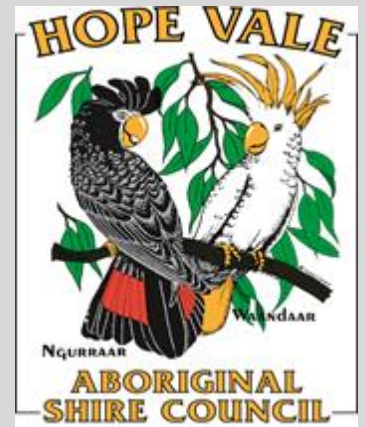


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday 13 September 2017

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

At 9.15am the Chair adjourned the commencement of the meeting until 9.30am
The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.30 am.

The Council then acknowledged those members of the region that have recently passed away or suffered illness or injury

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Members Present: Cr. Greg McLean (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor Cr June Pearson
Cr Barry Bowen
Cr Bruce Gibson

Apologies: Cr Selina Bowen

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Steve Linnane

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That Council noted that Cr Selina Bowen was attending training applicable to her portfolio responsibilities, and accordingly granted her leave of absence.

CARRIED

3 OBLIGATIONS OF COUNCILLORS

3.1 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST ON ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to Section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009, the following declarations of material personal interest were made during this meeting -

- Cr Barry Bowen declared a material personal interest in relation to Item 9.4 and he took no part in discussions on this item.
- The Mayor declared a material personal interest in relation to Item 9.5. This item involved a family member and he left the meeting during discussions on this item.

3.2 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, the following declarations of conflict of interest were made during this meeting –

- Cr Bruce Gibson declared a perceived conflict of interest in relation to Item 6.2.4 of the minutes of the General Meeting held on Tuesday 29 August, 2017. This item involved a family member and he took no part in discussions on this item.
- Cr Barry Bowen declared a perceived conflict of interest in relation to Item 6.4. This item involved a family member and he took no part in discussions on this item.
- The Mayor declared a perceived conflict of interest in relation to Item 9.5. This item involved a family member and he left the meeting during discussions on this item.

3.3 REGISTERS OF INTEREST

Councillors reviewed their Registers of Interests and Related Parties Disclosures .

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29 AUGUST, 2017

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Tuesday 29 August, 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29 AUGUST, 2017

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That, in relation to Item 6.3 of the minutes of the General Meeting held on Tuesday 29 August, 2017, Council endorsed the payment to staff of the recent wage decision of the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission.

CARRIED

In relation to Item 8.4 of the minutes of the General Meeting held on Tuesday 29 August, 2017, Council agreed that a meeting be arranged between Councillors and local Health Department representatives.

6 REPORTS

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

6.1.1 Mayor's Report

The Mayor provided a verbal report on activities since the last meeting.

6.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

6.2.1 Meetings Attended

The CEO advised of meetings that he had attended since the last Council meeting.

It was agreed that Council note the meetings attended by the Chief Executive Officer.

6.2.2 Proposed Blue Phone – Everlina Plaza

The Department of Housing and Public Works are eager to installing a “blue phone” in Hope vale to complement the existing management services provided. The cubicle beside the pay phone in Everlina Plaza has been identified as an ideal site.

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That Council raise no objection to the installation of a “blue phone” at Everlina Plaza, subject to the finalization of the necessary tenure arrangements by the CEO.

CARRIED

6.2.3 Working with Children Legislation (Indigenous Communities) Amendment Bill 2017

The Parliament has sought permission for the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee to visit Hope Vale on Tuesday 26 September and meet with relevant stakeholders at 1pm in the Hope Vale Meeting Rooms in regards to the proposed Bill. Permission has been granted by the CEO

The members of the committee are:

- Mr. Duncan Pegg MP, Member for Stretton (Chair)
- Mr. Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera (Deputy Chair)
- Ms. Nikki Boyd MP, Member for Pine Rivers
- Mr. Don Brown MP, Member for Capalaba
- Mr. Jon Krause MP, Member for Beaudesert
- Mrs. Jann Stuckey MP, Member for Currumbin

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That Council receive and note the advice of the proposed visit.

CARRIED

6.2.4 Completion of Endeavour Valley Road

Clarification has been sought from the Government Champion in relation to verbal advice in relation to the completion of Endeavour Valley Road, provided to Councillors at the last visit by the Ministerial Champion and Government Champion.

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That Council note the Government Champion's advice that the balance of funding to complete the final 2.81km (\$4.5 million) of Endeavour Valley Road will be provided by the state government, separate to the Cape York Region Package, and that it is expected that the works will be commenced after the wet season.

CARRIED

6.2.5 Confirmation of Aboriginal Descent

Ivana Gibson requires confirmation of aboriginal descent as part of her application for the Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That Council authorize the CEO to confirm the aboriginal descent form for Ivana Gibson.

CARRIED

6.2.6 Draft 2016 -2017 Annual Report for Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council

The Chief Executive Officer tabled the Draft 2016 -2017 Annual Report for Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That Council receive and adopt the Draft 2016 -2017 Annual Report for Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council.

CARRIED

6.2.7 Stage 2 Upgrades – Blockholder Properties in Hope Vale

The CEO tabled a letter from the Director General, Department of Housing and Public Works dated 4 September 2017, advising that Council should lead the second round of upgrades of blockholder properties. Council was also advised that it would be offered first right of refusal for future maintenance, upgrades, and new builds.

It was agreed that the letter be received.

6.2.8 Expression of Interest – Domestic Rubbish Run

The CEO tabled a letter from Eric Ford dated 13 September 2017 submitting an expression of interest in taking over the domestic rubbish run from Council.

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That,

- a) the letter be received and Mr. Ford be thanked for his submission,
- b) Mr. Ford be advised that Council is awaiting the outcome of decisions by Hope Vale Congress that will determine Council's refuse removal requirements, and accordingly, Council will determine its position in relation to waste removal at this time, and
- c) Mr. Ford be further advised that his correspondence will be put on file for future reference.

CARRIED

6.2.9 Reception of Reports

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That the Mayor's report and the CEO's report be received.

CARRIED

6.3 Finance Director's Report

The Finance Director's report dated 11 September 2017 was considered by Council

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That the Finance Director's report dated 11 September 2017 be received and adopted.

CARRIED

6.4 Human Resource Manager's Report

The Human Resource Manager's Report dated 11 September 2017 was considered by Council.

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That

- a) the Human Resources Manager's report dated 11 September 2017 be received and adopted, and,
- b) a presentation be arranged for Mr. Lex Bowen in appreciation of his services to the Council and the Hope Vale community.

CARRIED

6.5 Social Services Director's Report

The Social Services Director's Report dated 11 September 2017 was considered.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That the Social Services Director's Report dated 11 August 2017 be received and endorsed.

CARRIED

6.6 Operations Manager's Report

6.6.1 The Operations Manager's Report dated 5 September 2017 was considered.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That

- a) the Operations Manager's Report dated 5 September 2017 be received and noted,
- b) wording of the cemetery signage be approved by the Mayor,
- c) Council endorsed Option 2 for signage at the Everlina Plaza, and
- d) the CEO be authorized to approve the submission of variations to the W4Q program.

CARRIED

6.6.2 The Operations Manager's Report dated 11 September 2017 was considered.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That

- a) the Operations Manager's Report dated 11 September 2017 be received and noted,
- b) Council endorse Northern Fire Services to complete the Fire Detection and Warning System Upgrade based on the urgent emergency safety nature of the required works

CARRIED

7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 From the LGAQ dated 30 August 2017, advising of the establishment of a Local Government Independent Electoral Monitor by LGAQ for the 2020 Council elections.

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted.

- 8.2 From the Queensland Reconstruction Authority dated 15 August 2017, advising that it has paid \$1,997,610.77 for restoration works following the rain event of December 2015/January 2016.

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

- 8.3 From the LGAQ dated 15 August 2017, advising of changes to its digital services.

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

- 8.4 From the Department of Housing and Public Works dated 23 August 2017, advising the release of the new Queensland Government Procurement Strategy and a revised Queensland Government Procurement Policy.

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

- 8.5 From the Queensland Reconstruction Authority dated 15 August 2017, providing information on the Commonwealth Government's reform of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted.

- 8.6 From the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning dated 7 September 2017, advising that a program to introduce rating into Indigenous local governments from July 2018 will not be implemented.

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

- 8.7 From the Minister for Local Government and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Mark Furner MP, dated 29 August 2017, forwarding meeting notes and illustrations from the Remote and Discrete Closing the Gap Roundtable held in Cairns on 19 May 2017.

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted.

- 8.8 From Cooktown Amateur Swimming Club dated 29 August 2017, requesting assistance towards a coaching clinic for the swim club children to be held at Mareeba, as well assistance towards two children in Cooktown who recently lost their mother.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the letter be received and Council approve assistance in an amount of \$250

CARRIED

- 8.9 From Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council dated 22 August 2017, advising that Woorabinda community members enjoyed the presence of the Hope Vale representatives during the recent visit and that the cemetery ceremony was a profound spiritual moment. The Council also advised that a Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council flag will be forwarded to Hope Vale in the near future.

It was agreed that the letter be received and Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council be thanked for their flag.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 LGAQ Innovation Tour

Cr Bruce Gibson provided a verbal report on his recent Innovation Tour to Sydney that was arranged by LGAQ.

It was agreed that the verbal report be noted.

9.2 NAIDOC Events

It was agreed that Council approve funding of \$500 towards entertainment for a NAIDOC Senior Evening and \$300 for a Past and Present BBQ Dinner.

9.3 Council Owned Dwellings

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That Council approve the installation of a split system air conditioner in the living areas of those Council owned dwellings that do not have air conditioning.

CARRIED

9.4 Unused Council Vehicle

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That Council Barry Bowen have access to an unused council vehicle for Council authorized travel and for cultural and community use/events.

CARRIED

At this stage the Mayor stood down from the chair and left the meeting.
Deputy Mayor June Pearson assumed the role of chair of the meeting.

9.5 LGAQ Conference

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That Council authorise the attendance of Joan McLean at the forthcoming LGAQ Conference in Gladstone.

CARRIED

At this stage the Mayor returned to the meeting and assumed the role of chair.

9.6 Mayor's Vehicle

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That the Mayor's Council vehicle be replaced.

CARRIED

10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

11 NEXT MEETING

The next General Meeting is proposed to be held on Wednesday 18 October 2017 commencing at 9am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.40pm.

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Cr Greg McLean
Mayor

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Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer