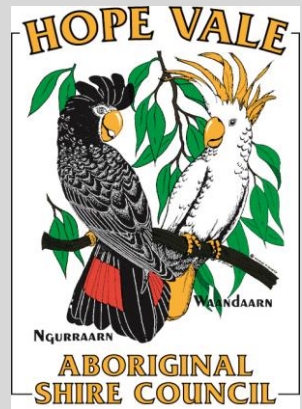


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday, 12 November
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 8.45 am

APOLOGIES

nil

Mayor requested a minute silence following the recent passing of the late James Gibson and Malcolm Bally

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 15 October, 2014

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

01121114 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 15 October 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 15 October, 2014.

Blockholder Social Housing Issues

Deputy Mayor June Pearson requested advice as to whether the workshop organised by Department of Housing and Hope Vale Congress was still proceeding on 17 and 18 November.

Chief Executive Officer advised he had received no formal advice on this matter and would follow up and advise councillors accordingly.

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

Attended the LGAQ Annual Conference in Mackay and gave a presentation on a panel relating to Kick Starting Local Economic Development.

Attended Indigenous Leaders Forum in Mackay

Attended summit with Commissioner of Police in Mackay to discuss policing issues in Indigenous communities..

Cr Chris Woibo entered meeting at 9.00am

The Mayor advised that there is a need for additional security around Hope Vale especially during the night periods when the Queensland Police are not on duty. The matter has been raised with the Justice Group and a joint meeting needs to be organised to identify possible funding for 2 positions.

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Sale of Mini Bus

Cr June Pearson and Cr Chris Woibo declared an interest in this matter as they are Board Members of the Hope Vale Foundation

Following the close of Expressions of Interest for the sale of the Mini Bus (508 LLV), only one tender was received which was from the Hope Vale Foundation.

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

02121114 Resolution: That Council accepts the tender of \$7,000.00 from the Hope Vale Foundation for the purchase of the Toyota Mini Bus 508 LLV.

CARRIED

December Council Meeting

The December Council meeting will be held in the Cairns office

Water Use

Water restrictions have been implemented to allow sprinklers in residential yards for only 1 hour in the evening.

Community Clean Up

The community clean up will commence from Monday 17 November to assist with removal of items from houses prior to possible disaster events e.g. cyclones.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

03121114 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 12 November 2014 was tabled and discussed by Council.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

04121114 Resolution: That the financial report incorporating the financial statements be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

4. Operations Manager Report

Future New Housing

Advice needs to be available for future planning on the proposed locations for future new social housing.

It is requested that the Chief Executive Officer bring a list of available allotments to the next Council meeting for consideration.

Causeway – Carol Creek

Repair and restoration works are due to commence on the causeway at the end of November. Notices will be provided to inform the community of the closure.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

05121114 Resolution: That the Operations Manager Report be accepted.

CARRIED

Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Cheryl Cannon entered meeting at 11.00am

Cheryl advised Council on current school attendance and was seeking assistance from Council in supporting actions to improve attendance rates.

The school is also looking at ways to interact with the Kindergarten to assist children moving from there into the school system.

Cheryl Cannon left the meeting at 11.20am

Harry Bowen entered the meeting at 11.30am

Harry advised Council of his proposals for development on his property. Council indicated that he would need a development plan and then make application to Council to ensure planning scheme requirements were met.

It was suggested that he approach the Business Development Officer at the Hope Vale Foundation for some support and guidance.

Harry also asked about the future of the old water tank located on that property. The Chief Executive Officer to check out the structure for safety etc and respond to Harry.

Harry Bowen left the meeting at 11.50am

Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Email from Cameron Horman from the Department of Housing and Public Works seeking approval from Council for the demolition of houses at 17 and 18 Flierl Street, Hope Vale. These houses were in poor condition and also received damage from Cyclone Ita.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

06121114 Resolution: That Council approves the demolition of houses at 17 Flierl Street and 18 Flierl Street Hope Vale. Council also approves the use of the allotments for future social housing once the houses are demolished.

CARRIED

7.2 Letter from Tara Zaicz, Hope Vale Arts and Culture Centre seeking in-kind support towards securing self contained accommodation in Hope Vale for industry professionals working with artists and youth.

Council do not believe that there is any Council accommodation available however requests the Chief Executive Officer to make enquiries and write back to Tara.

7.3 Letter from Queensland Reconstruction Authority advising of approval to undertake additional betterment works on Elim Beach Road. This will consist of another 1.7km of bitumen seal.

7.4 Letter from Neville Gibson and Michelle Murphy asking Council to supply a ceiling fan for their lounge room and install a front patio at their house at 75A Kernich Street. They were advised by the Department of Housing that this was Council's responsibility.

Action required: The Chief Executive Officer to take this matter up with the Department of Housing to identify what their position is and write to Neville and Michelle and advise them that the house is part of the social housing pool.

Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

A request has been made through Disability Services and Qld Health for assistance for a lift bed and chair for one of their clients.



Action required: The Chief Executive Officer to ascertain if this person is a client of Council's HACC or Disability programs and see if funding can be made available for any equipment purchases.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.10 pm.

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Ross Higgins
Chief Executive Officer