

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 18 June 2025

Hope Vale Council Chambers



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1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 Declaration of Opening of Meeting

Mayor Gibson declared the meeting open at 9.09am.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

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

1.3 Observing a Minute's Silence

The meeting then observed a minute silence to acknowledge those residents of the Hope Vale region who have recently passed away as well as other residents of the region who have recently suffered illness or injury.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 Members Present: Cr Bruce Gibson – Mayor

Cr Barry Bowen – Deputy Mayor (Arrived later in the Meeting)

Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Cr Rowan Hart

Cr Eva Bounghi

2.2 Officer Present: Chief Executive Officer – Steve Linnane

Director Finance and Corporate Services – Shannon Gibbs (Item 6.3)

Operations Manager – Mark Lawson (Item 6.5)

2.3 Apologies: Nil

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, the following prescribed conflict of interest was declared on the following items of business relating to this meeting –

- Item 6.5 - Cr Sha-lane Gibson

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 declared on any item of business relating to this meeting.

3.3 Register of Interests and Related Party Disclosures

In accordance with Part 5A section 201B(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 and Part 5 section 291(2)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 a councillor must, in the approved form, inform the Chief Executive Officer of the particulars required to be included in their register of interests under a regulation for a new interest or the change to the particulars within 30 days after the interest is acquired or the change happens.

Councillors were reminded of their obligation to keep their Register of Interests and Related Party Disclosures updated.



4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 20 May 2025

Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 20 May 2025, be accepted and confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 Business arising from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday May 2025

Moved by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Seconded by Cr Eva Bounghi

Resolution

That Council endorse the continuation of the Hope Vale Community Safety Meeting comprising of representatives from

- Hope Vale Council
- Family Responsibilities Commission,
- Thurrpiil Community Justice Group,
- Hope Vale Police
- O-Hub

CARRIED

At this stage the meeting dealt with Item 8.1.

6 REPORTS

6.1 Mayors Report

The Mayor provided a verbal briefing on his Mayoral activities since the last meeting.

Moved by Cr Rowan Hart

Seconded by Cr Eva Bounghi

Resolution

That Council receive and note the Mayor's verbal report.

CARRIED

6.2 Chief Executive Officers Report

The Chief Executive Officer's report dated 16 June 2025 was considered by Council.

Moved by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Eva Bounghi

Resolution

That Council

(a) receive the Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 16 June 2025, and

(b) note the meetings attended by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

Cr Sha-Lane Gibson left the meeting during part of this item.

6.2. 2024/2025 Operational Plan – Third Quarter Report

Council's Annual Operational Plan documents the annual progress in the implementation of the long-term corporate plan and manages Council's operational risks. Attachment A to the Chief Executive Officer's report provides an assessment on Council's progress towards implementing the annual Operational Plan for the third quarter ending March 2025.

Moved by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Resolution

That Council receive and note the assessment on Council's progress towards implementing the annual Operational Plan for the third quarter ending March 2025 as shown as Attachment A of the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

CARRIED

6.2.2 June FNQROC Minutes

The FNQROC Ordinary Board Meeting was held on 5 June 2025 in Mareeba. The Minutes for this Meeting were attached for Council's noting (Attachment B of the Chief Executive Officer's report)

Moved by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Resolution

That Council

- (a) receive and note the Minutes of the FNQROC Board Meeting held on 5 June 2025 as shown as Attachment B of the Chief Executive Officer's Report, and**
- (b) Councillors be authorised to attend the next FNQROC Board Meeting to be held in Cairns on 7 August 2025 as observers.**

CARRIED

6.2.3 2026 Special Holiday Requests

The Queensland Office of Industrial Relations has requested advice from Council on the proposed Public Holidays for 2026. Once advice has been received from Council, they will be prepared for Ministerial approval, gazettal and publishing on the website.

Moved by Cr Rowan Hart

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Resolution

That Council make application to the State Government to declare 17 July 2026 as a Special Holiday pursuant to the Holiday's Act 1983 to coincide with the Cairns Show public holiday.

CARRIED

At this stage Cr Barry Bowen arrived at the Meeting

6.2.4 Cape and Torres Health Commissioning (CaTHC)

Cape and Torres Health Commissioning (CaTHC) has requested Council to forward letters of support for CaTHC to

- The Honourable Mark Butler MP - Minister for Health and Ageing
- Mr Matt Smith, MP - Federal Member for Leichhardt
- Senator The Hon Malarndirri McCarthy - Minister for Indigenous Australians
- Ms Marion Scrymgour, MP - Special Envoy for Remote Communities
- The Honourable David Crisafulli MP - Premier and Minister for Veterans
- The Honourable Tim Nicholls MP - Minister for Health and Ambulance Services
- Mr David Kempton, MP - Member for Cook
- Dr David Rosengren - Director-General, Queensland Health

The Cape and Torres Health Commissioning Ltd (CaTHC) is a not-for-profit, community-controlled organisation. CaTHC has been established to deliver accessible, equitable and sustainable healthcare for the people and communities of Cape York, Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area regions.

Council has previously endorsed the formation of TORCH which was the original iteration of CaTHC

It was agreed that this Item be deferred pending advice that support has been requested from other component local governments.

6.3 Director of Finance and Corporate Services Report

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services Report dated 16 June 2025 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That Council

- (a) receive and note the Director of Finance and Corporate Services' Report dated 16 June 2025,
- (b) receive and note the assessment on Finance and Corporate Services progress towards implementing the Annual Operational Plan for the third quarter ending 30 March 2025 as shown as Attachment B to the Director of Finance and Corporate Services' report , dated 16 June 2025,
- (c) receive and note the following policies as detailed in Attachment A to the Finance and Corporate Services Director's report, dated 16 June 2025:
 - CG 15 Debt Policy
 - CG 21 Procurement Policy
 - CG 22 Revenue Policy
- (d) in accordance with section 192 of the Local Government Regulations 2012, resolves, to adopt the Debt Policy for the current financial year,
- (e) in accordance with section 198 of the Local Government Regulations 2012, resolves, to adopt the Procurement Policy detailing the sound contracting principles, that will apply in the current financial year for purchasing goods and services,
- (f) in accordance with section 193 of the Local Government Regulations 2012, resolves, to adopt the Revenue Policy in sufficient time to allow an annual budget that is consistent with the revenue policy to be adopted for the next financial year.



- (g) in accordance with Section 235(b) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, resolves, because of the specialised nature of the aged services labour hire services that are sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous for council to invite quotes or tenders for these services,
- (h) in accordance with Section 235(a) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, resolves, that it is satisfied that Workforce Extensions is only one (1) supplier who is reasonably available to provide these specialised services,
- (i) endorse the proposal from Adllins Media for the provision of a comprehensive communications and marketing management service for Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council, and
- (j) in accordance with section 235(b) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, resolves, because of the specialised nature of the communications and marketing management services sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous for council to invite quotes or tenders for these services.

CARRIED

6.4 Social Services Director's Report – Nil

6.5 Operations Manager's Report

The Operations Manager's Report dated 16 June 2025 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi

Seconded by Barry Bowen

Resolution

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the Operations Managers' report dated 16 June 2025,
- (b) accept and endorse the updated draft of the Hope Vale Environmental Health Management Plan 2024–2029, incorporating recent amendments, as highlighted in the version circulated by Tropical Public Health Services,
- (c) endorse the shortlisting of two (2) local mechanical service providers who responded to EOI Reference: HVASC Mechanical Services 2025, and invite each to inspect the Council-owned workshop facility to assess operational requirements and service delivery suitability,
- (d) endorses and supports the adoption of a dual-provider model for mechanical servicing, including one or more mobile service providers in addition to the proposed new local workshop-based supplier, and
- (e) endorses the preparation and submission of a funding application under the Secure Communities Partnership Program for Council to explore options around deterring known vandalism hotspots.

CARRIED

Cr Sha-lane Gibson advised that she had a prescribed conflict of interest in relation to Item 6.5 due to her relationship with one of the local mechanical service providers. Cr Sha-lane Gibson left the meeting room and took no part in the discussions or decision on this issue.

7 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That

- (a) pursuant to section 254J(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (LG Reg), it was resolved to close this part of the meeting to the public;
- (b) pursuant to section 254J(3) and (5)(a) of the LG Reg, the matters to be discussed are
 - a. legal advice obtained by the local government, and negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government, and
 - b. matters the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State (ie Aged Care Act 2024).
 - c. negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government
- (c) pursuant to section 254J(5)(b) of the LG Reg, an overview of what is to be discussed while the meeting is closed is
 - a. legal advice in relation to the operations of the Hope Vale Foundation Limited.
 - b. possible creation of a controlled entity.
 - c. Quality Safety and Environmental Report - May 2025
 - d. Residential Aged Care Services Monthly Report-May 2025
 - e. CHSP Monthly Compliance Report - May 2025

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Resolution

That the meeting be re-opened to the public.

CARRIED

7.1 Hope Vale Foundation Ltd

It was agreed that the legal advice in relation to the operations of the Hope Vale Foundation Limited be noted.

CARRIED

7.2 Remote Australia Employment Service Program

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That Council only note the request for the creation of a controlled entity.

CARRIED

7.2 Aged Care Services

It was agreed that following reports be received and noted –

- Quality Safety and Environmental Report - May 2025
- Residential Aged Care Services Monthly Report-May 2025
- CHSP Monthly Compliance Report - May 2025

8 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Hopevale Congress Aboriginal Corporation

At 9.30am, Doreen Pearson, June Pearson, Peter Callaghan, and Teriah Pearson from the Hopevale Congress Aboriginal Corporation were admitted to the meeting for discussions on the current issues that Hopevale Congress is dealing with.

The Meeting then dealt with Item 6.1



9 CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Water Infrastructure Assets

From Queensland Audit Office dated 11 June 2025 recommending that Council should assess the need for repairs/renewals to their water infrastructure assets, so these are reinstated to provide appropriate levels of services.

Moved by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Resolution

That the letter from Queensland Audit Office dated 11 June 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Together in Prevention: Queensland Local Government DFV Leaders Forum

Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi

Seconded by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That Council Cr Sha-lane Gibson be authorised to attend the Together in Prevention: Queensland Local Government DFV Leaders Forum to be held in Mackay on 3 July 2025

CARRIED

10.2 Sponsorship Policy

Moved by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Seconded by Mayor Rowan Hart

Resolution

That the Chief Executive Officer be requested to develop a Sponsorship Policy for consideration by Council

CARRIED

11 NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that following meetings be arranged –


- Tuesday 15 July 2025 – Discussion Forum – Cairns
- Wednesday 16 July 2025 – Ordinary Council Meeting – Cairns
- Wednesday 23 July 2023 – Discussion Forum (Budget and Cape and Torres Health Commission) Hope Vale
- Wednesday 30 July 2025 – Special Budget Meeting – Hope Vale

12 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.35pm



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Cr Bruce Gibson
Mayor



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Stephen J Linnane
Chief Executive Officer