



HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Council Chambers Meeting Room, Hope Vale
Date: Wednesday, 12 June, 2013

MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Ross Higgins

MEETING OPENED

Meeting declared open at 10.45 am

APOLOGIES

Cr Chris Woibo

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 Carmen Pearson

01120613 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 15 May 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED



Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 15th May 2013.

Nil

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

Meetings Attended

- Indigenous Leaders Forum
- Allen Cunneen, DATSIMA
- Balkanu
- Welfare Reform Consultation
- Cape York Institute

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Home Ownership

Invite Karen O'Brien, Department of Housing back to Hope Vale to recommence discussions on valuations on social houses to allow home ownership in the town area.

Action still needs to be followed up on the farm houses to get someone to explain what is happening.

There has been a request from DATSIMA to use the Council logo on a banner supporting home ownership along side the State and Commonwealth logo. Council had no objection to this.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

02120613 Resolution: That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer Reports be accepted

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12 noon

Meeting reconvened at 12.30 pm



3. Finance Director's Report

Outstanding Debt

Council has been carrying a debt of \$32,450.00 owing by Balkanu for a number of years which has been questioned by the organisation. On investigation, it is agreed that it would now be difficult to substantiate that the monies actually owe.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

03120613 Resolution: That the debt of \$32,450.00 owing by Balkanu as shown in Council's financial accounts be written off.

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

04120613 Resolution: That the Finance Report be accepted

CARRIED

4. Social Services Director's Report

Report provided on activities on Disability Services, George Bowen Memorial Kindergarten, Nola's Place Child Care, PaCE, Indigenous Knowledge Centre, Aged Care and HACC

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

05120613 Resolution: That the Social Services Director's Report be accepted

CARRIED

Item 5 - Visitors and Presentations

Will address this agenda item at time of visitors



Item 6 - Agenda Items

Draft Budget for 2013/2014

The draft budget was presented to councillors by the Mayor. It is proposed that the budget will be adopted by Council at its next General Meeting to be held on 10 July 2013.

Item 7 – Correspondence

- 7.1 Hon Lawrence Springborg MP Minister for Health responding to Council's letter in relation to changed services and the reduction in staffing numbers at the Hope Vale Clinic.

Noted

- 7.2 Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs in relation to continuation of Welfare Reform trial.

Noted

- 7.3 Australian Local Government Association in relation to referendum on recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution.

Noted

- 7.4 Hope Vale Arts and Cultural Centre seeking financial support of \$15,000.00 from Council due to an exhibition being organised in Sydney and funding from Arts Queensland not being approved. The support will go towards marketing, production, travel and wages.

Council requests the CEO to discuss with the Arts Centre Manager about any other funds received to establish if Council can support.

- 7.5 Thurrbil Justice Group requesting a meeting with Council to discuss future office accommodation.

Arrange to meet at this Council meeting.

Item 8 – General Business

8.1 NAIDOC Activities 2013

Cr June Pearson will be working closely with Council office staff to coordinate activities for NAIDOC celebrations. They will also organise meetings with community organisations. Woibo raised the position of a number of old panel type houses that would be in excess of 40 years old and the problems with maintaining these residences.

There is more than 25 of these houses and a review of them should be undertaken to ascertain if they are economical to be repaired or should be demolished. CEO is to take up with Construction Project Manager.



8.2 Old Cemetery

Cr June Pearson advised that Council could do some work to fence the old cemetery site. It had been identified some time ago and we could now fence and place a plaque there to recognize this site. It could then be maintained by Council workforce.

8.3 Sporting Assistance

Lynelle Flinders has written to Council seeking financial support for her daughter Carleah to participate in the Queensland State Hockey Championships in Mackay as part of the under 13 Cairns Hockey Representative side.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr June Pearson

06120613

Resolution: That Council provides financial support of \$1000.00 to Lynelle Flinders for her daughter Carleah to attend the Queensland Hockey Championships in Mackay.

CARRIED

Item 5 - Visitors and Presentations

1.00 pm Deb McKenzie from Flanagan Consulting Group entered meeting.

Ms McKenzie gave an up-date on the status of the Planning Scheme and the current notification period.

There was agreement that more posters advising of the Public Notification be placed around the town such as library, clinic (main entrance and community section), HACC and Aged Care, FRC and builders/warehouse building.

Ms McKenzie will be back in Hope Vale towards the end of the notification period to address any issues that arise and then will provide a report for Council consideration on any submissions received.

2.45 pm Deb McKenzie left meeting

2.50 pm Kaylene Bowen, Elaine McGreen and Glenys Woibo from the Thurrbiil Justice Group entered meeting

The group was seeking suitable office accommodation for their operations. Council had no objection to using the current facility once it became vacant in the next 2 – 3 weeks.

CEO to advise on an appropriate rental and can provide support to the Group on any submission they might need to provide to DJAG. .

3.10pm Thurrbiil Justice Group members left the meeting



There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.15 pm.

Cr G McLean
Mayor

Ross Higgins
Chief Executive Officer