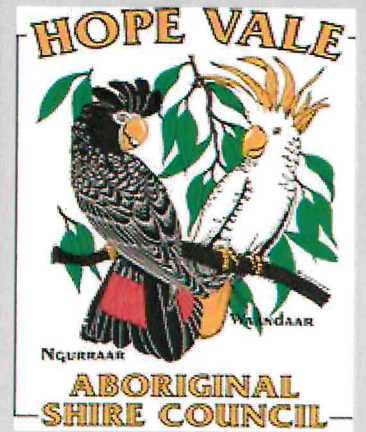


# Minutes

## General Meeting

Wednesday 21 June 2023

Council Offices, Hope Vale



## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Mayor Woibo declared the meeting open at 9.10 am.

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

The Mayor also acknowledged those members of the Hope Vale region who have recently passed away as well as other members of the region who have recently suffered illness or injury.

Paster Mark Winter was also welcomed to the meeting and led the meeting in a prayer.

## 2 Members Present:

Cr Jason Woibo – Mayor

Cr Bruce Woibo – Deputy Mayor

Cr Barry Bowen

Cr Allison Michael

Cr Keithan Bowen (Arrived later in the meeting)

## Officers Present:

Chief Executive Officer - Steve Linnane

Social Services Director – Deborah Burke (Item 6.3)

Operations Manager - Gene Brookes (Item 6.4)

Officer Elai Semisi - (Item 6.4)

## 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 were made relating to this meeting.

### 3.2 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 Interests and Related Parties Disclosures updated.



#### **4 Confirmation of Minutes of General Meeting held on 24 May 2023**

Moved by Mayor Jason Woibo

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

**Resolution**

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 24 May 2023, be accepted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

#### **5 Business arising from Minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 24 May 2023**

Nil

(At this stage, Cr Keithan Bowen arrived at the meeting)

#### **6 OFFICER'S REPORTS**

##### **6.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report**

The Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 18 June 2023, was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Allison Michael

Seconded by Mayor Jason Woibo

**Resolution**

That Council

- (a) receive the Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 18 June 2023, and
- (b) note the meetings attended by the Chief Executive Officer

**CARRIED**

##### **6.1.1 Interim Hope Vale Local Thriving Communities Advisory Committee**

The Interim Hope Vale Local Thriving Communities Advisory Committee met on Tuesday 30 May 2023. The Report on the meeting was attached (Attachment A) to the Chief Executive Officer's report for Council's consideration.



**Moved by Cr Barry Bowen****Seconded by Cr Bruce Woibo****Resolution**

**That Council receive, note, and endorse Interim Hope Vale Local Thriving Communities Advisory Committee Report on the meeting held on 30 May 2023.**

**CARRIED****6.1.2 Hope Vale CBD Precinct Plan**

Approaches have been made to the Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships to bring forward the planning process Hope Vale CBD Precinct Plan. (Attachment B of the Chief Executive Officer's report)

The Department have advised that the tender process has now been approved and advertised. It is proposed that the project will be completed by September 2023.

**Moved by Mayor Jason Woibo****Seconded by Cr Keithean Bowen****Resolution**

**That Council note that the Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships has approved the planning process Hope Vale CBD Precinct Plan.**

**CARRIED**

At this stage Cr Keithean Bowen left the meeting

**6.1.3 FNQROC Board Meeting**

Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) Board Meeting was held in Cairns on 1 June 2023. The Minutes of the meeting were attached (Attachment C) to the Chief Executive Officer's report for Council's consideration.

**Moved by Cr Barry Bowen****Seconded by Cr Allison Michael****Resolution**

**That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) Board Meeting held on 1 June 2023.**

**CARRIED**



#### **6.1.4 Indigenous Leaders Forum 2023**

An Indigenous Leaders Forum, facilitated by the Local Government Association of Queensland, was held in Cairns on 8 & 9 June 2023.

The key actions from the Forum were attached (Attachment D) to the Chief Executive Officer's report for Council's consideration.

**Moved by Mayor Jason Woibo**

**Seconded by Cr Allison Michael**

##### **Resolution**

**That Council note the key actions from the Indigenous Leaders Forum held in Cairns on 8 & 9 June 2023.**

**CARRIED**

#### **6.1.5 Deadly Women in Local Government Conference - Cairns 2023**

The Deadly Women in Local Government Conference is being held in Cairns on 2 & 3 August 2023. The conference is an initiative of the Queensland Government and sponsored by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

The program will deliver a conference for First Nations women in Local Government to help increase their leadership capabilities through a combination of mentoring, coaching, training, and support networks. The Deadly Women in Local Government program is aimed at Indigenous females working in Local Government, including Councillors and council employees.

The two-day conference to be held in Cairns shall include a range of interactive, learning and development-based activities including workshops, keynote speakers, Q&A Panels and mentoring opportunities. Following the conference, participants will be able to take part in a 3 month one on one mentoring program facilitated by some of Australia's top Indigenous Mentors.

It is proposed that a number of female Council officers will be in attendance.

**Moved by Mayor Jason Woibo**

**Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen**

##### **Resolution**

**That Council Cr Allison Michael be authorised to attend The Deadly Women in Local Government Conference that is being held in Cairns on 2 & 3 August 2023.**

**CARRIED**



#### **6.1.6 Diatreme Resources - Northern Silica Project**

The Mayor, Cr Bruce Woibo, and CEO met with Neil McIntyre CEO of Diatreme Resources, Alastair Bauer, General Manager, Development Projects and Robyn Bartlett, General Manager Community & Social Performance from Diatreme Resources in Hope Vale on 12 June 2023 for an update on their proposals within the Shire.

During this meeting, it was advised that the scoping study for the Northern Silica Project would soon be released. The Diatreme Resources representatives offered to provide Council with a briefing of its proposed operations.

On 14 June 2023, Diatreme Resources released an ASX announcement on the release of its scoping study for the Northern Silica Project.

**Moved by Cr Bruce Woibo**

**Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen**

**Resolution**

**That Diatreme Resources representatives be invited to a future Council meeting to provide a briefing of its proposed operations.**

**CARRIED**

#### **6.1.7 July 2023 Council Meeting**

The July 2023 Council Meeting was previously proposed for Wednesday 19 July 2023. However, a number of issues have arisen requiring the meeting to be changed to Wednesday 26 July 2023.

The issues including conflict with the Mayors commitments as a member of the LGAQ Executive, work on Council's 2023/24 budget, and the availability of Diatreme Resources representatives.

**Moved by Cr Barry Bowen**

**Seconded by Mayor Jason Woibo**

**Resolution**

**That Council note that the next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 July 2023.**

**CARRIED**

### 6.1.8 Chief Executive Officer's Briefing

The Chief Executive Officer provided the meeting with a briefing on the following issues –

- State Government Financial Aid Grant
- Financial Assistance Grant
- Social Housing land use development application

## 6.2 Finance and Corporate Services Director's Report

The Finance and Corporate Services Director's Report dated 18 June 2023 was considered by Council.

**Moved Mayor Jason Woibo**

**Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen**

#### **Resolution**

**That Council**

- (a) receive and note the Finance and Corporate Services Director's Report dated 18 June 2023,**
- (b) note and endorse the Corporate Governance policy CG 27 – Debt Management Policy attached to the report, and**
- (c) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to undertake an organisational and service delivery review of the Social Services Department.**

**CARRIED**

At this stage, the meeting dealt with Item 6.4

## 6.3 Social Services Director's Report

The Social Services Director's Report dated 15 June 2023 was considered by Council.

**Moved by Mayor Jason Woibo**

**Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen**

#### **Resolution**

**That Council**

- (a) receive and note the Social Services Director's Report dated 15 June 2023, and**
- (b) supports the introduction of a Hope Vale Market Place to be hosted in Hope Vale.**

**CARRIED**





## 6.4 Operations Manager's Report

The Operations Manager's Report dated 21 June 2023 was considered by Council.

Moved by Mayor Jason Woibo

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

### Resolution

That Council

- (a) receive and note the Operation Manager's Report dated 21 June 2023,
- (b) defer consideration of the animal survey until next meeting,
- (c) defer consideration of the naming of the Hope Vale Aquatic Centre as the Paul Wallace Gauai Aquatic Centre until the next meeting, pending community consultation by the Councillors,
- (d) the growth in Council cleaning and landscaping services where possible be met by external providers.
- (e) the CEO call for quotes for the fields and grounds maintenance for the MPC.
- (f) the CEO call for quotes for the cleaning services of utilities associated with the Pioneer Hall and Community Cultural Park.

CARRIED

## 7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

## 8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

## 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 9.1 Transitional Housing Site

Moved by Cr Bruce Woibo

Seconded by Cr Allison Michael

### Resolution

That the Department of Housing be requested to arrange a regular mowing and maintenance program for the transitional housing site.

CARRIED





**10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

Nil

**11 NEXT MEETING**

The next Council Meeting will be held in Hope Vale on Wednesday 26 July 2023.

**12 MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.06 pm.



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Mayor Cr Jason Woibo



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Steve Linnane  
Chief Executive Officer