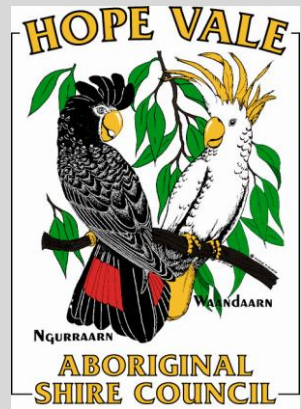


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday, 11 June 2014

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

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 9.30 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 of General Meeting held on 14 May, 2014

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

01110614 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 14 May 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 14 May, 2014.

Nil

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

Budget for 2014/2015

The Mayor presented the proposed budget for 2014/2015 to Councillors for consideration. It is proposed that the budget will be adopted at the July Council meeting being held on 23 July 2014.

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Councillor Remuneration

New arrangements are approved by the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal as from 1 July 2014 with specific emphasis on a portion of councillor remuneration being aligned to attendance at monthly meetings.

To assist with this, the Department of Local Government has advised that Councils can adopt a policy to cover the payment of remuneration.

A draft policy was presented to Council for review. Council thought that the requirement to include situations around sickness of the councillor or immediate family and special extenuating circumstances needed to be included.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

02110614 Resolution: That Council adopts the Councillor Remuneration Policy to commence as from 1 July 2014.

CARRIED

Council Workshop and Garage

As part of budget considerations and a review of Council's operational matters, it was recommended that an alternative option be considered for servicing of plant and equipment and machinery.

Investigations are to take place on the possibility of seeking expressions of interest from suitable persons/organisations to operate the Council workshop and garage as a private enterprise.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

03110614 Resolution: That the Chief Executive Officer commences investigations into an alternative operation for the workshop/garage including the seeking of expressions of interest from suitably qualified persons to lease the facility.

CARRIED

Alcohol Management Plan

James Cook University has been undertaking surveys in Indigenous communities to assist Council in formulating their response to the Government on the future of Alcohol Management Plans.

A presentation was made to the recent Indigenous Leaders Forum in Thursday Island.

They have made an offer to undertake this survey assistance in other indigenous communities and would like to come to Hope Vale.

Council has no objection to this proposal.

Deputy Mayor June Pearson entered meeting at 10.00am

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

04110614 Resolution: That the reports from the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be accepted.

CARRIED

3. Finance Director's Report

Report tabled and discussed by Council.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo**Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

05110614 Resolution: That the financial report incorporating the financial statements be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Warehouse Stock Write Off

As part of our continued quality control of warehouse operations, it has been identified that some electrical equipment stock on hand is now regarded as obsolete.

A list has been provided by the Finance Director with a recommendation that they be written off and destroyed.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

06110614 Resolution: That approval is given to write off obsolete electrical items as listed and the items be destroyed.

CARRIED

Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 – Letter from Cape York Hospital and Health Services advising of the re-introduction of birthing services in Cooktown.

Letter noted

7.2 – Letter from Amanda Fyfe on behalf of Jannita's Girls Softball Team seeking financial assistance to attend a Queensland Masters Softball Competition in Brisbane in August.

Council does not have the financial resources available to assist with this and suggests referral to the Hope Vale Congress funding available.

7.3 – Letter from Heather Hart advising of a mistake in the spelling of her late father's name on the plaque recently erected at the church.

Council has noted her concern and suggest that she directs her matter to the church.

7.4 – Media Release from Member for Cook David Kempton MP advising of funding commitment of \$10 million in the State Budget for bitumen sealing of the Endeavour Valley Road.

7.5 – Email from Damian Blunden, Government Coordination Officer from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet providing an up-date on RSD transition arrangements, Hope Vale Youth Strategy and the Men’s Shed.

Council’s view on the Youth Strategy is that the actions included are okay and are matters that should be undertaken by appropriate organisations anyway. The Youth Group should not become too formalized and they could work with all organistaions in Hope Vale including Council to assist individuals to gain experience.

There may be an opportunity to partner with the State Government to be part of the Youth Parliament.

Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

Access Roads to Blockholder Properties

The matter of responsibility for maintenance on access roads to individual properties has been raised with councillors.

The Chief Executive Officer is to seek information to clarify the position of road ownership and responsibility.

Minute Silence

The Mayor requested a minute silence be held to reflect the recent loss in the community.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.30 am.

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Ross Higgins
Chief Executive Officer