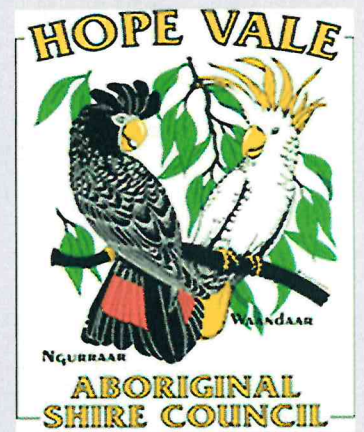


Minutes



General Meeting

Tuesday 18 June and
Wednesday 19 June 2024 in
the Hope Vale Council
Offices

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

Mayor Gibson declared the meeting open at 9.15 am on Tuesday 18 June 2024.

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

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 – Steve Linnane
- Incoming CEO – 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 General Meeting held on Wednesday 15 May and Friday 17 May 2024

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Eva Bounghi

Resolution

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 15 May and Friday 17 May 2024 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 Business Arising from Minutes

5.1 Business arising from Minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 15 May and Friday 17 May 2024

Councillors requested a verbal update be provided by the Chief Executive Officer regarding progress with the National Quality Standard Assessment and Rating Review of the George Bowen Memorial Kindergarten. A verbal update was provided during the course of the Meeting.

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

The Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 17 June 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 17 June 2024.
- (b) Note the meetings attended by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

6.2.1 August 2024 Council Meeting

The August 2024 Council Meeting is presently proposed for Wednesday 21 August 2024. However, advice has been received from the Queensland Police Service that a First Nations Mayors Summit will be held in Cairns on 20 and 21 August 2024. Accordingly, it is proposed that the August 2024 Council Meeting be moved forward one week to 14 August 2024.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Sha-Lane Gibson

Resolution

That Council note that the August 2024 Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 August 2024.

CARRIED

6.2.2 2025 Special Holiday Requests

The Queensland Office of Industrial Relations has requested advice from Council on the proposed Public Holidays for 2025. Once advice has been received from Council, they will be prepared for Ministerial approval, gazettal and publishing on the website.

Moved by Cr Cr Eva Bounghi

Seconded by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That Council make application to the State Government to declare 18 July 2025 as a Special Holiday pursuant to the Holiday's Act 1983 to coincide with the Cairns Show public holiday.

CARRIED

6.2.3 Indigenous Leaders Forum (ILF)

The LGAQ's first Indigenous Leaders Forum (ILF) of the 2024-2028 term is being held in Cairns on 24 - 25 June 2024. The ILF is an opportunity for Indigenous leaders from the 17 First Nation Councils to gather and discuss the challenges, showcase the successes, and elevate local ideas and solutions with key government decision makers.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Eva Boughni

Resolution

That all Councillors be authorised to attend the LGAQ's Indigenous Leaders Forum to be held in Cairns on 24 - 25 June 2024.

CARRIED

6.2.4 Queensland Audit Office - 2024 Interim Report

The Queensland Audit Office has submitted its interim report for Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2024. The report details the results of its interim work performed to 31 January 2024.

The Queensland Audit Office has advised that it did not identify any deficiencies in the financial controls at Council.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Rowan Hart

Resolution

That Council receive and note the 2024 Interim Report from the Queensland Audit Office.

CARRIED

6.2.5 Hope Vale Domestic and Family Violence Action Plan

In February 2024, a workshop was held in Hope Vale, facilitated by appointed consultants, WorkHaven, to agree on opportunities to improve the local response to reduce the impact and incidence of Domestic and Family Violence (DFV). Following the workshop, the consultants have developed a draft Domestic and Family Violence Action Plan, which was tabled at the Meeting for the information of the Mayor and Councillors.

Moved by Cr Eva Boughni

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That Council receive and note the draft Domestic and Family Violence Action Plan from WorkHaven and approve the commencement of community consultation.

CARRIED

6.2.6 Reef Councils' Rescue Plan – Cleaner Water for the Reef (2020)

Earlier in 2024, the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) commenced a review of the Reef Councils' Rescue Plan – Cleaner Water for the Reef (2020), which progresses the 2023 LGAQ Annual Conference Resolution #79 - Implementation of the Reef 2050 Long Term Sustainability Plan (Reef 2050 Plan). The review is intended to ensure that the plan remains a contemporary document that supports Reef councils in delivering Great Barrier Reef protection activities.

To assist in the review, the LGAQ has requested Great Barrier Reef councils to nominate a representative to support the review.

Additionally, Cr Bowen has been invited to represent Council's interests as a member of the Cape York Natural Resource Management (NRM) Board.

Moved by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That Council endorse (a) the nomination of Cr Rowan Hart as Council's representative for the Review of the Reef Councils' Rescue Plan – Cleaner Water for the Reef (2020) and (b) as Council's representative on the Cape York Natural Resource Management (NRM) Board.

CARRIED

6.2.7 Local Thriving Communities Joint Coordinating Committee

Local Thriving Communities (LTC) is a significant, long-term reform that will result in a changed way of government working with communities. LTC requires government and community to work together to move decision making closer to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, embrace self-determination, and engage in high expectations relationships so that service design and delivery better meet the needs of each community.

The State Government has established a Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) to provide oversight of the co-design and implementation of the LTC reform, which will bring greater decision-making authority to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across the state.

Following the Local Government Elections in March 2024, the State Government is calling for nominations to the JCC.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Rowan Hart

Resolution

That Council endorse the nomination of Mayor Bruce Gibson as a representative on the Local Thriving Communities Joint Coordinating Committee.

CARRIED

6.3 Social Services Director's Report

The Social Services Director's Report dated 18 June 2024 was considered by Council. The Social Services Director also provided a detailed verbal briefing to the Councillors.

Moved By Cr Eva Boughni

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Resolution

That Council

- (a) Receive and note the Social Services Director's Report dated 18 June 2024.
- (b) Approves the allocation of \$4,000 in support of the 2024 NAIDOC Week celebrations.
- (c) Notes the information provided about the Hope Vale Rodeo 2024 and endorses the recommendation that the Mayor, Councillors and CEO meet with the Social Services Director to further discuss the event.

CARRIED

6.4 Operation Manager's Report

The Operations Manager's Report dated 18 June 2024 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That Council

- (a) Receive and note the Operation Manager's Report dated 18 June 2024.
- (b) Endorse the Hope Vale Horse Management Plan, subject to the amendment of the implementation dates to enable adequate community consultation to be undertaken.

CARRIED

6.5 Finance and Corporate Services Director's Report

The Finance and Corporate Services Director's Report dated 18 June 2024 was considered by Council. The Finance and Corporate Director also provided a detailed verbal briefing to the Councillors.

Moved By Mayor Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That Council

- (a) Receive and note the Finance and Corporate Services Director's Report dated 18 June 2024.
- (b) Notes and endorses the following policies, procedures and guidelines:
 - i. CG 15 Debt Policy
 - ii. CG 21 Procurement Policy

- iii. CG 22 Revenue Policy
- iv. CG 8 Contracting Procedures
- v. CG 20 Investment Policy
- vi. CG 25 Risk Management Policy
- vii. CG 25.1 Risk Management Framework Guidelines

CARRIED

7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Western Cape Communities Coordinating Committee

A presentation was delivered by the Executive Officer of the Western Cape Communities Coordinating Committee (WCCCC) about the structure, roles and responsibilities of the Western Cape Communities Coordinating Committee (WCCCC).

7.2 Future Directions of Hope Vale's Aged Care Services

A presentation was delivered by the consultants – Barbara Schmidt and Associates – undertaking an Aged Care Service Review for Council entitled *Future Directions of Aged Care Services*.

Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi**Seconded by Cr Rowan Hart**

Resolution

That Council note and endorse the following recommendations contained in the Future Directions of Aged Care Services Report:

1. Develop an integrated model of service delivery for current aged care services in Hope Vale.
2. Approve the recommended community engagement strategy to seek feedback from older people about how they would like to receive aged care services.
3. Provide approval to meet with external stakeholders to investigate interest in increasing the scope of aged care services in Hope Vale through partnerships or devolution of aged care services to the entity.
4. Submit a proposal under the Aged Care Capital Grants program to construct new registered nurse accommodation and to upgrade the residential care facilities.

CARRIED

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) – Cape Flattery Silica Sand (Metallica Minerals Ltd) and Northern Silica project (Diatreme Resources Ltd)

From the Coordinator-General advising that a five-week public comment period on the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for both projects commenced on 3 June 2024 and closes on 5:00pm on 8 July 2024.



Moved by Cr Eva Boughni**Seconded by Mayor Bruce Gibson****Resolution**

That Council receive and note the correspondence from the Coordinator-General and instruct the Chief Executive Officer to provide comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement Terms of Reference.

CARRIED**9 GENERAL BUSINESS****9.1 Request from the Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service for a Back-up Generator for a Dialysis Patient**

It was agreed that the request should be referred to other Hope Vale-based organisations for funding, with Council to offer to provide a letter of support under the Mayor's signature.

9.2 Footpath Plan for the Hope Vale Urban Area

It was agreed that a funding allocation be made in the 2024-25 FY Budget for a footpath plan to be developed for the Hope Vale urban area.

9.3 Public Toilets at the Rear of the Radio Station

It was agreed that the Operations Manager be instructed to investigate options for improving security at the public toilets at the rear of the radio station to stop people entering the facilities outside of operating hours.

9.4 Cleaning Schedules**Moved Cr Barry Bowen****Seconded: Cr Rowan Hart****Resolution**

That a report be provided to Council detailing the cleaning schedules for Council's buildings.

CARRIED

9.5 Indigenous Business Month

Moved by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Seconded by Cr Eva Bounghi

Resolution

That Council's participation in the 2024 Indigenous Business Month be considered and a report be provided to Council by the Social Services Director.

CARRIED

9.6 Solar Powered Street Lighting

Moved: Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Seconded Cr Rowan Hart

Resolution:

That options for converting street lighting in the Hope Vale urban area to solar power be investigated, together with the potential to conduct a trial of the technology in North Street and a report be provided to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

9.7 Community Emergency Management Awareness Program

It was agreed that a program be developed to raise community awareness about how to prepare for emergency events, such as cyclones and bush fires.

11 NEXT MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be held in the Cairns Office on Wednesday 17 July 2024.

12 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.30pm on Thursday 19 June 2024.



Mayor Bruce Gibson



Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer

