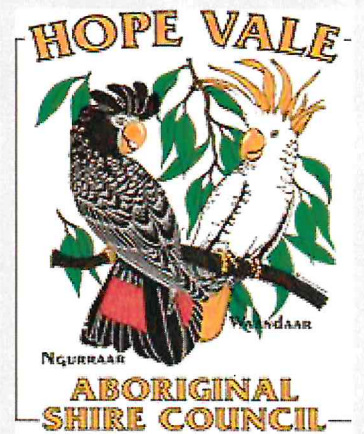


Minutes

General Meeting

Wednesday 9 November 2022

Council Chambers, Hope Vale



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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.15am.

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

The meeting also acknowledged those members of the Hope Vale region who have recently suffered illness or injury.

2 MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cr Jason Woibo – Mayor

Cr Bruce Woibo - Deputy Mayor

Cr Barry Bowen

Cr Keithan Bowen

Cr Allison Michael

Officers Present:

Chief Executive Officer – Steve Linnane

Operations Manager Gene Brookes (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 Thursday 20 October 2022

Moved by Cr Keithan Bowen

Seconded by Cr Alison Michael

Resolution

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Thursday 20 October 2022, be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 Business arising from Minutes of General Meeting held on Thursday 20 October 2022

Moved by Mayor Jason Woibo

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That a Discussion Forum be held on Tuesday 13 December 2022 for a briefing on the review of the Human Resources Policies

CARRIED

6 OFFICER'S REPORTS

6.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Chief Executive Officers Report dated 6 November 2022, was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Alison Michael

Resolution

That Council

(a) receive the Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 6 November 2022, and

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

CARRIED

6.1.1 Schooling and Educational Services – Hope Vale

On 25 August 2022, Council wrote to the Department of Education, expressing concern about some matters relating to the provision of schooling and educational services within Hope Vale. A few of these issues included:

- An increasing number of disengaged young children within Hope Vale that do not attend school or have no desire to attend school,
- A reducing rate of Hope Vale's youth that manage to complete their schooling,
- Feedback from community members and parents that the school children are not engaged at school or by the curriculum,
- Feedback from parents that their children struggle with transition to secondary schooling because of an apparent lower level of academic knowledge, and
- Feedback from community members that the Hope Vale Campus, including buildings and grounds, is not inviting or conducive to school attendance.

The Department was advised that the education of our youth is a critical issue for Hope Vale, but it is difficult for Council to have a position in relation to this matter, without good qualitative and quantitative data and an independent assessment.

Accordingly, the Department was requested to commission an independent review of schooling and educational services within Hope Vale. It was considered that the review should incorporate all facets of our children's education, including Council's Child Care and Kindy, the Playgroup, and the Hope Vale Campus. Council wants to be satisfied that the children of Hope Vale are provided with the best possible foundation for their future.

By letter dated 27 October 2022, the Department of Education advised –

“The Department of Education greatly values community input and engagement with educational services and we look forward to working with you into the future.

At this point, the Department of Education has endorsed a renewal of the Partnership Agreement with Good to Great Schools Australia for a period of three years, concluding in December 2025.

The Department remains committed to ongoing improvement and the continual evaluation of educational services delivered in State schools. As such, schools are reviewed by a team of trained reviewers every four years.

The Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy is scheduled to undergo a full school review in early 2023. As part of this process the review team will contact a range of stakeholders to invite feedback and insight into the delivery of educational services at both Hope Vale and Coen campuses. We will ensure that the Hope Vale Council is consulted during this process. Further details regarding the timing of this review will be forwarded as soon as possible.”

It appears that the Education Department has missed the point of Council's request for holistic, independent review of schooling and educational services within Hope Vale, incorporating all facets of Hope Vale's children's education. The Department's response focuses only on the Hope Vale Campus and its intention to renew the Partnership Agreement with Good to Great Schools Australia for a period of three years, concluding in December 2025.

Moved by Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Alison Michael

Resolution

That Council receive and note the letter dated 27 October 2022 from the Department of Education and the matter be referred to the Chief Executive Officer for action.

CARRIED

6.1.2 2022/2023 Operational Plan – First Quarter Report

Council's Annual Operational Plan documents the annual progress in the implementation of the 5-year corporate plan and manages Council's operational risks. The Chief Executive Officer tabled an assessment on Council's progress towards implementing the annual Operational Plan for the first quarter ending 30 September 2022.

Moved by Cr Keithan Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Woibo

Resolution

That Council receive and note the assessment on Council's progress towards implementing the annual Operational Plan for the first quarter ending 30 September 2022.

CARRIED

6.2 Finance and Corporate Services Director's Report

The Finance and Corporate Services Director's Report dated 4 November 2022 was considered by Council.

Moved Cr Keithan Bowen**Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen****Resolution**

That Council receive and note the Finance and Corporate Services Director's Report dated 4 November 2022.

CARRIED

6.3 Social Services Director's Report

The Social Services Director's Report dated 7 November 2022 was considered by Council.

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

That Council receive and note the Social Services Director's Report dated 7 November 2022.

CARRIED

6.4 Operations Manager's Report

The Operations Manager's Report dated 2 November 2022 was considered by Council.

Moved by Mayor Jason Woibo**Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen****Resolution****That**

- (a) Council receive and note the Operations Manager's Report dated 2 November 2022, and
- (b) Council resolves that it is satisfied that the services to be supplied by Declu Drilling are of such a specialised nature that it would be impractical or disadvantageous to the Council to invite tenders or quotations.

CARRIED

7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 40-year Lease Arrangements

Letter from the Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for Arts, dated 27 October 2022, advising of new baseline amounts of rental payments and rates equivalent payments for 40-year lease arrangements

It was agreed that Council receive and note the letter from the Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for Arts, dated 27 October 2022.

8.2 State Government Financial Aid (SGFA) and the Indigenous Economic Development Grant (IEDG).

Letter from Mike Kaiser, Director-General, State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, dated 18 October 2022, advise that the Honourable Steven Miles MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure, has recently approved funding to Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council under the 2022–23 State Government Financial Aid (SGFA) and the Indigenous Economic Development Grant (IEDG).

It was agreed that Council receive and note the letter from Mike Kaiser, Director-General, State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, dated 18 October 2022.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 ACAT Assessments

Cr Barry Bowen requested the Chief Executive Officer to make enquiries to ensure that there are not any processing or administration delays in admissions to the Aged Care Facility.



10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Item 10.1 Aged Care Centre Operations

Moved by Cr Keithan Bowen

Seconded by Mayor Jason Woibo

Resolution

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to sections 254J (3) (f) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to consider the Confidential report by the Director Social Services on data in relation to the Aged Care Centre operations.

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Alison Michael

Seconded by Cr Bruce Woibo

Resolution

That the meeting be re-opened to the public.

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Alison Michael

Resolution

That the Confidential Social Services Director's Report dated 7 November 2022 on data in relation to the Aged Care Centre operations be noted.

CARRIED

11 NEXT MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be held in Cairns on Wednesday 15 December 2022 at the Cairns Office. This meeting will be preceded by a Discussion Forum to be held Tuesday 15 December 2022



12 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.20 pm.



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Mayor Cr Jason Woibo



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Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer

