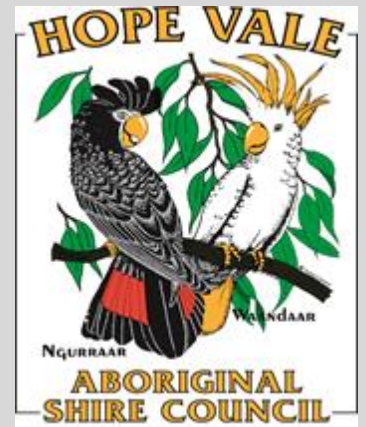


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday 14 December 2016

Board Room, Cairns Office

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.45 am

The Council then observed a minute silence in recognition of 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)
Cr June Pearson (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Barry Bowen
Cr Bruce Gibson
Cr Selina Bowen

Apologies: Nil

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Steve Linnane

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, no declarations of material personal interest were made during this meeting.

3.2 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS

Cr Bruce Gibson declared a perceived conflict of interest (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) in Item 7.1 relating to a presentation to the meeting from Empowered Communities due to his involvement in the group as a Local Empowered Communities Champion. Cr Gibson did not leave the meeting room as he was part of the deputation/presentation that was for Council's information only and no subsequent discussions were undertaken by Council.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 November, 2016

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 9 November, 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 November, 2016

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That the Operations Manager provide an estimate of cost for increasing the ongoing maintenance level at the Hope Vale Refuse Facility

CARRIED

6 REPORTS

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report, in conjunction with Item 6.2.1 of the CEO's report, outlining various matters dealt with, and meetings attended 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 the Mayor and the CEO meet Cleveland Fagan from Apunipima to further discuss the proposed leasing of Council property in Hope Vale for a proposed health facility. It is Council's preferred position that all of its operations be conducted from the proposed lease site.

6.2.2. Hope Vale Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy Campus

The Mayor, a number of councilors, and the CEO attended a presentation and workshop by Noel Pearson on behalf of the Cape York Academy on 30 November 2016 at the Hope Vale School. During this workshop, there was discussion about a possible move by the State Government to incorporate the school back into the full control of the Education Department.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That Council endorse advising the Minister for Education that Council unreservedly supports the present school teaching system at the Hope Vale Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy Campus and would regard any change to the present model as contrary to the best interests of Hope Vale's children and its community.

CARRIED

6.2.3: Child Care Funding

The Minister for Education and Training has advised of a proposed funding package for child care that is proposed to come into effect in July 2018. Council Officers have major concerns in relation to the projected funding gap being increased significantly following transition to the new funding arrangements. This will have a major impact on HVASC's expenditure on a yearly basis, with funding gap estimates of \$278,000 representing a 43 percent increase, or \$158,000 in extra revenue being required to the baseline funding contributions to keep the centre operating after funding inputs. Due to the contributions made by HVASC to a number of social services within community, this will place additional financial stressors and will degrade the capability for HVASC to deliver the level of social services currently available to the community.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution

That Council

- a. endorses the submission to the Federal Government expressing Council's concerns in relation to the proposed new child care funding arrangements, and
- b. arrange for a deputation to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs Senator Nigel Scullion and the Minister for Education and Training Senator Simon Birmingham should Council's representations not be supported.

CARRIED

6.2.4 ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAYOR'S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution

That Council receive and note the reports from the Mayor and CEO dated 9 December 2016.

CARRIED

6.3 Finance Director's Report

The report dated 9 December 2016 was discussed and noted.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution

That the Finance Director's Report for the period to 9 December 2016 be accepted and endorsed.

CARRIED

6.4 Human Resource Manager's Report

The report dated 12 December 2016 was discussed and noted.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That the Human Resources Manager's report dated 12 December 2016

- a. be accepted and approved, and
- b. the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and the CEO undertake interviews for the position of Director Social Services and report back to Council.

CARRIED

6.5 Social Services Director's Report

The report dated 8 December 2016 was discussed and noted.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That

- a. the Social Services Directors' Report dated 8 December 2016 be accepted and approved, and
- b. a review of the existing security arrangements at the Aged Care facility be undertaken.

CARRIED

6.6 Operations Manager's Report

The report dated 8 December 2016 was discussed and noted.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That Council

- a. accept and approve the Operation Manager's Report 8 December 2016,
- b. endorse the proposed yields for the next 11 new houses,
- c. endorse the land allotments and positions in Alec Cameron Drive in accordance with Appendix 1 of the report,
- d. note the proposed placing of multiple dwellings (2x2bedrooms) for blocks larger than 1000m²,
and
- e. authorise the CEO to discuss future vacant blocks for the remaining 9 houses to be completed by June 2018 with the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Partnership.

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution

That Council

- a. request the Operations Manager to develop a horse removal policy for further consideration by Council, and
- b. endorse the construction of the shed extension at the plumber's Workshop so as to ensure the longevity of plant and infrastructure, and the correct storage of chemicals and fuels.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That Council offer to purchase 4 shade structures for use by the PCYC at the Hope Vale Pool.

CARRIED

It was agreed that the Hope Vale entrance/welcome sign should have the Council emblem and the words – "HOPE VALE Welcome to the home of the Guuga Yimithirr Warra Nation"

7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1. Empowered Communities

At 11am Fiona Jose, General Manager Cape Operations Cape York Partnership, Doreen Hart, Engagement Officer Empowered Communities, and Ellie Austin Senior Policy Officer Empowered Communities were admitted to the meeting and provided a presentation outlining the role and actions of Empowered Communities

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1. Letter from Frankie Carroll, Director General, Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning dated 24 November 2016 advising that Council had been successful in obtaining a \$108,000 subsidy to assist with fire compliance at the Hope Vale Aged Care Facility.

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

8.2. Letter from Glen Butcher MP dated 22 November 2016 advising of his recent appointment to the role of Assistant Minister for Local Government and Infrastructure.

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

8.3 Advice from Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training clarifying arrangements being put in place to support Budget Based Funded services to operate under the Jobs for Families Child Care Package.

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

8.4 Letter from Dr Jeannette Young, Chief Health Officer, Queensland Health dated 16 November 2016 attaching "The Health of Queenslanders 2016. Report of the Chief Health Officer Queensland".

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Delegations

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That the CEO be granted delegated authority to

- a. decide the development application from the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Partnership for the reconfiguration of Lot 1 on SP 232620 into 269 lots, and
- b. appoint the successful tenderer for the lease of the butcher shop at the Evelina Plaza, Hope Vale.

CARRIED

9.2 Christmas Eve Function

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That Council fund a Christmas Eve Function for the Hope Vale community

CARRIED

9.3 Manse Roof Replacement

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That the Operations Manager obtain an estimate of cost for the roof replacement of the manse at St John's Lutheran Church

CARRIED

9.4 Hope Vale Community Christmas Function

Cr Bruce Gibson advised that the Western Cape Communities Trust had allocated an amount of \$10,000 for the Hope Vale Community Christmas Function.

9.5 Recognition Certificates

It was agreed that Recognition Certificates from the Council be issued to those Hope Vale students that graduated from Grade 12 in 2016 and a Recognition Certificate be presented to the Dux of the 2016 Grade 6 Class of the Hope Vale School.

9.6 Recognition of Previous Councillors

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution

That the CEO arrange for the researching and documenting of the previous Councillors and Council of Elders of Hope Vale and report to a future Council meeting with a proposal to recognizing these people.

CARRIED

9.7 Confirmation of Aboriginality

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution

That the CEO be authorized to confirm the aboriginality of Tanika Deemal - Parker

CARRIED

10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

11 NEXT MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 January 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.03pm

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer