



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 February 2016



Council's Guiding Principles:

- To act in the best interests of the whole community
- To manage the Shire's finances prudently and effectively
- To provide for the community quality services on a day to day basis
- To initiate sustainable capital works programs to enhance the local economy
- To provide excellent customer service for both citizens and visitors
- To support Council's workforce with appropriate training and safe working practices
- To act in the best interests of the natural environment at all times



Whitsunday Regional Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at
Proserpine Council Chambers, 83-85 Main Street, Proserpine on
10 February 2016 commencing at **9:00am**

Councillors Present:

J Whitney; J Clifford; J Atkinson; J Collins; P Ramage; D Clark and A Willcox

Council Officers Present:

B Omundson (Acting Chief Executive Officer); M McGoldrick (Chief Financial Officer); D Staley (Director Planning & Community); G Jarvis (Director Corporate Services); J Raiteri (Director Engineering Services); C Middleton (Communications Manager); B Davis (Administration Officer)

Other Details:

The meeting commenced at 9.00am

The meeting closed at 10.00am

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2. Condolences

2.1 2016/10/02.01 CONDOLENCES

Moved by: J COLLINS

Seconded by: P RAMAGE

That Council observe one (1) minutes silence for the recently deceased.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**3.1 Mayoral Minute**

**3.1 2016/10/02.02 MAYORAL MINUTE**

**Moved by: J WHITNEY**

**That the correspondence from the Premier of Queensland, Minister for Arts the Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, dated 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 regarding the redevelopment of the Whitsunday Coast Airport with support from the private sector, and providing Governments in-principle support and advocacy where appropriate, for this proposal, be received.**



Premier of Queensland  
Minister for the Arts

For reply please quote: EP/BAI - TF/15/20639 - DOC/15/191176  
Your reference: WCAIEH

09 FEB 2016

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Dear Councillor Whitney

Thank you for your letter of 26 October 2015 regarding the redevelopment of the Whitsunday Coast Airport (the Airport) at Proserpine. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I would like to commend Whitsunday Regional Council (the Council) on its vision for a project which has the potential to support the growth of the tourism industry while making a significant contribution to employment and economic outcomes for your region and for Queensland.

The Queensland Government was pleased to showcase the Airport during the recent Northern Queensland Economic Summit. I trust this presentation will be instrumental in generating further interest from potential investors, and I understand that the Council has recently resolved to enter into exclusive negotiations with a preferred proponent to jointly develop, grow and manage the Airport and associated aerodromes.

Queensland's tourism industry contributes more than \$23 billion to the State's economy and supports more than 230 000 jobs. The Queensland Government is committed to creating an environment that attracts the investment required for Queensland to keep growing as a tourism destination for domestic and international visitors. While I understand the Council will be undertaking the development with support from the private sector, the Queensland Government will offer this proposal in-principle support and advocacy where appropriate.

I understand that you have also written to a number of other ministers in relation to the Airport. I have provided a copy of your letter and my response to those ministers, including the Honourable Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and Investment, as she is responsible for planning, infrastructure, local government, and investment attraction matters.

I wish you a Happy New Year and every success with implementing your vision for the Airport.

Again, thank you for raising this important initiative with me, the Queensland Government looks forward to working with the Council to promote the Airport redevelopment.

Yours sincerely

ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP  
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND  
MINISTER FOR THE ARTS

## MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

## 3.2 Mayoral Update

08 February 2016  
Proserpine State High School  
School Leadership Induction Ceremony



4. Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 2016/10/02.03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by: J WHITNEY

Seconded by: J CLIFFORD

That the Minutes of the:

- a) Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 January 2016. Subject to the following change:
- Page 9:
    - The inclusion of the wording prior to item 7.2 Notice of Motion – Adoption of the Draft Whitsunday Regional Council Planning Scheme for the purpose of approval by the Planning Minister: *the proposed motion by Cr Jennifer Whitney was unsuccessful, the following motion is withdrawn.*
    - Item 7.2 Notice of Motion – Adoption of the Draft Whitsunday Regional Council Planning Scheme for the purpose of approval by the Planning Minister:
      - The removal of Cr Jennifer Whitney as the mover.
- b) Special Meeting held on Wednesday 03 February 2016 at 9am; and
- c) Special Meeting held on Wednesday 03 February 2016 at 3pm, subject to the following changes:
- Page 4:
    - the inclusion of the following wording prior to the procedural motion to close the meeting to the public:  
*Mayor Whitney declared the following:*  
*Item 14.1.1 – Whitsunday Chinatown Investment – Sale of 45-71 Waterson Way, Airlie Beach - a perceived conflict of interest (as per section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) and left the meeting room at 3.06pm taking no part in the debate or decision of the meeting.*
  - Page 4 Item 16.2 Procedural Motion – Reopening of Meeting:  
*the correction of the motion vote from 7/0 to 6/0.*

be confirmed.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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7. Notice of Motion

7.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - DRAFT TOWN PLAN

Moved by: J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: J WHITNEY

That as part of the forthcoming public consultation with regard to the building heights in the Airlie Beach Precinct; that the VERSION 3 of the Draft Town Plan be released for public comment and consultation.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Defeated 3/4

Call for Division

For	Against
Cr Whitney	Cr Willcox
Cr Clifford	Cr Ramage
Cr Collins	Cr Atkinson
	Cr Clark

DEFEATED

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**9. Questions from Public Gallery**

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**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

At this time in the meeting the opportunity is provided to members of the gallery to ask questions of the Council or to make statements about the Council and its operations. Under Council's Standing Orders the following applies in relation to this public question time:

1. In every Council Meeting time shall be set aside to permit members of the public to address the Council on matters of public interest related to local government. Questions from the Public Gallery will be taken on notice and may or may not be responded to at the Meeting and must be submitted in writing to Council prior to the Council Meeting in accordance with Council's Policy for Standing Orders – Meetings. The time allocated shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes and no more than three (3) speakers shall be permitted to speak at any one (1) meeting. The right of any individual to address the Council during this period shall be at absolute discretion of the Council.
2. If any address or comment is irrelevant, offensive, or unduly long, the Chairperson may require the person to cease making the submission or comment.



3. Any person addressing the Council shall stand, state their name and address, act and speak with decorum and frame any remarks in respectful and courteous language

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Name: Ross Newell
Whitsunday Regional Residents Association Inc.

Question:

Question was read by the Acting Chief Executive Officer on behalf of Ross Newell.

Dear Sir,

The Whitsunday Regional Council prides itself on its claims of being open and transparent, and as such should not have problems answering:

Apart from 2 years of staff wages and Councillors' time, what costs has the Council incurred in this failed sale (eg, advertising legals etc.) and future estimated costs.

Mr Newell was advised that he would receive a response at a future Council Meeting.

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**Responses to the Public Questions of the 27 January 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting**

**Name:** Michelle Mac Nevin

**Question:**

***Question was read by the Acting Chief Executive Officer on behalf of Michelle***

Can all current Councillors advise in detail their individual achievements they have orchestrated over their past term and the economic benefits to the region that relate directly from those achievements?

***Ms Mac Nevin was advised that she would receive a response at a future Council Meeting.***

**Response read by Acting Chief Executive Officer – Mr Barry Omundson**

Thank you for your question from the Public Gallery at Council's Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 January 2016.

Whitsunday Regional Council is committed to supporting the growth and development of a strong, prosperous economy. In 2014, Council adopted a five year Corporate Plan, entitled *Whitsunday 2020*, which recognises the importance of enabling economic development opportunities in our agriculture, mining, small business and tourism sectors. Council seeks to deliver on the

goals and objectives of *Whitsunday 2020* through our annual Operational Plan, which we report on each quarter. Our quarterly Operational Plan Reports can be accessed at any of our customer service centres or on our website at [www.whitsundayrc.qld.gov.au](http://www.whitsundayrc.qld.gov.au).

While I am unable to comment on behalf of individual Councillors, you are welcome to contact Councillors directly to discuss their achievements and efforts over the past term of Council. The contact details of both the Mayor and Councillors can be viewed at any of Council's customer service centres or on our website. I have enclosed a list of contact details for your convenience.

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Name: Toni Robinson-Randall

Question:

It has come to my attention that Councillors Andrew Willcox, Peter Ramage and David Clark along with Michael Brunker, have made representation to the Deputy Premiers Jackie Trad's office to stop the expansion and development of the now International Whitsunday Airport just south of Proserpine. This has occurred through the Member for Mirani Jim Pearce who we know is a staunch unionist for the CFMEU.

As we are all well aware, the more visitors including families from overseas means more money spent in the region. More accommodation is needed in every quarter from backpackers to the family units. And they all have to eat and buy merchandise.

We are capable of keeping our family friendly and people friendly atmosphere by our attitudes and behaviour to the visitors therefore....

I require an answer from each Councillor in writing as to their reasoning for this action and why they wish to inhibit the expansion, growth and development of the Whitsunday Region and its Airport.

Ms Robinson-Randall was advised that she would receive a response at a future Council Meeting.

Response read by Acting Chief Executive Officer – Mr Barry Omundson

Thank you for your question from the Public Gallery at Council's Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 January 2016.

The continued growth and development of the Whitsunday Coast Airport is a key priority for Whitsunday Regional Council. Our goal for the Whitsunday Coast Airport, as stated in our five-year Corporate Plan, is to develop the asset as a significant transport and exports hub and regional economic driver. We recognise that the continued growth of the airport will create jobs in the Whitsunday Region and lead to untold benefits for our agriculture, small business and tourism sectors.

I am not aware of the meeting which you allege to have occurred between Councillors Peter Ramage, Dave Clark and Andrew Willcox and the Hon. Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Local Government, and can advise that this meeting was not organised by Council. I encourage you to contact the Councillors you named in your question directly to verify whether the meeting occurred as you allege.

Similarly, while I am pleased to advise you of Council's official position on the continued growth of the Whitsunday Coast Airport, I am not able to advise you on individual Councillors' positions, and I encourage you to contact Councillors directly to discuss this matter. The contact details of both the Mayor and Councillors can viewed at any of Council's customer service centres or on our website at www.whitsundayrc.qld.gov.au. I have enclosed a list of contact details for your convenience.

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**10. Office of the Mayor & CEO**

**10.1 2016/10/02.04 CREDIT REVIEW 2015**

**Moved by: J CLIFFORD**

**Seconded by: J ATKINSON**

**That Council:**

- a) Notes the improved rating from Very Weak to Moderate;**
- b) Notes the improved outlook from Negative to Neutral; and**
- c) Receives the Credit Review report from the Queensland Treasury Corporation.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

*Cr Whitney called a Point of Order against Cr Clifford during the debate. Cr Clifford acknowledged the Point of Order and pursuant to the Standing Orders, Cr Clifford resumed her seat.*

The motion was Carried 5/2

**Call for Division**

| <b>For</b>  | <b>Against</b> |
|-------------|----------------|
| Cr Whitney  | Cr Ramage      |
| Cr Collins  | Cr Clark       |
| Cr Willcox  |                |
| Cr Clifford |                |
| Cr Atkinson |                |

**CARRIED**

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10. Office of the Mayor & CEO
10.2 2016/10/02.05 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2015/2016 - SECOND
QUARTER

Moved by: J ATKINSON
Seconded by: J COLLINS

That Council receive the Operational Plan 2015/2016 second quarter report.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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10. Office of the Mayor & CEO  
10.3 2016/10/02.06 FRAUD AND CORRUPTION CONTROL  
FRAMEWORK

Moved by: J CLIFFORD  
Seconded by: A WILLCOX

That Council:

- a) repeals the Fraud and Corruption Control Framework adopted on 10 December 2014; and
- b) adopts the amended Fraud and Corruption Control Framework.

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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11. Corporate Services

11.1 2016/10/02.07 ISO55000 READINESS PLAN

Moved by: J ATKINSON

Seconded by: J COLLINS

That Council receive the ISO 55000 Readiness Plan.

Furthermore, that the resource requirements for future financial years will be included for budget consideration.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**11. Corporate Services**

**11.2 2016/10/02.08 SAFER STREETS PROGRAM GRANT SUBMISSION**

**Moved by: J CLIFFORD**

**Seconded by: J WHITNEY**

**That Council authorise the Acting Chief Executive Officer to prepare and lodge a grant submission to the Safer Streets Program, reflecting the priority areas of:**

- a) Airlie Beach Main St (CCTV)
- b) Airlie Beach Lagoon (CCTV)
- c) Bowen Foreshore (CCTV)
- d) Bowen Main Street (CCTV)
- e) Airlie Beach link to Police station (CCTV)
- f) Proserpine Main Street (CCTV)
- g) Airlie Boardwalk – Abell Point Marina to Coral Sea Hotel (Lighting)

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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12. Planning and Community Services

12.1 2016/10/02.09 REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER - MICHAEL OWENS ON BEHALF OF THE BIRRIAH PEOPLE

Moved by: P RAMAGE

Seconded by: J CLIFFORD

That Council waive the Collinsville Community Centre hire fees of \$262.50 to Michael Owens on behalf of the Birriah People for the Federal Court Determination Ceremony to be held on 23 March 2016 at the Collinsville Community Centre. The cleaning costs of \$112.50 will be invoiced to Michael Owens.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**12. Planning & Community**

**12.2 2016/10/02.10 SUBMISSION - CENTRAL AND NORTH QUEENSLAND TASKFORCE - FIVE KEY AREAS**

**Moved by: J CLIFFORD**

**Seconded by: D CLARK**

**That Council endorse the submission to Senator the Honourable Jan McLucas highlighting Whitsunday Region Council's Strategic Priorities and the key areas in which the taskforce can support sustainable development in the Whitsunday Region.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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13. Engineering Services

13.1 2016/10/02.11 CEMETERIES POLICY

Moved by: D CLARK

Seconded by: A WILLCOX

That Council adopt the proposed new Cemeteries Policy.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**15. General Business**

**15.1 2016/10/02.12 RV FRIENDLY STOP PROSERPINE**

**Moved by: J COLLINS**

**Seconded by: J WHITNEY**

**That the Council notes the continued high level discussions with various groups in relation to the creation of a RV friendly stop at Proserpine.**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**Moved by: J ATKINSON**

**Seconded by: J COLLINS**

**That the item *RV Friendly Stop Proserpine* be tabled to the confidential section of the meeting.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The procedural motion was Carried 6/1

**CARRIED**

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16. Procedural Motion

16.1 2016/10/02.13 PROCEDURAL MOTION - CLOSURE OF MEETING

Moved by: J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: J COLLINS

That Council close the meeting to the public at 9.38am in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Regulations 2012, for the purpose of discussing employee or industrial matters, budget, rating concessions, contractual matters, legal proceedings, planning matters or other business likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

- **Item 14.2.1 – Concealed Leak Application Review – Assessment 1103484**

Section 275 (1)(d) rating concessions

- **Item 14.3.1 – Community Assistance Grants Applications 10 February 2016**

Section 275 (1)(h) 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.

- **Item 15.1 – RV Friendly Stop Proserpine**

Section 275 (1) (h) 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.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**16. Procedural Motion**

**16.2 2016/10/02.14 PROCEDURAL MOTION - REOPEN OF MEETING**

**Moved by: J CLIFFORD**

**Seconded by: P RAMAGE**

**That Council reopen the meeting to the general public at 9.57am.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

**14.2 Confidential Matters – Corporate Services**

**14.2.1 2016/10/02.16 CONCEALED LEAK APPLICATION REVIEW – ASSESSMENT 1103484**

**Moved by: A WILLCOX**

**Seconded by: J CLIFFORD**

**That Council receives the report regarding a review of a concealed leak application from Assessment 1103484.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 6/1

Cr John Collins was recorded as against the motion.

**CARRIED**

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14.3 Confidential Matters – Planning & Community

14.3.1 2016/10/02.17 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS APPLICATIONS 10 FEBRUARY 2016

Moved by: J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: J COLLINS

That Council authorise the Acting Chief Executive Officer to write to Jackie Trad, MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and Investment to seek approval under the Act to authorise emergent expenses for the following:

- a) Wangaratta Bowls Club - \$20,000**
- b) Bowen Tennis Association - \$3,000**
- c) Proserpine Junior Sporting Complex Association - \$10,000**
- d) Whitsunday Sportspark Incorporated - \$20,000**

as per Council's Community Assistance Grants Policy.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**15. General Business**

**15.1 2016/10/02.18 RV FRIENDLY STOP PROSERPINE**

**Moved by: J COLLINS**

**Seconded by: J WHITNEY**

**That the Council notes the continued high level discussions with various groups in relation to the creation of a RV friendly stop at Proserpine.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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The meeting closed at 10.00am

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Confirmed as a true and correct recording this 24 February 2016

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**Cr Jennifer Whitney  
MAYOR**