

Minutes

General Meeting

Wednesday 10 April 2019

Council Chambers Hope Vale



1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Acting Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.45 am.

The Council then acknowledged those members of the region who have recently passed away as well as other members of the region who have suffered illness or injury.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Members Present: Deputy Mayor Cr June Pearson (in the Chair)
Cr Barry Bowen
Cr Selina Bowen
Cr Bruce Gibson

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Steve Linnane

Apologies: Greg McLean

3 OBLIGATIONS OF COUNCILLORS

3.1 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST ON ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to Section 175C of the Local Government Act 2009, no declarations of material personal interests were made during this meeting.

3.2 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to Section 175E of the Local Government Act 2009, the following personal interests were raised:

Deputy Mayor June Pearson informed the meeting of a personal interest for Item 6.3
Cr Selina Bowen informed the meeting of a personal interest for Item 6.3

3.3 REGISTERS OF INTEREST

Councillors reviewed their Registers of Interests and Related Parties Disclosures.

4 Confirmation of Minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 20 March 2019.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 20 March 2019, be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 Business arising from Minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 20 March 2019.

Nil

6 REPORTS

6.1 RECEPTION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Moved by Cr Selina Bowen

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 7 April 2019 be received.

CARRIED

6.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

6.2.1 Meetings Attended

The CEO advised of meetings that he had attended since the last Council meeting.

It was agreed that Council note the meetings attended by the Chief Executive Officer.

6.2.2**Audit Committee**

Council's Audit Committee has held meetings on 18 December 2018 and 27 March 2019. Minutes of these meetings were attached to the CEO's report (Attachments A and B)

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meetings held on 18 December 2018 and 27 March 2019.

CARRIED

6.2.3**2018/2019 Operational Plan – Third Quarter Report**

Council's Annual Operational Plan documents the annual progress in the implementation of the 5-year corporate plan and manages Council's operational risks. Attachment C of the CEO's report provides an assessment on Council's progress towards implementing the annual Operational Plan for the third quarter ending 31 March 2019.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That Council receive and note the assessment on Council's progress towards implementing the annual Operational Plan for the third quarter ending 31 March 2019

CARRIED

6.2.4**Media and Communications Report: March 2019**

Council's Media and Communications Consultant Tracey Wilson has provided a Media and Communications Report for March 2019. (Attachment D of the CEO's report)

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That Council receive and note the Council's Media and Communications Consultant's report for March 2019

CARRIED



6.2.5**Proposed State Government Changes to Council Electoral Arrangements**

The CEO attended the Special Meeting of the LGAQ held in Brisbane on 2 April 2019 in relation to the proposed State Government changes to Council electoral arrangements. 72 of the 75 Local Governments in Queensland were represented.

All the motions were overwhelmingly supported.

The Minister also provided the following update with respect to some of the more topical issues which have been under discussion:

Compulsory Preferential Voting

Compulsory Preferential Voting (CPV) will be introduced for Mayor and single Councillor divisions, from the 2020 local government election, to align voting methodologies with State and Federal elections and to avoid voter confusion.

Proportional Representation

Feedback received on proportional representation (PR) showed this change to the voting system would be too complex to introduce for the 2020 Local Government election.

As such further consultation will be undertaken on PR, with the aim to introduce partial proportional representation for undivided councils at the 2024 Local Government election.

Expenditure caps and Public campaign funding

The Government has determined that expenditure caps for Councillors and candidates and public funding for elections requires further consultation and as such will not be implemented to apply to the 2020 Local Government elections.

Dual candidacy

The Government will not be proceeding with dual candidacy. Feedback on this measure showed it would not strongly benefit local governments.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson**Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen****Resolution:**

That Council receive and note the advice in relation to the proposed State Government changes to Council electoral arrangements.

CARRIED**6.2.6****Proposed Regulatory Amendments Currently Under Consideration for 2019**

The State Government have advised of further proposed regulatory amendments currently under consideration for 2019. Attachment E to the CEO's report outlined the key changes proposed. This document is not intended to reflect all drafting changes currently being considered by the Department.



Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson**Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen****Resolution:**

That Council note the proposed regulatory amendments currently under consideration by the State Government for 2019.

CARRIED**6.2.7****Royal Australian Mint - 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages Coin Design**

On Tuesday 9 April 2019, the Royal Australian Mint will launch Australia's newest circulating 50 cent coin. Developed in collaboration with the Hope Vale community and the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), and with a design featuring languages from 14 diverse communities, including the Guugu Yimithirr language group, this coin compliments the United Nations General Assembly's proclamation that 2019 is the International Year of Indigenous Languages.

A render of the coin and the rationale supporting the design of the coin was attached to the CEO's report (Attachment F)

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson**Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen****Resolution:**

That Council note the design and the rationale for the new 50 cent coin featuring languages from 14 diverse communities, including the Guugu Yimithirr language group.

CARRIED**6.2.8****Hope Vale Aged Care Hostel**

The Hope Vale Aged Care Facility has thirteen (13) permanent residents and two (2) unfunded boarders. The Aged Care facility is regulated under the Aged Care Act 1997 and receives Federal Government subsidy.

Aged Care is increasingly becoming a specialized industry with much greater regulatory responsibilities for management and aged care workers. It is considered timely to review the existing management options for the Hope Vale Aged Care Hostel. Any review should be underpinned by Councillor input into any proposed management structure.



Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council

- (a) authorize the CEO to arrange for a review of the options available to Council for the management of the Hope Vale Aged Care Hostel, and
- (b) note that the replacement of the CHSP bus is being organized.

CARRIED

6.2.9

Queensland Indigenous Waste Project

It was advised that the CEO in on the Queensland Indigenous Waste Strategy Steering Committee.

The Queensland Indigenous Waste Project (the Project) responds to the call in the State Government's Draft Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy to improve waste management and resource recovery performance acknowledging the many challenges and opportunities that currently exist.

The Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee and the Consultancy Proposal for the project were attached to the report (Attachment G)

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council note the Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee and the Consultancy Proposal for the Queensland Indigenous Waste Project

CARRIED

6.3 Finance Director's Report

The Finance Director's report dated 4 April 2019 was considered by Council.

As required by s175E of the Local Government Act 2009, Acting Mayor June Pearson informed the meeting of a personal interest in relation to matters to be considered in Item 6.3

Acting Mayor June Pearson set out the following in relation to this interest:
The report referred to an unsuccessful funding application from a relative.



Moved by Cr Barry Bowen**Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson****Resolution:**

That in accordance with s175E(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 2009, Deputy Mayor June Pearson does not have a real or perceived conflict of interest in matters that are to be considered in item 6.3.

Carried Unanimously**CARRIED**

In accordance with s175E (4) of the Local Government Act 2009, Deputy Mayor June Pearson did not vote on this matter.

As required by s175E of the Local Government Act 2009, Cr Selina Bowen informed the meeting of a personal interest in relation to matters to be considered in item 6.3
Cr Selina Bowen set out the following in relation to this interest:
The report referred to an unsuccessful funding application from a relative.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen**Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson****Resolution:**

That in accordance with s175E(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 2009, Cr Selina Bowen does not have a real or perceived conflict of interest in matters that are to be considered in item 6.3.

Carried Unanimously**CARRIED**

In accordance with s175E (4) of the Local Government Act 2009, Cr Selina Bowen did not vote on this matter.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen**Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson****Resolution:**

That the Finance Director's report dated 4 April 2019 be received and adopted.

CARRIED

6.4 Human Resource Manager's Report

Nil



6.5 Social Services Director's Report

The Social Services Director's Report dated 7 April 2019 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the Social Services Director's Report dated 7 April 2019 be received and noted.

CARRIED

6.6 Operations Manager's Report

The Operations Manager's Report dated 5 April 2019 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That the Operations Manager's Report dated 5 April 2019 be received and noted.

CARRIED

7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

At 10am Mr Nico Voogt, CEO of VV Group was admitted to the meeting and provided a presentation on alternative food production methods.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 RU OK?

From the Minister for Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion dated 28 March 2019 requesting Council's support by spreading the RU OK? Message.

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted.



9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

11 NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting is planned to be held in Cairns on Thursday 30 May 2019

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2pm.



Acting Mayor June Pearson
Meeting Chair



Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer