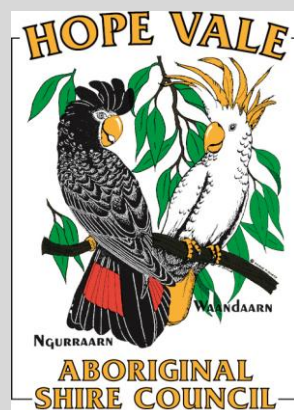


# Minutes

## General Meeting

Wednesday, 10 December  
2014

Meeting Room, Cairns Office



## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

**Members Present:** Cr. Greg McLean (Mayor)  
Cr. June Pearson (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr. Carmen Pearson  
Cr. Dwayne Bowen  
Cr Chris Woibo

## OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

**Officers Present:** Chief Executive Officer Ross Higgins

## MEETING OPENED

Meeting declared open at 9.45 am

## APOLOGIES

nil

Mayor requested a minute silence acknowledging those who had passed on during the past year.

**Item 1: Declaration of conflict, any perceived or other potential conflict of interest to be declared prior to meeting.**

Nil

Cr Dwayne Bowen entered meeting at 9.48 am

**Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes of General Meeting held on 12 November, 2014**

**Moved by Cr June Person**

**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

01101214 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 12 November 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

### **Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 12 November, 2014.**

#### **Social Housing Blockholders**

The workshop between Hope Vale Congress, Department of Housing and Blockholders was held on 2 & 3 December. There is some work required on this and Council should meet with Hope Vale Congress Board members before the next workshop with the Department of Housing to discuss options available.

### **Item 4: REPORTS**

#### **1. Mayor**

Council hosted a meeting with the Director General of the Department of Transport and Main Roads and representatives from Myuma Pty Ltd to discuss options for possible road works in Cape York in alliance with the Hope Vale Council.

Council was invited to visit Myuma's base in Camooweal to see first hand what they had to offer trainees. This was also an opportunity to take a number of young people to Myuma as an orientation exercise to see if they would like to undertake the training.

Council consider this a worthwhile exercise and to include a couple of local mentors in the trip to support the young participants.

**Action Required:** The Chief Executive Officer to organise the travel arrangements

#### **2. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

##### **Future of Social Housing**

Information has been sought from the Department of Housing and Public Works on operational costs for social housing in Hope Vale to allow Council to make an informed decision on the possibility of achieving approved provider status to take responsibility for social housing into the future.

Some preliminary details have been received and this is being reviewed. More information will be provided to Council as these details are further assessed.

##### **New Housing Allotments and Yields**

The next lot of new housing should be ready to progress around May 2015. Allotments need to be identified.

Also, the yields proposed by DHPW are 4 x 2 bedroom houses and 2 x 4 bedroom houses. The Chief Executive Officer is requested to discuss this with the Department as there are concerns about the construction of too many 2 bedroom houses.

**Moved by Cr Chris Woibo**

**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

02101214 Resolution: That Council nominates the following allotments for future new social housing construction:

- 145 Thuppi Street x 2 (2 bedroom houses)
- North Street x 2
- 17 & 18 Flierl Street (if demolished by construction time)
- Link Road x 4

**CARRIED**

#### **Bonus for Council Workers**

Discussion on the provision of a bonus for Council workers. Any bonus agreed to should be made available to all fulltime workers.

**Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

03101214 Resolution: That Council approves a bonus of \$500.00 to all fulltime workers for the 2014 year to be paid as part of the pay run on Wednesday 17 December 2014.

**CARRIED**

#### **Complaints against the Public Official Policy**

This draft policy has been agreed to by Council at its October meeting. It was subsequently sent to the Crime and Corruption Commission for review and they have now advised that it is okay and meets the requirements of the Act.

**Moved by Cr Chris Woibo**

**Seconded by Cr June Pearson**

04101214 Resolution: That Council approves the Complaints against the Public Official Policy

**CARRIED**

### **Old Hospital Building**

Due to the current condition of the old Hospital building, some action needs to occur soon for its removal. It is understood that the building has asbestos and therefore removal to an alternative site for other uses might not be an option.

**Action Required:** The Chief Executive Officer is to write to Qld Health requesting urgent action for the removal of the building.

**Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

**Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo**

05101214 Resolution: That the reports from the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be accepted.

**CARRIED**

### **3. Finance Director's Report**

The Finance Director's report for the period to 10 December 2014 was tabled and discussed by Council.

#### **Debtors**

Deputy Mayor June Pearson advised that there were a number of debts for people who are now deceased or have moved from Hope Vale some time ago. Consideration should be given for these to be written off.

**Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

**Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo**

06101214 Resolution: That the debts owing by the following people be written off and removed from Council's accounts.

Gladys Bowen - \$495.00  
Donna Gyemore - \$149.56  
Ursula Burns - \$1006.65  
Mullen Darkan - \$1263.83  
Evelyn McGreen - \$254.73  
Cedric Naylor - \$784.06  
Cedric Naylor - \$899.64  
Graham Woibo - \$20.00

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr June Pearson**

07101214 Resolution: That the financial report for the period to 10 December 2014 incorporating the financial statements be approved and accepted.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. Social Services Report**

Report noted

#### **5. Operations Manager Report**

Report noted

### **Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Meeting organised at 1.00 pm with Department of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience to discuss the future of charging rates for Indigenous Councils. Councillors will meet at DLGCRR offices.

### **Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS**

Nil

### **Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

### **Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **Donations for Educational Achievements**

- (a) Mayor Greg McLean advised that Council should give some consideration to congratulating the dux at the Hope Vale School. This year there were 2 recipients, Elizabeth Jacko and Keilan Deemal and Council wants to recognize their achievements..

**Cr Carmen Pearson declared an interest in this matter and left the room at 11.30 am**

**Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

**Seconded by Cr June Pearson**

08101214 Resolution: That Council approves an amount of \$300.00 each be paid to Elizabeth Jacko and Keilan Deemal to recognize their achievement as dux of the Hope Vale School in 2014.

**CARRIED**

**Cr Carmen Pearson returned to the meeting at 11.35 am**

(b) Once again this year, there have been a number of students who have successfully completed year 12. Council wanted to recognize and congratulate them.

**Mayor Greg McLean declared an interest in this matter and left the room at 11.40 am**

**Moved by Cr June Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

09101214 Resolution: That Council approves a payment of \$500.00 to those students from Hope Vale who have completed year 12 studies in 2014. These are:

Kudisha Piece-Walker, Jaylaine Yoren, Nyle Bowen, Gerrard Bowen and Batharra McLean.

**CARRIED**

**Mayor Greg McLean returned to the meeting at 11.45 am**

**Council Achievements in 2014**

Deputy Mayor asked if a news letter could be produced by Council to advise the community of the positive achievements of Council during 2014.

**Action Required:** The Chief Executive Officer to put this together for release early in the new year 2015.

At 12.45 pm, the meeting was suspended to allow councillors to travel to the offices of the Department of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience to discuss future rating project to allow Council to charge rates as from 1 July 2016.

Meeting reconvened at 2.45 pm



Deputy Mayor June Pearson advised that there were some issues with an infestation of ants in a number of houses in the independent living houses in Wenke Street.

**Action Required:** Operations Manager to check this out and have appropriate spraying undertaken as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.00 pm.

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**Cr G McLean**  
**Mayor**

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**Ross Higgins**  
**Chief Executive Officer**