

Minutes

Special Council Meeting

Monday 30 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 10.12am.

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.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 Members Present: Cr Bruce Gibson – Mayor

Cr Barry Bowen – Deputy Mayor

Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Cr Eva Bounghi

2.2 Officer Present: Chief Executive Officer – Steve Linnane

2.3 Leave of Absence:

It was agreed that leave of absence be granted to Cr Rowan Hart.

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 interest was 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.

4 BUSINESS

Moved by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

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. the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer,
 - b. matters the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.
 - 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. appointment of the Chief Executive Officer
 - b. possible support for Cape and Torres Health Commissioning Ltd
 - c. Remote Australia Employment Service Program
 - d. housing allocations – Dept of Housing and Public Works

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Resolution

That the meeting be re-opened to the public.

CARRIED

4.1 Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Eva Bounghi

Resolution

That Council authorise the Mayor to negotiate an agreement with Mr Arun Pratap for a 6 month period as the Council's Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

4.2 Cape and Torres Health Commissioning Ltd

Moved by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

Resolution

That Council provide letters of support for the work of the Cape and Torres Health Commissioning Ltd.

CARRIED

4.3 Remote Australia Employment Service Program

Moved by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Eva Bounghi

Resolution

That Council support NewCo in its bid for the Remote Australia Employment Service (RAES) tender for the Cook region, subject to the Guugu Yimithirr Nation Foundation participating in the joint venture.

CARRIED



4.4 Housing Allocations – Dept of Housing and Public Works

Moved by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Eva Bounghi

Resolution

That Council

- (a) all property allocations be denied at this stage, pending Council viewing the prioritized waiting list, and
- (b) a meeting be arranged with representatives of the Department of Housing and Public Works to discuss this issue.

CARRIED

At this stage it was agreed that the meeting be adjourned until 1.15pm

At 1.15am the reconvened the Meeting.

4.5 Department of Education

At 1.25pm, the Council (via TEAMS) met with Phillip Brooks, Rebecca Storck, and Carmel Tbarlucea from the Department of Education.

Cr Sha-lane Gibson was not present at the meeting for this item

5 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.55pm



Cr Bruce Gibson
Mayor



Stephen J Linnane
Chief Executive Officer