

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 19 February 2025

Council Chambers, Hope Vale



1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 Declaration of Opening of Meeting

Mayor Gibson declared the ordinary council meeting open at 9am.

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 Mayor acknowledged those residents of the Hope Vale region who have recently passed away, other residents of the region who have recently suffered illness or injury, and the impact on the entire community, followed by a minute's silence.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 Members Present: Cr Bruce Gibson – Mayor (via Teams)

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

2.2 Officer Present: Chief Executive Officer – Steve Linnane

Director of Finance and Corporate Services – Shannon Gibbs
Director of Social Services – Deborah Burke (Item 6.4)
Acting 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, no prescribed conflict of interests were declared on any item of business 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 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 Wednesday 22 January 2025

Moved by Cr Rowan Hart

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 22 January 2025, be accepted and confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4.2 Confirmation of the Minutes of Special Meeting held on Wednesday 6 February 2025

Moved by Cr Rowan Hart

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 6 February 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 Wednesday 22 January 2025

Nil

5.2 Business arising from the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday 6 February 2025

The Chief Executive Officer and the Mayor provided Cr Bounghi with a verbal briefing on the background and outcome of the Special Meeting.

6 REPORTS

6.1 Mayors Report

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

6.2 Chief Executive Officers Report

The Chief Executive Officer provided a verbal report on Councillor's Conferences and Forums.

6.2.1 Councillor's Conferences and Forums

Moved by Cr Rowan Hart

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Resolution

That Council approve Councillors attendance at the following Workshops, Forums, and Conferences -

- (a) the Annual Local Government Association of Queensland Conference,
- (b) Indigenous Leaders Forums, and
- (c) the annual Civic Leaders Forum

CARRIED

6.3 Director of Finance and Corporate Services Report

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

Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Resolution

That Council

- (a) receive and note the Director of Finance and Corporate Services Report dated 16 February 2025,
- (b) endorse the project plan and application under the Discrete Communities Planning Funding program for the development of the Hope Vale Food Security Plan which aligns with the program objectives in addressing increased food security,
- (c) note the information provided on the status of the Waste Management proposals, and request the CEO arrange for Council to meet with the Department of Environment and Science to address concerns regarding the implementation of the endorsed proposals,
- (d) engage Crowe Australasia as the internal audit service provider for Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council,
- (e) authorize the attendance of Councillors, as observers, at the Strategic and Operational risk Management Committee,
- (f) resolves to amend its Corporate Plan, in accordance with section 165(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, to extend its expiry date from 31 December 2024 to 30 September 2025, to facilitate meaningful community engagement,
- (g) appoint UP North (Urban Planning North) to partner with council in the development of the 2025/2030 Corporate Plan,
- (h) receive and note the assessment on Council's progress towards implementing the Annual Operational Plan for the first quarter ending 30 September 2024 and second quarter ending 31 December 2024 as shown as Attachment A to the Director of Finance and Corporate Services report,
- (i) in accordance with Section 235(a) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, resolves that it is satisfied that Freestyle Concrete Solutions is only one (1) supplier who is reasonably available,
- (j) in accordance with Section 235(b) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, resolves, because of the specialised nature of the carpentry, plastering, tiling and painting trade services that are sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous for council to invite quotes or tenders for these services,



- (k) in accordance with Section 235(a) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, resolves, that it is satisfied that Zac Brown Construction is only one (1) supplier who is reasonably available to provide these services,
- (l) in accordance with Section 235(a) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, resolves, that it is satisfied that NQ Contractors is only one (1) supplier who is reasonably available to provide these services,
- (m) in accordance with Section 235(a) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, resolves, that it is satisfied that Bush to Beach Tiling is only one (1) supplier who is reasonably to provide these services,
- (n) in accordance with Section 235(a) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, resolves, that it is satisfied that Dean Martin Painting is only one (1) supplier who is reasonably available to provide these services, and
- (o) endorse the development and submission of the application under the 2025/26 ATSI TIDS funding initiative for the construction of a new aerodrome terminal facility, which aligns with the program objectives in addressing deficiencies in rural terminal infrastructure.

CARRIED

The Mayor left the meeting during discussions on this Item.

Deputy Mayor Barry Bowen assumed the Chair of the meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer declared that he had an interest in the next item as he was a Director of Lingre Consulting and left the meeting and took no part in discussions. The Director of Finance and Corporate Services Shannon Gibbs assumed the role of minute taker.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Resolution

That Council engage Lingre Consulting to provide consultancy services to enable the appointment of Steve Linnane as the Council Interim Chief Executive Officer, and, in accordance with Section 235 (b) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, resolves that because of the specialised or confidential nature of the services that are sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous for council to invite quotes or tenders

CARRIED

6.4 Social Services Director's Report

The Social Service Director's Report dated 19 February 2025 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That

- (a) Council receive and note the Director of Social Services Report dated 19 February 2025,
- (b) the Director of Social Services provide options for gym membership to the next meeting,
- (c) discussions be held with the Education Department in relation to progressing the proposed alterations to the new kindergarten building, and
- (d) an updated bill of quantities be obtained for the proposed alterations to the new kindergarten building

CARRIED

At this stage the meeting dealt with Item 6

6.4 Operations Manager's Report

The Operations Manager's Report dated 14 February 2025 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Seconded by Cr Eva Bounghi

Resolution

That Council receive and note the Operations Manager's Report dated 14 February 2025.

CARRIED

7 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

- 7.1 CEO's Report – Nil
- 7.2 Director of Finance and Corporate Services Report - Nil
- 7.3 Operation Manager's Report - Nil
- 7.4 Director of Social Services Report – Aged Services

Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to sections 254J(1)(3) (f) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to consider the Confidential Social Service Directors Report dated 14 February 2025.

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Rowan Hart

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Resolution

That the meeting be re-opened to the public.

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Sha-lane Gibson

Resolution

That Council note the Confidential Director of Social Services Report dated 14 February 2025.

CARRIED

8 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Moved by Cr Rowan Hart

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That the Chief Executive Officer be authorized to dispose of the unused Council owned bus.

CARRIED

11 NEXT MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be held in Hope Vale on Wednesday 19 March 2025.

12 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4pm



Bruce Gibson
Mayor



Stephen J Linnane
Chief Executive Officer