & Mount Perry to organise future Christmas Light Competitions.

- Gayndah: Rotary
- Mundubbera: Mundubbera Enterprise Association
- Mount Perry: Mount Perry Sport and Recreation Club Inc.
- Biggenden: Apex

Council to strengthen community groups in Monto and Eidsvold to organise future Christmas Light Competitions.

- Monto: Rotary or Monto Magic Tourism Action Group
- Eidsvold: Chamber of Commerce

CARRIED 7/0

Economic

Agenda Item 10 Economic Report

RMWABLC
690-11-2014

10.1 RM Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre Report

Cr PW Francis moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That Council receives the RM Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre Report and notes the content.

CARRIED 7/0

Extractive Industry
691-11-2014

10.2 Material Change of Use – Extractive Industry

Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded:

- a) That Council approve the Applicant's request and issue a Negotiated Decision Notice under section 363 of the Sustainable Planning Act 2009.
- b) That the Council notify the Applicant, Referral Agencies and Submitter in accordance with the timing and other requirements set out in the Sustainable Planning Act 2009.

CARRIED 7/0

Infrastructure Charges
692-11-2014

10.3 Request for Review – Infrastructure Charges

Cr PW Francis moved and Cr JF Dowling seconded: That Council approve the Applicant's request and issue an Amended Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice for the amount of \$2,100 to Mr Noel Quinn, 10 Bridge Street, Gayndah as per Council's Adopted Infrastructure Charges Schedule, 17 December 2013.

CARRIED 7/0

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Officer, Gary Channel entered the meeting at 12:14pm and was introduced to the Council.

Lunch

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:22pm and resumed at 1:34pm with Rachael Chambers having withdrawn from the meeting.

Environmental 693-11-2014	Agenda Item 11	Environmental Report
	11.1	Natural Resources Management Report
		Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM moved and Cr WJ Bowen seconded: That the Natural Resources Management Report be received for information. CARRIED 7/0
Councillor Reports 694-11-2014	Agenda Item 12	Councillor Reports
		Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That the Councillor Reports as presented be received. CARRIED 7/0
Confidential Reports	Agenda Items 13	Confidential Reports
Closed Session 695-11-2014		Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be closed to the public to allow discussion regarding other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage. CARRIED 7/0
Re-Open Session 696-11-2014		Cr PW Francis moved and Cr JF Dowling seconded: That in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be re-opened to the public. CARRIED 7/0
		Shirley Way withdrew from the meeting at 1:45pm and re-entered at 2:16pm.
Sale of Water 697-11-2014	13.1	Sale of Water
		Cr PW Lobegeier move and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That Council receives the Water Sale Report as presented, noting the content and endorsing the recommendations contained within the report. CARRIED 7/0
Binjour Land 698-11-2014	13.2	Binjour Waste Transfer Station Land
		Cr WJ Bowen moved and Cr JF Dowling seconded: That Assessment 30844-5000 be amalgamated into Assessment 30844 under appropriate agreement at Council's expense as per the Binjour Waste Transfer Station Land report. CARRIED 7/0
General Business	Agenda Item 14	General Business
Cr WJ Bowen 699-11-2014		Resolved: That the General Manager of Engineering and Environment Services liaise with Evolution Mining to renew the Swindon Road Maintenance Agreement.
700-11-2014		Resolved: That the General Manager of Engineering and Environment Services correspond with the owner of the Mt Lawless Road fence with regards to applying for a permit to occupy.
Cr PW Francis		Cr PW Francis discussed Council owned land sales and the General Manager of Corporate and Community Services provided the meeting with an update.
Cr KS Wendt		Discussed: Cr KS Wendt reminded Councillors of the 'Catch a Catty' competition being held at Mingo 22-23 November.

Discussed: Complaint from resident with regards to fence over Jacobi Road. Cr Wendt to liaise with General Manager of Engineering and Environmental Services.

701-11-2014 Resolved: That the Manager of Environmental Services liaise with the publican from the Biggenden Commercial Hotel with regards to cigarette butt littering on the footpath.

Cr PW Lobegeier
702-11-2014 Resolved: That the General Manager of Corporate and Community Services attend the Queensland Touring Route Forum with Cr PW Lobegeier.

703-11-2014 Cr PW Francis moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That North Burnett Regional Council assist the Monto Combined Sports Committee to submit an application for the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to upgrade the kitchen at the Monto Sports Ground and submit the project for a future budget review. **CARRIED 7/0**

Cr JF Dowling
704-11-2014 Resolved: That the General Manager of Engineering and Environmental Services follow-up with Taylor Street Legal Service with regards to the use of office space.

Cr FO Whelan Discussed: Cr Whelan provided an update on the Department of Community Services Meeting.

Closure of Meeting **Agenda Item 15** **Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2:44pm.

Presented to Council at its General Meeting held on 09 December 2014 and confirmed.

Mayor