MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, QUORN CIVIC CENTRE
ON TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2011 COMMENCING AT 6.30 PM.

1. PRESENT
   Mayor PJ Slattery (in Chair)
   Councillors: KP Anderson, JR Cannard, RK Daniel, BA Filsell,
   GS Lucas, JL Shute, GC Thompson and KM Walsh (from 6.34 pm)

   Chief Executive Officer: CJ Davies
   Works Manager: MA Hill

2. APOLOGIES
   Councillors JR Cannard and KM Walsh

   ABSENT

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
   Moved Councillor Thompson, Seconded Councillor Lucas

   That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2011, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that Meeting.

   CARRIED. (011/2011)

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST
   Nil

5. BUSINESS ARISING
   5.1 Bike Trails

   Moved Councillor Thompson, Seconded Councillor Anderson

   That Council:
   a. agree in principle to the establishment of the proposed bike trails within The Flinders Ranges Council district;
   b. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to discuss the proposed bike trails with Bike SA, South Australian Tourism Commission and neighbouring Councils; and
   c. make provision for funding the establishment of the bike trails in the 2011/2012 Annual Business Plan and Long Term Financial Plan.

   CARRIED. (012/2011)

6. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS
   6.1 Petitions Nil
   6.2 Deputations Nil
7. REPORTS

Moved Councillor Shute, Seconded Councillor Thompson

That the reports including addendums for Works, Finance, Members, Chief Executive Officer, Environmental Health Compliance Officer, Development Officer, Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Coordinator and Visitor Information Centre Manager, be received.

CARRIED. (013/2011)

7.1 Works

7.1.1 Business Arising Nil

7.1.2 Works Manager’s Report

7.1.2.1 Works

*Quorn Waste Transfer Station / Quorn and Hawker Waste Depots / Garbage Collection Service*

Councillor Anderson referred to comments received from ratepayers, and his personal concern, regarding the charge for the disposal of green waste at the town waste depots.

Elected Members discussed the reasons for the implementation of entry charges for all residents utilising the Quorn and Hawker Waste Depots, effective 1 February 2011.

Chief Executive Officer advised that waste depots should operate on a full cost recovery basis to help reduce general rates.

Councillor Anderson asked that the green waste charge be reviewed after a short time and that records be maintained on additional refuse being collected by Council employees in relation to extra clearing of street bins etc.

Council’s February Newsletter to contain further background information on the reasons for the required fees.

Moved Councillor Daniel, Seconded Councillor Thompson

That Council:

a. call for expressions of interest for construction works associated with the establishment of the Quorn Waste Transfer Station from a minimum of 3 contractors;

b. agree in principle to the Hawker and Quorn Waste Depots being open during normal opening hours within any one year cycle, for the free delivery by Council ratepayers of:-
   - sorted green waste on six (6) separate days (approximately quarterly), with dates to be determined;
   - hard waste on one (1) day, at a date to be determined;

c. allow the Hawker and Quorn Waste Depots to accept green waste and other material associated with a proclaimed (by Council) storm event free of charge, for a one (1) week period, including a minimum of one weekend day during normal opening times, following any future storm event; and

*Motion continued:*
d. allow ratepayers outside the township boundaries, not currently having a kerbside collection service, to have the option of paying the current Garbage Service Charge to have their garbage and recycling collected from one of the designated collection points on township boundaries or along the route taken by the garbage truck from Carrieton via Cradock to Hawker, Hawker to Quorn, and Quorn to Wilmington.

CARRIED. (014/2011)

7.1.2.2 Works General Inspector
   *For Information*

7.1.2.3 Works Project Officer
   *For Information*

7.1.3 Correspondence

7.1.3.1 Dog and Cat Management Board
   Schedule of Fees

Moved Councillor Thompson, Seconded Councillor Anderson


CARRIED. (015/2011)

7.1.4 Other

7.4.1.1 Hawker Aerodrome

The Mayor referred to the visit by the Minister for Tourism to the region in December 2010, and the Minister's interest in the provision of enhanced regional air access. Council has been approached by Regional Development Australia Far North (RDAFN) enquiring as to Council's interest in upgrading the airstrip.

The Hawker Aerodrome is in a prime location to service The Flinders Ranges Council, but is unable to accommodate aircraft with a take-off weight of 5,700 kilograms or more on a regular basis due to the pavement rating and the length of the strip.

A rebuild of the airstrip would need to incorporate CASA requirements for fifteen kilometres past the airstrip, as this is the area of the Hawker Aerodrome, and could cost in the vicinity of $4,000,000.00.

The Works Manager suggested that the South Australian Government could buy back the facility, undertake the required upgrade, and possibly engage Council to operate the new facility.

The Mayor advised that discussions were ongoing with RDAFN and the South Australian Tourism Commission.
7.4.1.2 February Rain Event

In response to a query by Councillor Thompson, Elected Members were advised that only moderate damage had occurred to creek crossings and roads in the recent rain event following Cyclone Yasi.

7.4.1.3 Hawker Swimming Pool

Councillor Thompson referred to the area between the pavers and boundary fence at the new Hawker Swimming Pool, and suggested that this area be paved or grassed in an effort to reduce dust from entering the pool.

Agreed that options for covering this area be included in 2011/2012 budget discussions.

7.4.1.4 Bathurst Burr

Councillor Daniel referred to a complaint regarding the amount of Bathurst Burr in the Quorn Parklands, particularly the area bounded by Arden Vale Road and Park Terrace. Works Manager to inspect.

7.4.1.5 Hawker Footpaths

Councillor Daniel referred to weed growth on some Hawker town footpaths and queried whether the Tuesday free collection for raked footpath debris was only available to Quorn residents.

*The Works Manager left the Meeting at 7.48 pm*

7.2 Members

7.2.1 Mayor

Attendance at meetings / functions since the last Council Meeting –

12.01.2011 Quorn Bushfire Awareness Session for Business Operators.
25.01.2011 Assisted with Council response to South Australian Tourist Commission’s draft Regional Tourism Strategy, and Quorn Visitor and Information Centre proposed survey and management of Centre.
26.01.2011 Hawker Australia Day celebrations.
02.02.2011 Regional Development Australia Far North, presentation by Minister O’Brien and Senator Farrell concerning regional funding.

7.2.2 Members

7.2.2.1 Councillor Anderson

Councillor Anderson advised that he had attended the following meetings / functions –

26.01.2011 Quorn Australia Day Celebrations, delivered address.
7.2.2.2 Councillor Cannard  Absent, apology presented

7.2.2.3 Councillor Filsell  Nil

7.2.2.4 Councillor Daniel

Councillor Daniel advised that he had attended the following meetings / functions –

17.01.2011  Northern and Yorke Natural Resource Management Board, Orroroo.
01.02.2011  Northern and Yorke Natural Resource Management Board, Melrose.
04.02.2011  Locust Plague debrief, Orroroo.

7.2.2.5 Councillor Lucas

Councillor Lucas advised that he had attended the following meetings / functions –

12.01.2011  Quorn Bushfire Awareness Session for Business Operators.
25.01.2011  Council response to South Australian Tourist Commission’s draft Regional Tourism Strategy, and Quorn Visitor and Information Centre proposed survey and management of Centre.

7.2.2.6 Councillor Shute  Nil

7.2.2.7 Councillor Thompson

Councillor Thompson advised that he had attended the following meetings / functions –

12.01.2011  Quorn Bushfire Awareness Session for Business Operators.
24.01.2011  Northern Passenger Transport Network, Quorn.
25.01.2011  Council response to South Australian Tourist Commission’s draft Regional Tourism Strategy, and Quorn Visitor and Information Centre proposed survey and management of Centre.
26.01.2011  Hosted Quorn Australia Day Celebrations.

7.2.2.8 Councillor Walsh  Absent, apology presented

7.3 Chief Executive Officer

7.3.1 Australian Local Government Association
Call for Motions

The Chief Executive Officer suggested that Council could consider Local Government road funding as a notice of motion.

Agreed the proposed subject be discussed at the Central Local Government Region of South Australia meeting to be held on 11 February 2011.
7.3.2 Quorn Oval Master Plan

Moved Councillor Thompson, Seconded Councillor Lucas

That Council adopt the Quorn Oval Master Plan and that Plan form the basis of future development for the Quorn Town Oval with further consultation to be undertaken when detailed planning is formulated.

CARRIED. (016/2011)

7.3.3 Quorn Cemetery

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council would be approached to consider allowing short term share farming of the additional land not required at this stage.

Moved Councillor Daniel, Seconded Councillor Lucas

That any share farming options considered by Council include the possible benefit to the Quorn Sporting Association Incorporated.

CARRIED. (017/2011)

7.3.4 Local Government Association of South Australia

State Executive Nominations

For Information

7.3.5 Department of Environment and Natural Resources

‘People and Parks: A Draft Visitor Strategy for South Australia’s National Parks and Reserves’

Councillor Anderson advised that he would obtain hard copies of the draft Visitor Strategy, and a copy would be included on the next Elected Members’ Information Disc.

The Draft Visitor Strategy to be discussed at the March 2011 Ordinary Council Meeting.

7.3.6 Australian Electoral Commission

Redistribution of Federal Government Electoral Boundaries

For Information

7.3.7 Local Government Association of South Australia

Development (Regulated Trees) Variation Regulations 2010

For Information

7.3.8 Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications

Inquiry into National Broadband Network

For Information

7.3.9 Council Bylaws

Moved Councillor Shute, Seconded Councillor Filsell

That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to commence the process to review all by-laws and draft any new by-laws that may be required for The Flinders Ranges Council.

CARRIED. (018/2011)
7.3.10 Rotary Club of Unley
   Police Officer of the Year Award

Moved Councillor Thompson, Seconded Councillor Anderson

That Council nominate Brevett Sergeant Lari Zada for Police Officer of the Year.

CARRIED. (019/2011)

7.3.11 SA Water Update
   For Information

7.3.12 Chief Executive Officer Diary
   For Information

7.3.13 Council Correspondence
   For Information

7.3.14 Council Staff
   For Information

7.3.15 Section 90 Minutes Review Nil

7.3.16 Council Seal Nil

Late Item
7.3.17 Central Local Government Region of South Australia Nominations
   For Information

7.4 Finance

7.4.1 Finance Reports

Moved Councillor Shute, Seconded Councillor Thompson

That Council:

a. note the contents of the Bank Reconciliation for the month ending 31 January 2011;
b. endorse the transfers to and from Reserves as per the Investment and Reserve Reconciliation for the month ending 31 January 2011;
c. note the contents of the Debenture Loan Reconciliation for the period ending 31 January 2011;
d. pursuant to Section 123(13) of the Local Government Act 1999 and Section 7 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 note the contents of the Budget Review for the period ending 31 January 2011 and endorse the changes noted therein; and
e. note the contents of the Statutory Finance Reports for the period ending 31 January 2011.

CARRIED. (020/2011)

7.5 Grants

7.5.1 Grant Applications January 2011
   For Information
7.6 Environmental Health Officer

7.6.1 Inspection of Premises
   For Information

7.7 Development

7.7.1 Development Approvals
   For Information

7.8 Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Coordinator

7.8.1 Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare
   For Information

7.9 Visitor Information Centre Manager

7.9.1 Visitor Statistics
   For Information

8. COMMITTEES

8.1 Council Section 41 Committees  Nil

8.2 Section 43 Committees  Nil

8.3 Council Reference Committees  Nil

8.4 Council Delegate Meetings  Nil

8.5 Regional Development Assessment Panel  Nil

9. CORRESPONDENCE  Nil

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Flinders Ranges National Landscape Experience Development Strategy

Moved Councillor Lucas, Seconded Councillor Thompson

That Council submit an expression of interest to Regional Development Australia Far North on behalf of The Flinders Ranges Council district tourist operators, and particularly those located within the Pichi Richi Pass area, for the hosting of a workshop delivered by South Australian Museum staff to provide information on the geology of the Flinders Ranges.

CARRIED. (021/2011)

10.2 Special Local Roads Grant Application

Councillor Anderson expressed concern that the Special Local Roads Grant application, submitted by The Flinders Ranges Council for the sealing of road between Quorn and Warren Gorge, at an annual cost of $1.7M, if successful, would impact on Council’s sealing program.

Chief Executive Officer advised that should the project be successful, other options to fund the project, including a loan, would be considered by Council.
10.3 Fallen Timber on Road Reserves

Councillor Daniel referred to discussions with Natural Resource Management staff in relation to collection of fallen timber on Council road reserves.

Agreed that the matter be discussed at the March 2011 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

10.4 Australia Day Celebrations

The Mayor thanked Councillor Thompson for hosting the Quorn Australia Day Celebrations and Councillor Anderson for delivering the Quorn Australia Day Address.

11. CONFIDENTIAL ISSUE Nil

12. NEXT MEETING

8th March 2011, Hawker Memorial Hospital Community Room, Hawker

13. MEETING CLOSED AT 8.47 PM

Confirmed at the Meeting held on 8 March 2011

............................... MAYOR

Certified to be a true and accurate record of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th February 2011

............................... CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER