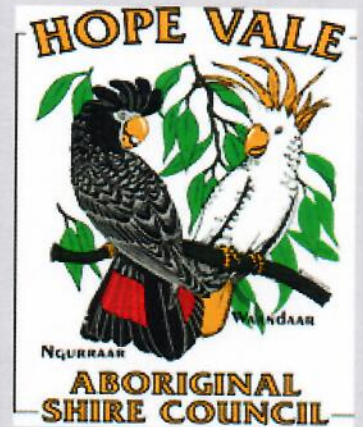


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday 27 February 2019

Council Chambers Hope Vale

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Acting Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.45 am.

The Council then acknowledged those members of the region who have recently passed away as well as other members of the region who have suffered illness or injury.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Members Present: Deputy Mayor Cr June Pearson (in the Chair)
Cr Barry Bowen
Cr Selina Bowen
Cr Bruce Gibson

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Steve Linnane

Apologies: Greg McLean

3 OBLIGATIONS OF COUNCILLORS

3.1 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST ON ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to Section 175C of the Local Government Act 2009, no declarations of material personal interests were made during this meeting.

3.2 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to Section 175E of the Local Government Act 2009, no declarations of conflict of interests were made during this meeting.

3.3 REGISTERS OF INTEREST

Councillors reviewed their Registers of Interests and Related Parties Disclosures.

4 Confirmation of Minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 16 January 2019.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 16 January 2019, be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 Business arising from Minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 16 January 2019.

Nil

6 REPORTS

6.1 RECEPTION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 15 February 2019 be received.

CARRIED

The CEO acknowledged and thanked Finance Director Shannon Gibbs for acting as CEO during his absence since the last Council Meeting

6.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

6.2.1 Mayors Working Group - \$40 Million Remote Housing Program

At a recent meeting of the Group, it was decided that the views of each indigenous local government would be sought on their preferred distribution of the \$40 million Remote Housing Package. The two main options for distribution were

- On a per capita basis
- Equally divided amongst each indigenous local government

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That Council support the distribution of the State's \$40 million Remote Housing Package equally amongst each indigenous local government.

CARRIED

6.2.2 Reef Councils Major Integrated Projects Proposal

In November 2018 the LGAQ had contacted Council regarding our support in endorsing the "Reef Councils Major Integrated Projects". They followed up with their request on 31st January 2018 and they were advised that Council was happy to endorse the proposal.

It was agreed that Council note the endorsement of the LGAQ "Reef Councils Major Integrated Projects".

6.2.3 Apunipima

Apunipima CEO Paul Stephenson emailed through a recent Apunipima Hope Vale Community Health Data Report that was on the back of Council's request for information and clarification around their services. Apunipima CEO Paul Stephenson acknowledged that Council would like more regular information on health measures and health status data within Hope Vale and he is proposing to provide this document bi-annually.

It was agreed that Council note the Apunipima's Hope Vale Community Health Data Report



6.2.4 Cooktown 2020 Festival Consortium

Mayor Peter Scott has invited Hope Vale Council to join the Cooktown 2020 Festival consortium. The proposed consortium members would be:

Cook Shire Council
Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Hopevale Aboriginal Shire Council
Tourism Tropical North Queensland
James Cook University
The National Trust (Queensland)

The Festival is expected to take place between 17th June through to 4th August 2020 and its key theme is "Our Shared History". Council has emailed back an acceptance letter to Cook Shire's invitation to join the consortium.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council endorse the acceptance to Cook Shire's invitation to join the Cooktown 2020 Festival consortium.

CARRIED

6.2.5 Economic Development Strategy

Tracey Wilson and Director Finance Shannon Gibbs have completed the Economic Development Strategy Approach Document which has been called 'Hopevale 2023'. The idea around the document is to outline how Council can deliver the strategy. It is still currently in draft form so that Council can review it. The Director of Finance and Tracey Wilson also met with V & V International. They emailed Council after the meeting and want to have further talks on how they can contribute to the growth of Hope Vale. They indicated that they foresee the following:

- Contributing to our open field cropping
- Potentially developing a small enclosed Container Horticultural facility

It was agreed that Council invite representatives of V&V International to Hope Vale to meet with Council.



6.2.6 Island and Cape Supermarket Closure

A briefing was provided to Council on the temporary closure of the Hope Vale Supermarket in January 2019.

It was agreed that

- (a) Council note the circumstances and actions concerning the temporary closure of the Hope Vale Supermarket,
- (b) the CEO investigate maintenance standards at Everlina Plaza, and
- (c) the CEO undertake discussions with Island and Cape concerning ongoing leasing arrangements and issues with the dispensing of fuel at the service station.

6.2.7 Department of Local Government Training

Council was advised that there was sponsorship available for a range of training programs to assist Council's elected members and officers. All Councils were invited to nominate their interest for these programs. The training available is:

Fraud Awareness for Local Government	Wednesday 5th June 2019
Risk Assessment and Management	Monday 15th April 2019
Social Media for Local Government	Thursday 2nd May 2019
Social Media for Elected Members	Wednesday 1st May 2019
Code of Conduct for Council Officers	Thursday 6th June 2019
Reporting Corrupt Conduct (online course)	

It was agreed that Council note the proposed training program for Council's elected members and officers, and Councillors be authorized to attend the training.

6.2.8 Hope Vale Council Social Media

It was agreed that Council invite Tracey Wilson from Working Visions to brief Councillors on the development of Council's social media.

6.2.9 Get Playing Places and Spaces Grant Funding Announcement

Council was advised in December 2018 of a successful grant application for \$109,271. This grant is for Council to install a new playground, outdoor fitness stations and a half court basketball court at the MPC.

It was agreed that Council note the successful grant application for \$109,271 to install a new playground, outdoor fitness stations and a half court basketball court at the MPC.

6.2.10 Audit Committee Meeting

It is proposed to have an Audit Committee meeting on Wednesday March 27th 2019. It is noted that the TCICA meeting is being held on Thursday 28 March 2019 and Friday 29 March 2019 in Cairns.

It was agreed that Council note the proposed Audit Committee to be held in Cairns on 27 March 2019.

6.2.11 Local Government Grants & Subsidy Program

The 2019–21 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP) is a competitive grant program available to all Queensland Local Governments. The primary aim of this program is to provide funding assistance to support Local Governments to deliver priority infrastructure and essential services that meet the identified needs of communities.

Council has applied for the following projects inside the 2019 – 2021 LGGSP funding round -

Banana Farm Road – Resilience project

The two coat sealing of the full length, 2064m gravel surfaced Banana Farm Road, to increase flood immunity and provide increased resilience to high velocity flood waters associated with severe weather events. The current gravel road is vulnerable to scouring, loss of material and inundation and has sustained repeated significant damage as a result of multiple natural disasters.

Value - \$314,329.70

Elim Road – Resilience Project

The two coats sealing of the full length, the remaining 20,000m gravel surfaced Elim Road, to increase flood immunity and provide increased resilience to high velocity flood waters associated with severe weather events. The current gravel road is vulnerable to scouring, loss of material and inundation and has sustained repeated significant damage as a result of multiple natural disasters

Value - \$2,889,582.00

It was agreed that Council note the submission of the following applications pursuant to the 2019–21 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program -

- Banana Farm Road – Resilience project - \$314,329.70
- Elim Road – Resilience Project - \$2,889,582.00



6.2.12 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements - North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough, 25 January – 6 February 2019 Event.

The Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) assistance measures of Counter Disaster Operations (CDO) and Restoration of Essential Public Assets (REPA) were activated January 31st under the Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

Council has organised for the damage to be assessed through our project management. This assessment began on Monday 11th February and will continue for the full week. Once the damage assessment is complete, Council will populate the scoping document for the Queensland Reconstruction Authority to approve and works to repair the damage will be scheduled in once approved.

It was agreed that Council note the activation of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) assistance measures of Counter Disaster Operations (CDO) and Restoration of Essential Public Assets (REPA) under the Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

6.2.13 Proposed Visit - Government Champion Liza Carroll

It was agreed that Council authorize the CEO to arrange the visit of Hope Vale's Government Champion Liza Carroll.

6.2.14 Council Building

It was agreed that the building in Muni Street, previously occupied by the Thurrpiil Community Justice Group be permitted to be used on a temporary basis by Council's Youth Services.

6.3 Finance Director's Report

The Finance Director's report dated 14 February 2019 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That

- (a) the Finance Director's report dated 10 January 2019 be received and adopted,
- (b) the Internal Audit Report – Review of Impact of new Accounting Standards be noted, and
- (c) the following policies attached to the Finance Director's report be endorsed

Acceptable Requests Guidelines Policy

Advertising Spending Policy

Community Engagement Policy

Community Grants Policy

Debt Policy

Hospitality and Entertainment Policy

Reimbursement of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy



General Complaints Process Policy
Investment Policy
Procurement Policy

CARRIED

6.4 Human Resource Manager's Report

Nil

6.5 Social Services Director's Report

The Social Services Director's Report dated 13 February 2019 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That

- (a) the Social Services Director's Report dated 13 February 2019 be received and noted, and
- (b) Council confirm that the name of the building, from which the IKC operates, is the Jack Bambi Building

CARRIED

6.6 Operations Manager's Report

The Operations Manager's Report dated 14 February 2019 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That

- (a) the Operations Manager's Report dated 14 February 2019 and the Tender Analysis for Project 2019-0402-19 HVASC Road Construction Material Supply, be received and noted, and
- (b) the CEO be delegated authority to decide the awarding of the Tender - Project 2019-0402-19 HVASC Road Construction Material Supply.

CARRIED

7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Inquiry into the Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Income Management and Cashless Welfare) Bill 2019

From the Senate's Standing Committee on Community Affairs Legislation Committee dated 19 February 2019 inviting a submission in relation to the proposed Bill.

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted.

8.2 Financial Assistance Grants

From the LGAQ dated 5 February 2019 seeking Council's formal support for the restoration of the value of the Financial Assistance Grants to at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That Council's formally support the request for the Federal Government to restore the value of the Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government to at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

CARRIED

8.3 Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Indigenous Affairs

From the Hon Tony Abbott MP dated 12 February 2019 thanking Council for hosting him on one of his first trips as the Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Indigenous Affairs and forwarding his first set of recommendations to the Prime Minister and Parliament.

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted.

- 8.4 Commonwealth/State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)**
From Queensland Reconstruction Authority advising the Minister for Fire and Emergency Services has approved an extension of the jointly funded Commonwealth/State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) for
- (a) the North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough, 25 January – 10 February 2019 event, and
 - (b) Communities within Far North Queensland affected by Tropical Cyclone Penny and heavy rainfall and flooding, 24 December 2018 and 4 January 2019

It was agreed the advice be received and noted.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Hope Vale Cemetery

It was agreed that the CEO would liaise with the Operations Manager with a view to facilitating the timber framing of graves at the Hope Vale Cemetery in preparation for Easter services

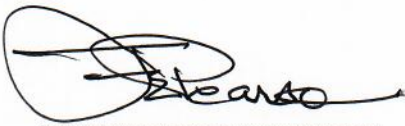
10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

11 NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting is planned to be held on Wednesday 20 March 2019

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.40pm.



Acting Mayor June Pearson
Meeting Chair



Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer