



HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Council Chambers Meeting Room, Hope Vale
Date: Wednesday, 10 July, 2013

MINUTES

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 10.25 am

APOLOGIES

Nil

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

Nil

Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

01100713 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 12 June 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED



Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 12 June 2013.

The position of social houses on block holder land is still very unclear especially in relation to what maintenance can be undertaken and rental payments. Council requests that the CEO write to Congress about the matter to seek clarification and include on next Council/Congress meeting agenda

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

Has been involved in promotion and assistance with first crop of bananas picked and dispatched from Banana Farm.

Chaired the Local Disaster Management Group meeting to review and endorse the new Local Disaster Management Plan for Hope Vale

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Organisation Structure

A minor change has been made to the Organisation Structure to reflect what is happening within the Council's operations. The change allows for the Building and Construction Section to be removed from the Operations Department and be a stand alone Department.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

02100713 Resolution: That the new Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council organisation structure as presented be adopted

CARRIED

Butcher Shop Lease

The operator of the Butcher Shop is seeking to take up his option of a further 3 year lease to take effect as from 1 July 2013.

Council has no objection to this.

Child Safety Awareness Project

There has been discussion about the possibility of a Child Safety Awareness Project in Hope Vale that would portray a strong message that child abuse was not acceptable in Hope Vale.



Council is happy to endorse the project and take a lead role in ensuring that the message gets into the community.

Housing

Proposed house plans are available for the new 2 bedroom houses going on lot 145 Thuppi Street.

Council is happy to proceed with option 1 of the 2 plans provided.

Alcohol Management Plan

Council endorses the questions to be asked as part of the community survey relating to the review of the alcohol management plan.

It was agreed that the first approach would be to do a mail out to each house seeking feedback within a timely period.

Medical Support Policy

Concern was raised that the provision of medical support was getting away from the original intentions. It should also be noted that funds were provided in the past whilst Council was receiving royalty payments from Cape Flattery and as these are no longer received, Council is using its own funds for this purpose.

The new policy needs to reflect that funds will be provided in an emergency situation only and be one-off. People will need to show that they have exhausted all other avenues for support and assistance and coming to Council will only be a last resort.

Hope Vale Planning Scheme

Flanagan Consulting Group have written to Council advising that the Hope Vale Congress Corporation has written to them seeking that the notification period for the planning scheme be extended by a period of 3 months to allow them to provide a submission.

Council believes that the 2 month period provided was sufficient and does not approve an extension.

British High Commissioner to Australia Visit

Advice has been received that Paul Madden wishes to visit Hope Vale from 17 August to 22 August. Council has no objection to the visit and is happy to host him in Hope Vale during this period.

Gordon Charlie

A letter has been received from Gordon Charlie seeking a meeting to discuss the Supreme Court action being taken by him against Council, Hope Vale Congress and the State of Queensland.

Council believes that it should not be a party to this action and sees no point in attending a meeting.



Cooktown and District Country Show

The show society has written to Council seeking any support for the show to be held between 5 and 9 August.

Council is happy to sponsor the 1st prize for the bull ride up to an amount of \$1000.00.

Disaster Management Plan

The new Local Disaster Management Plan was endorsed by the Local Disaster Management Group at its meeting on Monday 24 June and now needs to be approved by Council.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

03100713 Resolution: That the redeveloped Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Local Disaster Management Plan be approved.

CARRIED

3. Finance Director's Report

No report was presented to this meeting as Annual Financial Statements are being prepared for Council and audit. Draft statements will be available for Council perusal towards the end of July.

4. Social Services Director's Report

Report noted

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

04100713 Resolution: That the Mayor and Management reports be accepted.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30 pm

Meeting reconvened at 1.00 pm

Item 5 - Visitors and Presentations

Ms Teresa Gibson from RFDS entered meeting at 1.00 pm



Teresa advised Council on a project being undertaken by RFDS called the Growth and Empowerment Measure (GEM) Tool Research and Evaluation project which has been developed to measure empowerment and growth within individuals, family and community.

She is seeking the support of Council for the project to be carried out in Hope Vale.

Ms Teresa Gibson left meeting at 1.50 pm

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

05100713 Resolution: That the Council supports the Growth and Empowerment Measure (GEM) Tool Research and Evaluation project to be undertaken by RFDS.

CARRIED

Item 6 - Agenda Items

Nil

Item 7 – Correspondence

- 7.1 Stephen Turner from Cairns Beaches Accountants advising that his company won't be able to come to Hope Vale this year to assist with tax returns.

Noted

- 7.2 Jeneice Pratt-Bowen seeking sporting sponsorship for her son Shawn Pierce Bowen to travel to France and Belgium between 27 September and 10 October as part of a National Indigenous under 17 Rugby team.

They have already raised approx \$1,300.00 and need support for the final payment and other costs whilst overseas.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

06100713 Resolution: That the Council approves funding of \$1,500.00 to support Shawn Pierce participate in the National Indigenous under 17 rugby tour of France and Belgium.

CARRIED

- 7.3 Irene Gibson is seeking financial support to assist her and her son Bertie Gibson whilst he is undertaking further chemotherapy treatment in Cairns.



Based on level of financial support previously provided and ensuring that Irene is receiving support from Qld Health, Council will approve an amount of \$500.00 as a final payment.

- 7.4 Iris Underwood seeking financial assistance to support her whilst she is in Cairns for antenatal.

This is not approved as the medical support was not available for this purpose.

Item 8 – General Business

8.1 Letter from Alfred Pearson

Cr June Pearson declared an interest and left the meeting at 2.00 pm

Alfred Pearson has written to Council offering an amount of \$5,000.00 for the Toyota Land Cruiser he previously used whilst working at Council. This is in accordance with previous decision made by Council at meeting on 17 April 2013.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

07100713 Resolution: That the Council approves the sale of Toyota Land Cruiser 552 MBP to Alfred Pearson for an amount of \$5,000.00

CARRIED

Cr June Pearson returned to the meeting at 2.10 pm

8.2 Waste Management Facility

Mayor Greg McLean has been approached by Rex Cannon in relation to providing services to maintain the dump. He is currently working for a group that service dumps in Mossman, Innisfail and the Tablelands and is interested in putting a proposal to Council for Hope Vale.

The Chief Executive Officer is seeking information to gauge the life of the current Hope Vale facility and what other options are available to Council.

Once this is received, Council will be in a better position to move forward on this matter.

8.3 17 Beach Road, Hope Vale

Cr June Pearson is concerned about overcrowding at this house and the need for modifications required to the house due to one of the occupants having a disability.

She also requests that Council write to the Department of Housing requesting that they prioritise an application for Clayton Bowen and his family to be able to occupy 74A Kernick Street once it is completed.



Chief Executive Officer will write to the Department of Housing on this matter.

8.4 Ella Woibo

Cr Chris Woibo declared an interest and left meeting at 2.20 pm

Cr June Pearson raised the need for modifications to the toilet and shower at 78 Kernick Street. This matter should be passed onto the Department of Housing and Council's Building/Maintenance Department as well as HACC could assist in this process.

Mrs Woibo might also be assisting in teaching tap dancing for younger students and assistance may be required in finding funds to purchase tap shoes.

8.5 Possible Copyright for Proposed Shirts

Council staff are developing a new design for shirts for sale to community members and wanted to use some art work from a painting purchased by Council from David Michael. It is possible that an amount of between \$500.00 and \$2000.00 might need to be negotiated with David.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.40 pm.

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**Cr G McLean
Mayor**

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**Ross Higgins
Chief Executive Officer**