

# **WATER COMMITTEE MEETING**

# **MINUTES**

# **1 OCTOBER 2014**

The Committee Recommendations contained within these Minutes were adopted at the Council Meeting on 7 October 2014

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# REPORT OF THE WATER COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON ON WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 12.31PM

#### 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

#### Observer:

Councillor C E Smith

#### In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

Mr R Holmes – General Manager Regional Services

Mr N Chand – Manager Fitzroy River Water

Mr A Russell – Coordinator Strategic Infrastructure

Ms J Barrett - 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 3 September 2014 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

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

# 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

#### 12:32PM

In accordance with s172(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Belz disclosed a material personal interest in respect of Items 8.1 – Requirement to Connect to Sewerage Infrastructure Policy – Policy Revision and 8.2 – Mount Morgan Water Supply due to having an interest in properties in Mt Morgan township, the Councillor will not take part in the debate and will leave the meeting when the item is discussed.

## **6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING**

Nil

## 7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

12:35PM In accordance with s64(3) of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation

2010, and s45(8) Council meeting Procedures, Mayor Strelow be appointed Chairperson of the Water Committee for the period of Councillor Belz's

absence.

12:35PM Councillor Belz declared a Material Personal Interest in regards to items 8.1 –

Requirement to Connect to Sewerage Infrastructure Policy – Policy Revision

and 8.2 – Mount Morgan Water Supply and left the meeting.

#### 8 OFFICERS' REPORTS

8.1 REQUIREMENT TO CONNECT TO SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY - POLICY REVISION

File No: 5254

Attachments: 1. Requirement to Connect to Sewerage

**Infrastructure Policy** 

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

#### **SUMMARY**

A review of the Requirement to Connect to Sewerage Infrastructure Policy has been conducted following community approaches to Councillors as a result of the extension to the Mount Morgan Sewerage Scheme. The Council's endorsement of the reviewed policy is now sought.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. THAT the policy *Requirement to Connect to Sewerage Infrastructure Policy* be amended to reflect that the connection to the system and payment will be either on the request of the property owner, the failure of the on-site system or the sale of the property in relation to the extensions of the Mt Morgan Sewerage Scheme.
- 2. THAT the sewerage access charge is paid upon connection to the system in relation to stage 2 of the Mt Morgan Sewerage Scheme.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow

Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford

**MOTION CARRIED** 

#### 8.2 MOUNT MORGAN WATER SUPPLY

File No: 2830 Attachments: Nil

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

#### **SUMMARY**

Mount Morgan's overall water supply cannot be considered reliable in the longer term, and investigations were undertaken in 2008 and up to 2010 to ensure a reliable potable water supply is available at the best value. The Council's endorsement is sought to prioritise this project should funding opportunities become available.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Mount Morgan Water Pipeline be identified as a priority project should funding opportunities become available.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford Seconded by: Councillor Williams

**MOTION CARRIED** 

1:21PM Councillor Belz returned to the Meeting and resumed the Chair

#### 9 STRATEGIC REPORTS

#### 9.1 FRW MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - AUGUST 2014

File No: 1466

Attachments: 1. FRW Monthly Operations Report - August

2014

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 31 August 2014.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the FRW Monthly Operations Report for August 2014 be received.

Moved by: Councillor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

#### 9.2 FRW ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN - 2014/15

File No: 8409

Attachments: 1. FRW Annual Performance Plan - 2014/15

Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Nimish Chand - Manager FRW

#### **SUMMARY**

The Local Government Regulation 2012 section 175 requires commercial business units to prepare an Annual Performance Plan for inclusion in the Rockhampton Regional Council Operational Plan. The 2014/15 Annual Performance Plan for Fitzroy River Water is submitted for consideration.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. THAT the 2014/15 Annual Performance Plan for Fitzroy River Water as submitted be adopted; and
- 2. THAT the Community Service Obligations totalling \$474,552 as detailed in this report and identified in the 2014/15 Annual Performance Plan be received; and
- 3. THAT a report to review CSO's and the treatment of CSO's be returned to the Council table prior to the adoption of the 2015/16 budget.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

## 11 URGENT BUSINESS\QUESTIONS

### 12 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1:42pm.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE