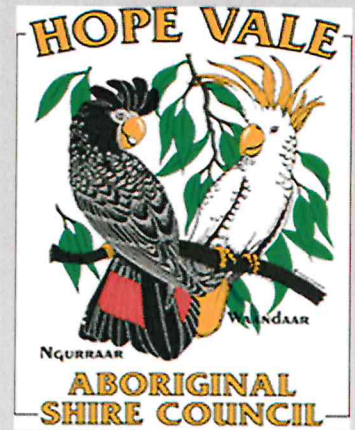


# Minutes

## Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 14 August 2024  
in the Hope Vale Council  
Offices



## 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

Mayor Gibson declared the meeting open at 9:05 am on Wednesday 14 August 2024.

Mayor Gibson acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was being held and elders past and present.

The meeting held a minute of silence to acknowledge those members of the Hope Vale region who have recently passed away or suffered illness or injury.

## 2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**Members Present:**

- Cr Bruce Gibson – Mayor
- Cr Barry Bowen – Deputy Mayor
- Cr Sha-lane Gibson
- Cr Rowan Hart
- Cr Eva Bounghi

**Officer Present:** Chief Executive Officer – Lawrence Booth

## 3. OBLIGATIONS OF COUNCILLORS

### 3.1 Declaration of Prescribed Conflict of Interest on Any Item of Business

Pursuant to Sections 150EG-150EM of the Local Government Act 2009, no Prescribed Conflicts of Interest were made relating to this meeting.

### 3.2 Declaration of Declarable Conflict of Interest on Any Item of Business

Pursuant to Sections 150EN-150ET of the Local Government Act 2009, no Declarable Conflicts of Interest were made relating to this meeting.

### 3.3 Registers of Interest

Councillors were reminded of their obligation to keep their Registers of Interest and Related Parties Disclosures updated.

#### **4. Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **4.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 17 July 2024**

Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi

Seconded by Mayor Bruce Gibson

**Resolution**

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 14 July be accepted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

##### **4.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Special Meeting held on Wednesday 29 July 2024**

Moved by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Seconded by Cr Rowan Hart

**Resolution**

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday 29 July be accepted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

##### **5.1 Business arising from Minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 17 July 2024**

It was agreed that in future the Councillors would provide a verbal update on any relevant activities undertaken in their roles as Councillors.

It was agreed that the CEO would arrange for an update on progress with Miller's Estate to be provided at the next Council as a Trustee Meeting.

##### **5.2 Business arising from Minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 29 July 2024**

Nil.

## 6. REPORTS

### 6.1 Mayor's Report

The Mayor provided a report on his Mayoral activities since the last Meeting.

It was agreed that the Mayor's Report be received and noted.

### 6.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report

#### 6.2.1 Meetings Attended

The Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 14 August 2024, was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

#### Resolution

That Council:

- (a) Receive the Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 14 July 2024.
- (b) Note the meetings attended by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

#### 6.2.2 QAO – 2024 Closing Report

On 29 July 2024, the Queensland Audit Office submitted its Closing Report for Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2024. The Closing Report is attached to the Chief Executive Officer's Report as Attachment A. The Report reinforces Council's strong commitment to good corporate governance and financial sustainability.

Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi

Seconded by Mayor Bruce Gibson

#### Resolution

That Council receive and note the Queensland Audit Office Closing Report for Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2024 as shown as Attachment A of the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

CARRIED

#### 6.2.3 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes

An Audit Committee Meeting was held in Hope Vale on 30 July 2024. The Minutes are attached to the Chief Executive Officer's Report as Attachment B.



**Moved by Mayor Bruce Gibson****Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson****Resolution**

**That Council receive and note the minutes of the Audit Committee as shown as Attachment B of the Chief Executive Officer's Report.**

**CARRIED****6.2.4 Annual Financial Statements**

The Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 have been signed off by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer, after approval from the Audit Committee on 30 July 2024. The Statements were subsequently certified by the Queensland Audit Office.

A copy of the certified Annual Financial Statements for the Year ended 30 June 2024 are attached to the Chief Executive Officer's Report as Attachment C.

**Moved by Cr Barry Bowen****Seconded by Cr Eva Bounghi****Resolution**

**That Council receive and note the certified Annual Financial Statements for the Year ended 30 June 2024 as shown as Attachment C of the Chief Executive Officer's Report.**

**CARRIED****6.2.5 Cape York Natural Resource Management – Board Internship Opportunity**

Council recently resolved to support a Councillor's involvement on the Board of Cape York Natural Resource Management (NRM). Following ongoing discussions with the CEO of Cape York NRM, Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council has been offered an internship as an induction to the roles and responsibilities of a board member.

**Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi****Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen****Resolution**

**That Council endorse the involvement of Cr Rowan Hart in the Board Internship program being run by the Northern Australian People Capacity and Response Network.**

**CARRIED****6.2.6 Hope Vale Community Wi-Fi Project**

Hope Vale has been chosen as one of the communities into which free community Wi-Fi will be installed. The Federal Government has partnered with NBNCo to develop tailored broadband solutions that meet needs of First Nations communities. The solutions are co-designed with each community into which they are installed. NBNCo has advised that it has received funding to provide free community Wi-Fi through to 2028. Consideration is currently being given as to what happens to the program after 2028.

**Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi****Seconded by Cr Rowan Hart****Resolution****That Council receive and note the information provided about the community-wide Wi-Fi project.****CARRIED****6.2.7 Appointment to the Local Government Advisory Panel on State Land Matters**

For the information of Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer has been appointed by the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) to the Local Government Advisory Panel (LGAP) on State Land Matters following an Expression of Interest process. LGAP is a partnership between the Department of Resources (Resources), the LGAQ and representatives from local government, to inform and support changes to modernise Queensland's state land administration framework and place naming processes.

**Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi****Seconded by Cr Sha-Lane Gibson****Resolution****That Council receive and note the information provided about the Local Government Advisory Panel on State Land Matters.****CARRIED****6.2.8**

The Chief Executive Officer provided the Meeting with a briefing on the following issues:

- Blue Card services.
- Dental services in Hope Vale.
- Leasing and property matters.
- Asset Management.
- Internal Audit.
- Disaster Management Plan reviews.
- Media and Communications Strategy.
- DFV Mayoral Taskforce.
- Local Buy Supplier Engagement Meeting (Cooktown).
- Development of a council and regional masterplan for flood warning infrastructure.

**6.3 Finance Director's Report**

**It was agreed that matters pertaining to Finance Directorate would be dealt with as part of the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting to be held on 30 August 2024.**

## 6.4 Social Services Director's Report

The Social Services Director's Report dated 14 August 2024 was considered by Council. The Social Services Director provided a briefing to Council on the content of the report.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Eva Bounghi

### Resolution

That Council receive and note the Social Services Director's Report dated 14 August 2024.

CARRIED

## 6.5 Operations Manager's Report

The Operations Manager's Report dated 14 August 2024 was considered by Council. The Operations Manager provided a briefing to Council on the content of the report.

Moved by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Seconded by Cr Rowan Hart

### Resolution

That Council receive and note the Operations Manager's Report dated 14 August 2024.

CARRIED

## 7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

### 7.1 Queensland Police Service

A presentation was delivered by the Officer in Charge of the QPS Hope Vale Station about strategies to engage with the community.

### 7.2 Local Buy

A presentation was delivered by staff from Local Buy (a business of the Local Government Association of Queensland) about procurement services they provide.

### 7.3 Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Partnerships, Communities and the Arts

A presentation was delivered by staff from the Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Partnerships, Communities and the Arts about the Local Thriving Communities program, the Hope Vale Local Decision-Making Board and Service Investment Mapping.



#### **7.4 Barbara Schmidt and Associates**

A presentation was delivered on progress with Hope Vale's strategic Aged Care Review.

#### **7.4 Tropical Public Health Services – TCHHS**

A presentation was delivered on support to be provided by the Service for Council's Horse Management Strategy, community engagement activities and other public health activities.

### **8 CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **8.1 Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT)**

Consideration of correspondence from the Program Manager, Engagement Division, Far North Queensland Region, Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT) about the Skilling Queenslanders for Work Program for community organisations, including councils.

It was agreed that the correspondence from the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT) be received and noted.

### **9 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **9.1 Speed Testing of Internet Connections**

It was agreed that the Chief Executive Officer would provide Councillors with a copy of the information about the Ookla speed test app supplied by the First Nations Digital Program in the Queensland Government's Customer and Digital Group.

#### **9.2 Local Government Association of Queensland's Annual Conference**

It was agreed that the Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer would attend the LGAQ's Annual Conference in October, preceded by a visit to Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council to gain firsthand insights into innovations pursued by the Council.

#### **9.3 Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council – Noise Nuisance Complaints**

It was agreed that the Chief Executive would investigate Council's responsibilities for investigating and managing noise nuisances under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* and provide Councillors with an update in due course.



#### 9.4 Provision of iPads to Councillors

It was agreed that the Chief Executive Officer would investigate the potential provision of iPads to Councillors to improve the security of Council's Agenda documentation and reduce the unnecessary use of paper.

### 10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

#### 10.1 Hope Vale Foundation Correspondence

Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi

Seconded by Cr Rowan Hart

**Resolution**

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to sections 254J (3) (f) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to consider correspondence to be sent to the Hope Vale Foundation.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Eva Bounghi

**Resolution**

That the meeting be re-opened to the public.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Eva Bounghi

**Resolution**

That Council approve the issuing of correspondence to the Hope Vale Foundation as tabled.

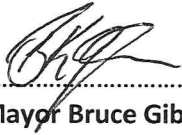
**CARRIED**

### 11 NEXT MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be a Special Meeting of Council to be held in Hope Vale on Friday 30 August 2024.

## 12 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.15pm on Wednesday 14 August 2024.

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Mayor Bruce Gibson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lawrence Booth'.

Lawrence Booth  
Chief Executive Officer