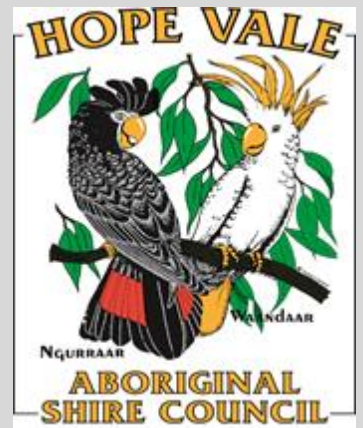


# Interim Hope Vale Local Thriving Communities Advisory Committee Meeting Report



Thursday 27 July 2023

Council Meeting Room,  
Hope Vale

## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

Mayor Woibo welcomed members to the meeting of the Interim Hope Vale Local Thriving Communities Advisory Committee (LTC) Meeting and declared the meeting open at 9.30 am. Mayor Woibo then acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting is being held and elders, past, present, and emerging. A minute silence was held for sorry business in the community.

## 2 MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jason Woibo

Cr Allison Michael

Russell Gibson (arrived at 10.00am)

Neville Bowen (Jnr)

Laken Pearson (arrived 9.45am)

Pearl Deemal

### Apologies:

Elaine McIvor

### Officers Present:

Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Chief Executive Officer – Steve Linnane

A/Regional Director - FNQ Region, Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts – Kerry-Lee Bird

Director of Social Services – Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council - Deborah Burke

Local Thriving Communities Coordinator – Carmen Pearson

## 3 OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

## **4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING REPORT**

It was agreed that Report of the meeting that was held on 29 June 2023, be accepted as a true and correct record.

## **5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

5.1 Department of Justice and Attorney General - It was agreed by the LTC to send an invite to DJAG representatives for an overview of the Men's and Women's Shelters.

5.2 The Thurrpiil Justice Group to provide statistics on Domestic Violence, the mediation process and what is civil and criminal offences.

5.3 Ranger programs – Great Barrier Reef Funding and National Parks grants. CEO Steve Linnane has made contact with Hope Vale Congress and CEO. An application has been sent still awaiting response. Completed

5.4 The Hope Vale Local Thriving Communities Advisory Committee would like to develop a community survey which will assist in identifying the current strengths of the community and what further improvements can be undertaken as a community. It was agreed by the LTC that Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council to design and develop a survey for the community.

5.5 Representatives from the Hope Vale Mens Rugby League to meet with LTC Coordinator to review their request for funding. It was agreed that the Hope Vale Mens Rugby League to provide quotes for a grand final shield.

5.6 Department of Education representatives to be invited to attend the meeting to discuss the following issues:

- Hope Vale Youth non attendance at Primary and Secondary School.
- School Review Overview
- Extended school hours at Hope Vale School.

It was agreed by the LTC meeting invites to be sent to the Department of Education Mandy Whybird, Kate McDonald and Leeanne Rayner and Duncan Inglis Principal and Deputy Principal Cooktown P-12 State School to attend the August meeting.

## **6 ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Education**

As above.

## **6.2 Youth**

Update on Youth Strategy- Director of Social services has confirmed that the action plan from the youth strategy is currently being updated. A youth forum will be held in September that will assist with the updating of the youth strategy.

## **6.3 Law and order**

It was agreed that an invite to be sent to The Hope Vale Thurrpiil Justice Group to meet the new board members/ directors.

Hope Vale Justice Group – statistics on Domestic Violence, the mediation process and what is civil and criminal law.

## **6.4. Employment**

Update by CEO on Council initiatives referred to the next meeting.

# **7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Alliance of the Guugu Yimithirr People – Peter Gibson, Robert Deemal, Doreen Hart, Elaine McGreen, Steven Wallace

Cape York Institute -Kirsty Davis

Pama Futures – Amanda Fyfe

National Indigenous Australians Agency – Samantha Betts, Kate Hamilton, Monique Guazzo and Marnie Wettenhall.

Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Communities and the Arts - Tim Fell.

# **8 GENERAL BUISNESS**

At 10.10 am delegates from the Alliance of the Guugu Yimithirr People, Cape York Institute, Pama Futures, and the National Indigenous Australians Agency were admitted to the meeting. Each person stated their roles and responsibilities within each of their organisations.

Kirsty Davis provided an overview of Pama Futures and AGYP to the commitment over the past 4 years in bringing community voices together on Hope Vale matters. (Elim Beach Summit August 2019 Information handout presented).

AGYP and Pama Futures, sit as a community led voice (AGYP) and a community led agenda (Pama Futures/Empowered Communities) after more than 6 years of work. Pama Futures is a work unit of Cape York Institute, a separate entity that works for policy, innovation, leadership academy, Pama Languages and Pama Futures. Wanting to have a joint model with Alliance and Local Thriving Communities for Hope Vale. A future meeting is to take place between the relevant stakeholders on further discussions on what it could look like.

Tim Fell provided an overview of Local Thriving Communities and informed the group that investment mapping is currently taking place for a number of the communities. This will be provided to the Council's and Local Decision-Making Bodies when available.

Mayor Woibo provided an overview of initiatives that have been delivered by Council in Hope Vale in the past few years and what is currently in development and proposed.

Ms Pearl Deemal presented an information booklet about the lugger boat about the stories from the shelling industry of highly skilled seaman of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men. Ms Deemal expressed interest in having an event to acknowledge and recognise our people from Hope Vale for their dedication and hard work in the shelling industry.

## **9 NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023

## **10 MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.00pm.