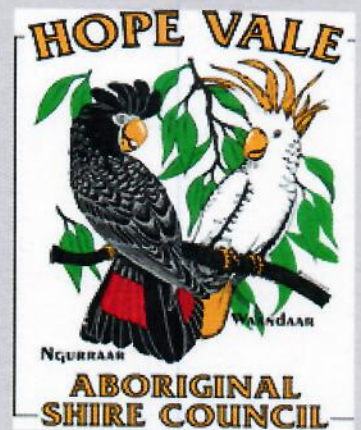


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday May 26, 2021

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10.00 am.

Cr Keithean Bowen acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the Meeting is being held and elders, past present and future.

The Meeting then acknowledged those members of the Hope Vale region who have recently passed away as well as other members of the region who have suffered illness or injury by observing a minute's silence.

The Mayor welcomed Pastor Mark Winter to the meeting. Pastor Winter led the Meeting with a prayer. The Mayor thanked the Pastor and the Pastor left the Meeting.

2 MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cr Jason Woibo -Mayor
Cr Bruce Woibo -Deputy Mayor (via teleconference)
Cr Barry Bowen
Cr Keithean Bowen
Cr Allison Michael

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer- Mark Kelleher

Apologies: Nil

Representatives from My Pathway, Josie Flores, Regional Manager, and Shariel Cassar, Team Leader, attended the meeting.

Ms Flores explained changes to CDP program had been announced in the recent Federal Government budget. These changes were discussed in some depth with an NIAA fact sheet provided to the Council for referencing.

Ms Flores and Cassar left the Meeting at 10.45am.

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 declarations of prescribed conflicts of interest were made during 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 conflict of interests were made during this meeting.

3.3 REGISTERS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded of their obligation to keep their Registers of Interests and Related Parties Disclosures updated.

The Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.55 am and reconvened at 11.35 am

7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mr Gerhard Visser, Program Manager, Town Planning, Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office attended the meeting to provide further advice to Council on the history to 'Road Opening' applications, made by Congress to the State Government, which has been the subject of a former report by the CEO to Council and is again included in the Meeting agenda today as 6.1 Item 3.

The Mayor thanked Mr Visser for his presentation.

The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.35 pm and reconvened at 2.15pm

4 Confirmation of Minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 21 April 2021.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Allison Michael

Resolution:

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 21 April 2021, be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 Business arising from Minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 21 April 2021.

Nil

6 REPORTS

6.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Chief Executive Officer's report dated 20 May 2021 was considered by Council.

Item 1: Leave Policy

At last month's Meeting, Council requested the "Leave Policy" be bought back to Council. Clause 5.6-5.11 deals with taking annual leave. (See Attachment 1)

The Council noted the Policy.

Item 2: Postponement of the July Ordinary Meeting of Council

In consultation with the Director Finance and Corporate Services and the Mayor it is proposed to postpone the scheduled 14 July 2021 Meeting until 28 July at which time the 2021-22 Budget and Financial Statements for 2020-21 can be finalised.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Keithean Bowen

Resolution:

That Council postpone the scheduled July Ordinary Meeting from 14 July to 28 July 2021 and the Meeting be held in the Cairns office.

CARRIED

Item 3: Road Opening Application for 20 Roads in Hope Vale

The previous Council and Hope Vale Congress agreed on a number of proposed road openings to regularise the current 'tracks' that are used by the community and considered 'roads' by users but have not been formally gazetted as 'roads' for public use. These road openings will also regularise water bores which have historically been situated on land under trusteeship of Congress and in retrospect should have been under Council control for maintenance purposes.

This Road opening application was made by Congress and has been advertised accordingly for public submissions. DATSIP Officers have confirmed no submissions were made during the advertising period. The advertising period was necessary as it allows for people to formally object to the application if they have reasons to do so. Accordingly, it is significant that no member of the public objected to the road opening application being progressed.

As Council has maintained these roads in the past, the road opening of the 20 roads does not have an additional financial impact or impost on Councils operations or budget into the future.

It should be noted the road openings can only be approved by the Department of Resources (old DNRME). Accordingly, RILIPO is requesting Council to consider 3 actions to formalise the process towards the road openings as recommended.

Council will recall this was the subject of a briefing provided by DATSIP Officers in March wherein it was explained the project was started back with the former Council and in consultation with Congress. A RILIPO Officer will attend this Meeting to again assist Council in understanding the road application process and the history to the agreement with Congress to progress the application as advertised.

Recommendation:

That Council

1. **Make a decision not to object to the road openings and is in support of such a road opening as it will provide surety to the community and Council. (Attachment 2)**
2. **Complete form C (DNRME form) as reflected in the application**
3. **Forward the Councils decision and completed form C to RILIPO.**

Moved by Cr Allison Michael

Seconded by Mayor Cr Jason Woibo

Resolution:

That Council:

1. **Make a decision not to object to the road openings and is in support of such road openings as it will provide surety to the Community and Council (Attachment 2)**
2. **Complete form C (DNRME form) as reflected in the application**
3. **Forward the Council's decision and completed form C to RILIPO**

CARRIED

Item 4: New fees for hire of 'Pioneer Hall'

Given Pioneer hall has now been officially opened the Council needs to set fees for the use, 'hire', of the hall. As it is fully airconditioned has kitchen 'food' preparation facilities and is equipped with new tables and chairs it is considered appropriate the all day hire be set at \$650 and half day at \$325, with a deposit at \$500, with prepayment of fees prior to use.

Recommendation:

That Council amend its fees and charges schedule to include the new fees for the hire of Pioneer Hall. Full day \$650, half day \$325, Bond \$500 and prepayment (official purchase order) must be made otherwise hire will not be allowed.

Moved by Cr Keithean Bowen**Seconded by Cr Allison Michael****Resolution:****That Council adopt the CEO's recommendation.****CARRIED**

6.2 Finance and Corporate Services Director's Report

The Finance Director's Report, dated 12 May 2021 was considered by Council.

Moved by Mayor Cr Jason Woibo**Seconded by Cr Keithean Bowen****Resolution:****That Council note the Finance Director's Report dated 12 May 2021 and note the QAO Interim Report and unconfirmed Minutes of the Internal Audit Committee Meeting held 30 April 2021 as referred to in 'other matters' in the Directors report..****-****CARRIED**

6.3 Social Services Director's Report

The Director Social Service's Report to 31 April 2021 was considered by Council.

Moved Cr Barry Bowen**Seconded by Cr Keithean Bowen****Resolution:****That Council note the Social Services Director's Report to 31 April 2021.****CARRIED**

The Meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.20pm and reconvened at 3.50pm.

6.4 Human Resource Manager's Report

The Human Resource Manager's Report for the month of April 2021 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Keithean Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Woibo

Resolution:

That Council note the Human Resource's Manager Report for the month of April 2021 and requested the CEO to review and provide more relevant statistics in future reports.

CARRIED

6.5 Operations Manager's Report

The Operations Manager's Report dated 12 May 2021 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Allison Michael

Resolution:

That Council note the Operations Manager's Report dated 12 May 2021 and endorse the submission and approve the proposed expenditure scope under the 'Housing Investment Plan' as requested by the State Government.

CARRIED

7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Visitors were recognised earlier in the meeting.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

The Cooktown Re-enactment Association wrote to Council requesting a donation towards the 'fit out' of the new 'Boathouse' in Cooktown.

The Hope Vale School wrote to Council requesting donations/assistance with the costs associated with 3 students attending the School AFL Championships, in June and the school cultural camp, in July.

Moved by Cr Allison Michael

Seconded by Cr Bruce Woibo

Resolution:

That Council agree to donate \$500 to the Cooktown Re-enactment Association, offer the school a donation of \$250 towards a raffle for fundraising to assist students attending the AFL Championships and offer to purchase food/grocery items to help with the costs associated with the cultural camp, as it donated previously..

CARRIED**9 GENERAL BUSINESS**

The Council discussed the preferred supplier list for plant and equipment and requested the Manager Operations ensure that local contractors are engaged accordingly.

Two conferences of interest to Councillors were discussed. A Coastal Council Conference to be held in Gladstone on 8-9 July 2021 and the Queensland Disaster Management Conference to be held in Brisbane on 9-11 June 2021.

It was agreed those Councilors interested in attending would advise the Mayor and arrangements for registrations would be arranged accordingly.


10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

11 NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 June 2021, in Hope Vale.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.55pm.


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Mayor Cr Jason Woibo
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Mark Kelleher
Chief Executive Officer