



HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Council Meeting Room, Cairns
Wednesday, 13 November, 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 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 16 October, 2013

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

01131113 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 16 October 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED



Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 16 October 2013.

Peter Chippendale

Up-date on request from Peter Chippendale for lease of shed and location of a ice machine at Hope Vale. Chief Executive Officer advised that he had meet with Peter and sent a draft lease for the building. Peter was making more enquiries about the location of the ice machine.

Coffee Shop

Chief Executive Officer advised that he had written a letter to the Church Committee about the use of the public space around the coffee shop. He will follow up with the Pastor.

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

Meetings attended include:

- State Department of Housing in relation to housing allocations for new houses at Hope Vale
- LGAQ Annual Conference including Indigenous Leaders Forum and meeting with Police Commissioner.
- DATSIMA Program office (Allen Cunneen) to discuss new construction program

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Corporate Plan and Economic Strategic Plan

Tenders have been assessed for this project and the successful organisation to undertake both projects is Working Visions.

Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office – Land Survey

This office is offering a project that will survey the existing lots within the existing Council DOGIT to sub-divide into manageable lots and bring Hope Vale into line with other town planning across the state.

Council considers that sub-division of the DOGIT in Hope Vale will facilitate improved land administration and create opportunities for further dealing with the DOGIT.



Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

02131113 Resolution:

1. Council as Local Government Authority and Trustee resolves to work with the Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office (RILIPO) to subdivide the DOGIT into manageable lots.
2. Council also resolves to support any land administration actions incidental to, and necessary to facilitate lodgement and registration of the plan of subdivision

CARRIED

Everlina Plaza – Expressions of Interest

The Hope Vale Foundation has been seeking expressions of interest from people wanting to take up the tenancies at the new Everlina Plaza and provided a list for Council's information.

Council has asked the Chief Executive Officer to continue to liaise with the Foundation on this matter.

Hope Vale Planning Scheme

Council met with Deb McKenzie of Flanagan Consulting Group on Tuesday 12 November to discuss the submission received following the public notification period and the recommendations on moving forward with this matter.

Council agreed to accept the recommendations put forward by Flanagan Consulting Group.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

03131113 Resolution:

That in accordance with the provisions of Statutory Guideline 02/12 – Making and amending local planning instruments, Council:

1. Endorse the recommended responses to the submission and advise the submitter, in writing, of Council's decision.
2. Endorse the changes to Overlay maps OM-001, OM-003 and OM-006, as recommended
3. Direct the Planning Consultant to make the recommended wording changes to Section 3.4.2.2 (c) and 3.4.4.2 (b) and endorsed map amendments.
4. Subject to no.1 – 3 above, refer the Hope Vale Draft Planning Scheme to the Planning Minister with a recommendation that the Draft Planning Scheme be approved for adoption.

CARRIED



Old Women's Shelter

The Justice Group has been given approval to use this building in a temporary capacity for youth issues and Cape York Partnerships is seeking use of the building for its Parenting Program.

There is a possibility that both groups could share the building.

Chief Executive Officer raises a concern about the structural integrity of the building and has recommended that a report be provided by the Building Manager prior to any further long term decision on the use.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

04131113 Resolution: That the reports from the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be accepted.

CARRIED

Shannon Gibbs, Finance Director entered meeting at 10.15am

3. Finance Director's Report

Apparent that the level of operational funding that has been provided by both State and Commonwealth Governments has reduced significantly over the past 2 to 3 years. The level of capital funds provided requires some amount of day to day funding to maintain and operate these facilities.

Council staff will need to continue to persue funding opportunities especially with the new Multi Purpose Centre coming on line soon.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

05131113 Resolution: That the financial report incorporating the financial statements be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

Shannon Gibbs left meeting at 11.00am

4. Social Services Director's Report

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

06131113 Resolution: That the Social Services Director's Report be accepted.

CARRIED



5. Building Construction Report

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

07131113 Resolution: That the Building Construction Manager's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

As the visitors were due at 1.00pm, Council agreed to move to Agenda, Correspondence and General Business Items

Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Correspondence from the Youth Council was provided outlining individual representatives and their link to Councillors and portfolios.

Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 – Copy from the Premier of Queensland, Campbell Newman in relation to the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry with a hand written note as follows:

“David Crisafulli has asked me to congratulate you and your Council team on you outstanding audit report!”

7.2 – Letter from August Stevens, Manager of Kone Wone Group Enterprises, Cooktown seeking permission to operate a mobile food van at Hope Valley Estate to service builders there.

Council has no objection to this on the basis that it is only at Hope Valley Estate.

Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 - Chief Executive Officer to follow up with Building Construction Manager and/or Peter Irwin on the costs required on the Church Hall (especially the flooring)

8.2 – The Multi Purpose Centre opening be put off until 2014 when a date suitable to all parties can be arranged.

Meeting stopped for lunch at 12.30pm

Meeting reconvened after lunch at 1.00pm



Item 5 – VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mr Sam Thomson from GHD

Mt Terry Piper and Mr Richard Jenkins from Balkanu

Entered meeting at 1.00pm

Sam Thompson gave a presentation to Council on the opportunities available to the Hope Vale Council in expanding its civil construction workforce with the possibility of gaining external road projects/contracts.

It is important that Council understands the current capacity and capability of its civil construction group

Sam Thomson will put together a proposal for Council on the next steps and provide this as soon as possible.

Sam Thomson, Terry Piper and Richard Jenkins left the meeting at 2.10pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.15 pm.

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Ross Higgins
Chief Executive Officer