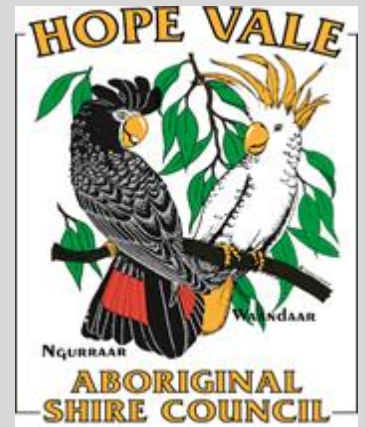


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday September 23, 2020

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.45am.

The Mayor welcomed Councillors and acknowledged the traditional owners of this Bubuu on which the Meeting is being held and elders, past present and future.

The Council 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.

- 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- Mark Kelleher

Apologies: Nil

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 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 Wednesday 19 August 2020.

Moved by Cr Keithan Bowen

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 19 August 2020, be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 Business arising from Minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 19 August 2020.

Nil

6 REPORTS

6.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Chief Executive Officer's report dated 19 September was considered by Council.

Item 1: Audit Management Report

Council's Audit has been completed for the 2019-20 Financial Year.

The Final Management Report has been forwarded to the Mayor and a copy is attached (Attachment 1). It should be noted the Auditor-General issued an un-modified audit opinion on the financial statements and there were no issues or other matters identified during the audit that required to be formally reported to management.

Moved by Cr Keithan Bowen

Seconded by Allison Michael

Resolution:

That Council receive and note the Final Management Report for Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council for the Financial Year 2019-20.

CARRIED

Item 2: Official Opening of the Hope Vale Pioneer Hall

The Council would be aware the official opening of the hall had been postponed due to travel restrictions earlier this year related to COVID 19 Health Directives and the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Stirling Hinchcliffe had been invited to officiate as the Minister responsible for funding the hall upgrade.

The Ministers office has been contacted again and the Council has been informed, regrettably, neither the Minister nor Cynthia Lui MP, Member for Cook, have a date within the next month or so that they could commit to be in Hope Vale to do this official opening and asked for the Minister's apologies be accepted, in this regard. Also, given the facility has not been used as yet, the Minister would be pleased for the Council to do a 'soft opening' of the Hall so that it can start to be used by the community and an 'Official Opening' could be agreed at a later date when either the Minister or Ms Lui is available.

Given the Council has recently been asked by the local school if the end of year Grade 6 graduation could be held in the hall, I had instigated the purchasing of chairs and tables and any other equipment which is required for the hall to be useable for functions. However, it has been realised that even a 'soft' opening for the community, or any other function, like the school graduation, will be restricted to a maximum of only 70 people, with strict management protocols relating to social distancing and marking of seating etc which Council officer would have to manage.

In the circumstances, it would seem impracticable at the moment, to have any sort of opening as it is anticipated many more than 70 people from the community would like to contribute to the opening celebration and, of course, the end of year graduation would also be anticipated to be a function with greater than 70 attendees.

In relation to the school's function, it is considered the multi-purpose centre could be an alternative for this function if the school would like to use that facility.

Also, given the restrictions in place for holding functions the Council it is suggested the CEO and Mayor be delegated authority for the Hall to be utilised for other functions or meetings prior to any official or 'soft' opening, unless, if current Health Directives change and allow for a relaxation of the use of these public facilities and an official opening can be arranged accordingly.

Moved by Cr Bruce Woibo**Seconded by Mayor Cr Jason Woibo****Resolution:**

That the CEO liaise with the School Principal, as Council would like to offer the Pioneer Hall for the end of year school graduation for the Grade 6 students as it is considered the function can still be held notwithstanding COVID restrictions on the number of attendees.

CARRIED

Item 3: Endorsement of Comments made on the Galalar Silica Sand Project Draft Terms of Reference.

Council is aware the State Department of Environment and Science advertised for the submission of comments on a Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for the proposed Galalar Silica Sand Project.

To this end, Council engaged consultants RPS from Cairns to develop a response from Council and the consultants have inspected the site and had numerous discussions with the Mayor, myself and also with Council. The Council's comments were finalised and submitted by the due date 14 September, 2020. This report is confirming the submission was made by Council.

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

That Council acknowledge and endorse the comments submitted to the Department of Environment and Science by RPS on the Draft Terms of Reference for the Galalar Silica Sands Project as submitted on 14 September 2020 on behalf of Council.

CARRIED

10.30 am- The Meeting was adjourned for morning tea.

11.00 am- The Meeting recommenced.

Representatives from PAMA Futures attended the Meeting.

The Mayor welcomed, Rob Willmetts Eastern Division Manager (NIAA), Fiona Jose CEO, Cape York Partnerships, (CYP), Kerrie Hull (CYP) and Kassmena Birch, FNQ Office (NIAA), to the Meeting.

The representatives provided Council a briefing on the intent of PAMA Futures, including the goal to see Indigenous people and governments agree to the need for a better partnership where power and decision making is shared. It was pointed out CYP had a facilitation role as PAMA Futures is a 'model and principal' to follow not a particular governance structure. In addition, NIAA had been given funding to also facilitate the transformation of decision making to be a shared responsibility between the Federal Government and local communities.

It was discussed how the governance for the future sharing of decisions for the Hope Vale community can be designed around a Local Partnership Agreement and a local development plan.

It was agreed there would be a further meeting to discuss how a local partnership arrangement and structure could be put in place for Hope Vale.

The Mayor thanked the delegates and the delegation left the meeting.

The Council adjourned the Meeting for lunch at 12.30pm.

The Meeting resumed at 1.25pm

Item 4: End of Year Hope Vale School Camp

The Council has been asked to assist the School by providing a donation towards the school's end of year camp for years 4, 5 and 6 students which is planned to take place from 14-16 October, 2020.

Moved by Cr Allison Michael**Seconded by Cr Bruce Woibo****Resolution:**

That Council authorize the Mayor and CEO to arrange a suitable donation towards the school camp which could include the provision of food and other consumable items.

CARRIED**Item 5: Christmas -New Year Council Close Down 2020.**

As you may be aware, the Council's workforce usually closes down for a period of 2 weeks during the Christmas/New Year period. It is recommended the 2020 Christmas and 2021 New Year Holiday shut down dates this year are from **Friday 18 December 2020 to Monday 4 January 2021**. The shutdown period commences on Thursday, so the final day of work is close of business **Thursday 17 December 2020** and the workforce will return to work on **Monday 4 January 2021** unless otherwise approved by the CEO/Executive Team members for essential and other services/programs.

Moved by Mayor Cr Jason Woibo**Seconded by Cr Keithan Bowen****Resolution:**

That Council endorse the close down period from 18 December 2020 to 4 January 2021 for the Christmas/New Year break for the council's workforce, as recommended.

CARRIED**6.2 Finance Director's Report**

The Finance Director's Report, dated September was considered by Council

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

That the Finance Director's Report be received and noted.

CARRIED

6.3 Social Services Director's Report

The Director Social Service's Report to 31 August 2020 was considered by Council.

Moved Cr Keithan Bowen

Seconded by Cr Allison Michael

Resolution:

That the Social Services Director's Report to 31 August 2020 be received and noted.

CARRIED

6.4 Human Resource Manager's Report

The Human Resource Manager's Report for the month of August 2020 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Woibo

Resolution:

That the Human Resource's Manager Report for the month of August 2020 be received and noted.

CARRIED

6.5 Operations Manager's Report

The Operations Manager's Report dated 18 September 2020 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Keithan Bowen

Seconded by Mayor Cr Jason Woibo

Resolution:

That the Operations Manager's Report dated 18 September 2020 be received and noted.

CARRIED

7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Received earlier in the Meeting.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Council is aware it is requested to consider requests for confirmation of Aboriginality and cultural recommendations for housing allocations by the Housing Department from time to time.

It was agreed these matters should be considered as 'private' and 'personal' and therefore whilst the Council or Mayor may be requested to consider these matters in the future from external stakeholders or individuals, the Council would not be recording any recommendations or decisions in the Minutes of it's Ordinary Meetings due to 'privacy' considerations.

10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

11 NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 October 2020, in Hope Vale.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.30 pm.

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Mayor Cr Jason Woibo

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Mark Kelleher
Chief Executive Officer