



WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

2 APRIL 2014

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**REPORT OF THE WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON WEDNESDAY, 2 APRIL 2014 COMMENCING AT 9:07AM**

1 OPENING**2 PRESENT**

Members Present:

Councillor G A Belz (Chairperson)
The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor A P Williams
Councillor N K Fisher

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Mr R Holmes – General Manager Regional Services
Mr N Chand – Manage Fitzroy River Water
Mr J Plumb – Coordinator Treatment and Supply
Ms J Daniels – Communications Officer
Ms K Mahon – Committee Support Team Leader

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

THAT the minutes of the Water Committee held on 5 March 2014 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

Moved by: Councillor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Belz

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

9:08AM In accordance with s172(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Belz disclosed a material personal interest in respect of Item 13.1 – Pressure Sewer Systems – Mount Morgan Sewer Scheme due to having an interest in two properties in the area subject to the extension of the scheme, the Councillor will not take part in the debate and will leave the meeting when the item is discussed.

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

6.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR WATER COMMITTEE

File No: 10097
Attachments: 1. Business Outstanding Table for Water Committee
Responsible Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Water Committee is presented for Councillors information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Water Committee be received.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher
Seconded by: Councillor Williams
MOTION CARRIED

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 OFFICERS' REPORTS

Nil

9 STRATEGIC REPORTS

9.1 FRW FINANCE AND STRATEGIC MATTERS REPORT - FEBRUARY 2014

File No: 1466
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Nimish Chand - Manager FRW

SUMMARY

This report details Fitzroy River Water's financial position and other operational matters for the Council's information as at 28 February 2014.

9:21AM Councillor Rutherford attended the meeting.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the FRW Finance and Strategic Matters Report for February 2014 be received.

Moved by: Councillor Williams

Seconded by: Mayor Strelow

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11 URGENT BUSINESS\QUESTIONS

9:28AM Councillor Belz disclosed a material personal interest in relation to item 13.1 – Pressure Sewer Systems – Mount Morgan Sewer Scheme and left the meeting.

9:28AM In accordance with s64(3) of the *Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010*, and s45(8) *Council meeting Procedures*, Mayor Strelow was appointed Chairperson of the Water Committee for the period of Councillor Belz's absence.

12 CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

13.1 Pressure Sewer Systems - Mount Morgan Sewer Scheme

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to 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 .

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Williams

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

9:28AM

THAT pursuant to s341)(k) and s44 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves into Closed Session and be closed to the public.

Moved by: Councillor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

9:40AM

THAT pursuant to s34(1)(k) and s44 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves out of Closed Session and be opened to the public.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

13 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

13.1 PRESSURE SEWER SYSTEMS - MOUNT MORGAN SEWER SCHEME

File No: 6944
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Nimish Chand - Manager FRW

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SUMMARY

Fitzroy River Water has now begun construction of Stage 1 of the Mount Morgan Sewer Extension Strategy, with designs well progressed for future stages also. This revised sewer strategy for Mount Morgan was established as a means of executing a prioritised extension of the existing sewer network to target those critical properties with failing sewage collection systems and to ultimately enable FRW to provide reticulated sewerage services to approximately 450 properties upon completion. With current and future budget allocations totalling \$3,870,505, it is anticipated that construction of the required reticulation will be completed by the end of the 16/17 financial year.

Detailed designs of the initial stages of this strategy have identified a number of properties that, primarily due to location, are unable to be connected via gravity to the new sewer network. In some cases this is due to limitations relating to the depth of existing infrastructure and in others by practicality of installation. At this stage four (4) properties have been identified with approximately 12 properties in total for the sewer extension strategy. Individual pressure sewer systems will be used to connect these properties to the new sewer network.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT pressure sewer systems be utilised to service the properties unable to have a gravity connection to sewer as part of the Mount Morgan Sewer Scheme.
2. THAT Council be responsible for the cost of both the installation and future maintenance of each pressure sewer system installed as a result of Recommendation 1 above.
3. THAT the property owner be responsible for the costs associated with connecting internal plumbing to the installed pressure sewer system as well as all associated running costs (electricity) installed as a result of Recommendation 1 above.
4. THAT Mount Morgan property owners will only be required to connect to the sewer reticulation system at such time as the property's existing waste disposal system becomes inadequate or inoperable.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford
Seconded by: Mayor Strelow

MOTION CARRIED

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:40am.

CHAIRPERSON

SIGNATURE

DATE