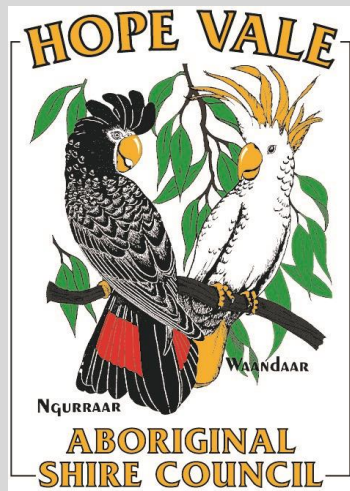


Minutes



Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 18th March 2026

Boardroom – Hopevale Shire
Office

1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 Declaration of Opening of Meeting

Mayor Gibson declared the meeting open at 9.04 am.

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

Cr Sha-lane Gibson (Arrived 9.28am)

Cr Rowan Hart

Cr Eva Bounghi

Moved by Cr Bowen

Seconded by Cr. Hart

Resolution

That Council approve leave of Absence for the Mayor for the April 2026 Council meeting

CARRIED 4/0

2.2 Officer Present: Chief Executive Officer – Lew Rojahn

2.3 Apologies: Nil

Mayor welcomed all Councillors

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,

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.

3.2 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. Councillors were also reminded to complete the Register of Interests Annual Confirmation and the Related Persons Register of Interest Annual Confirmation

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 18th February 2026

Moved by Cr Bounghi

Seconded by Mayor Gibson

Resolution

4.2 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 18th February 2026 be accepted and confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 4 / 0

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 Business arising from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 18th February 2026

Neville Bowen Donation

Moved by Cr Mayor Gibson

Seconded by Cr Bowen

Resolution

That the item 6.2.3 of the February Meeting minutes in relation to the donation of sponsorship for Mr. Neville Bowen, be placed on hold until further information is obtained.

CARRIED 4 / 0

3 REPORTS

6.1 Mayors Report

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

Moved by Cr Bowen

Seconded by Cr. Bounghi

Resolution

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

CARRIED 5/0

Cr Bowen left the meeting 9.22am Returned 9.28am

6.2 .1 Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Chief Executive Officer's report for March 2026 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Mayor Gibson

Seconded by Cr Gibson

Resolution

That Council

(a) receive the Chief Executive Officer's Report dated March 2026, and

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

CARRIED 5/0

6.2.2 Video Production – Adllins Media

Moved by Cr. Bowen

Seconded by Cr. Mayor Gibson

Resolution

That Council support the production of promotional videos for Hope Vale as proposed by Adllins Media

CARRIED 5/0

6.2.3 Donation – Mr Peter Gibson

Moved by Cr. Bowen

Seconded by Cr. Hart

Resolution

That Council, refer the matter to the Ceo to respond in accordance with Council policy

CARRIED 5/0

Cr Bowen left the meeting 10.09

Returned 10.11pm

6.2.4 99 Year Lease Home Ownership

Moved by Cr. Bowen

Seconded by Cr. Hart

Resolution

That Council re engage with the Department of Housing and public Works to continue discussions on the 99 year lease home ownership and that the CEO arrange a meeting for Council and the Department.

CARRIED 5/0

6.2.5 Abolition of the Audit Committee

Moved by Cr. Bounghi

Seconded by Cr. Mayor Gibson

Resolution

That Council abolish the Audit Committee and approve the terms of reference for the strategic and operational Risk management Committee

CARRIED 5/0

Council adjourned for Morning tea 10.13am

Resumed 10.25am

6.2.6 Borghero Mini Buckers

Moved by Cr. Bounghi

Seconded by Cr. Gibson

Resolution

That Council

- **Support the Borghero Mini Buckers at a cost of approximately \$50 000 subject to an entrance fee being applied to the venue by Council; and**
- **That Council approve June 6 as the preferred date to hold the event.**
- **The Event co Ordinator speak with Wujal Wujal Shire Council prior to the event**
- **The event be located on the football field.**
- **That another date in the school holidays be requested if possible.**

CARRIED 5/0

6.3 Finance Report

Presented by: Mr Ben Schierhuber – BDO

6.3.1 Finance Report

Moved by Cr. Bounghi

Seconded by Cr. Bowen

Resolution

That Council receive and note the report

CARRIED 5/0

Cr Bowen left the meeting 11.00am

Returned. 11.05am

6.3.2 ANZ Banking Signatories

Moved by Cr. Bowen

Seconded by Mayor Gibson

Resolution

- That Council resolves to remove Mark Kelleher and Shannon Gibbs as a signatory from ANZ Bank Accounts 014303-483906703 and 0143-482156381 and
- Appoint Llewellyn Rojahn, Micah Nkiwane, Kerry-Lee Bird and Onesimo Mukodi as Signatories to ANZ Bank Accounts 014303-483906703 and 014303 - 482156381

CARRIED 5/0

6.4 Social Services Department Report

6.4.1 The Social Services Department Report was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr. Mayor Gibson

Seconded by Cr. Bowen

Resolution

That Council receive and note the Social Services Department Report for month of February 2026

And note the meetings attended.

CARRIED

5/0

6.4.2 Community Events and Budget 2026

Moved by Cr. Bounghi

Seconded by Cr. Hart

Resolution

That Council review its budget before committing to providing \$125 000 towards the community Events Calendar for 2026

CARRIED

5/0

6.4.3 Hopevale Aged Care Services memorandum of Understanding between Apunipima and Hope Vale Primary Health Care Services Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service.

Moved by Cr. Bowen

Seconded by Cr. Bounghi

Resolution

That Council Review and endorse the following documents relating to the Hope Vale Aged Services.

- Memorandum of Understanding between Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council and Apunipima Cape York Health council.
- Memorandum of Understanding between Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire council and hope vale Primary Health Care Service – Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service.

CARRIED

5/0

Cr Hart left the meeting 11.46 am

Returned 11. 48 am

6.5 Operations Director's Report

6.5.1 The Operations Director's Report for February was considered by Council.

Moved By Cr. Bowen

Seconded by Cr. Mayor Gibson

Resolution:

That Council Receive and note the Operation's Directors' report for February 2026 and the External Disaster and resilience Funding report.

(Mayor was absent for vote)

Carried

4/0

Cr Gibson left the room 12.09pm

Returned 12.21pm

Cr Bowen left the room 12.18pm

Returned 12.25

Mayor Gibson left the room 12.19 pm

Cr Bounghi left the room 12.32pm

Returned 12.34

6.6 Capital Works(Building) Managers report

6.6.1 Capital Works (Buildings) Managers Monthly Update Report - February 2026

Moved By Cr Bowen

Seconded by Cr Hart

Resolution:

That Council receive and note the Capital Works Manager's update report for March 2026

Carried 4/0

Mayor returned 12.42pm

6.7 Corporate Services Report

6.7.1 Corporate Services Managers report.

Moved by Cr. Gibson

Seconded by Cr. Bowen

Resolution

That Council note and receive the Corporate services report for March 2026.

CARRIED 5/0

Cr Hart left the room 1.26pm Returned 1.29pm

7 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – NO ITEMS WERE PRESENTED

Moved by Cr.

Seconded by Cr.

Resolution

THAT COUNCIL (AS TRUSTEE):

- (a) resolves, pursuant to section 84(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to close the meeting to the public, on the basis that this part of the meeting is to discuss business for which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the trustee council;
- (b) the matter to be discussed at the closed session of the meeting is including legal advice obtained by the trustee council and legal proceedings that may be taken by the trustee council.

CARRIED

8 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 CORRESPONDENCE

9.01 – Department of local Government. Water and Volunteers

Advising that the Local Government (Empowering Councils) and other legislation Amendment Bill 2026 has now Passed through Parliament. This is a reform Bill with the following points:

- empower mayors to be the official spokesperson of their councils
- streamline council operations by removing unnecessary red tape and regulations
- improve transparency through simplified councillor conflicts of interest and register of interest's framework
- refocus the councillor conduct framework to better address serious misconduct and
- remove the process for councillors sitting in judgement of their peers
- provide certainty by clarifying remuneration, leaves of absence, and vacancies of office
- and eligibility for elected members
- protect the privacy and safety of election participants by removing the requirement to publicly disclose residential addresses.

9.02 Asst Co Ordinator General Resources, Energy Infrastructure and Partnerships.

Advising that the new lapse date for the Northern Silica project is 20/09/2027. The extension of the lapse date will provide Northern Silica Pty Ltd time to undertake additional work to address agency feedback on the draft Environmental Impact Statement.. The project may require Local Development approvals under the *Planning Act 2016*

9.03 Senior Community Engagement officer David Kyle – First Nations Division Queensland Police Service.

Following up on information regarding the development of the COMMUNITY SAFETY CHARTER. They are seeking assistance in shaping the Charter. They are offering one on one sessions to discuss the Charter in more detail and explore how Council can contribute to its development.

Is Council interested in scheduling a session

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Hart left the meeting permanently 1.56pm

11 NEXT MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be held in Hopevale office on Wednesday 15th April 2026

12 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.57pm

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Cr Bruce Gibson

Mayor

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Lew Rojahn

Chief Executive Officer