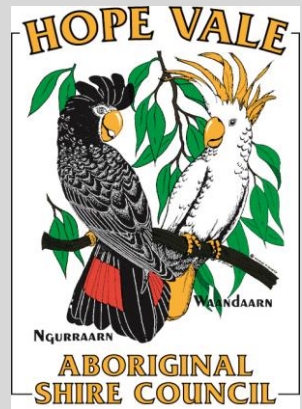


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday 14 October 2015

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Cr. Greg McLean (Mayor)
Cr. June Pearson (Deputy Mayor) – by teleconference
Cr Chris Woibo
Cr. Dwayne Bowen
Cr. Carmen Pearson

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Ross Higgins

MEETING OPENED

Meeting declared open at 10.05 am

APOLOGIES

nil

The Mayor requested a minutes silence for those recently passed.

Item 1: Declaration of conflict, any perceived or other potential conflict of interest to be declared prior to meeting.

Nil

Item 2 (a): Confirmation of Minutes of General Meeting held on 21 September, 2015

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

01141015 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday 21 September 2015 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on 26 August, 2015

- Deputy Mayor advised that councilors should discuss the land transfer issues raised at the last meeting with Liza Carroll during her visit on 4 November.

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

- Attended a forum with Premier and other Mayors in Townsville discussing the North Australia White Paper.

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Government Champion

Liza Carroll, Director General of the Department of Housing and Public Works and the Hope Vale Government Champion will be visiting Hope Vale again on Wednesday 4 November 2015. She will be arriving late on Tuesday 3 November and is staying at the Aged Care Facility.

Action required: CEO asked to put together a list of topics for discussion with Ms Carroll and coordinate activities for the day.

Freehold Project

The Freehold Project is ready to move into the next phase which requires community consultation. There is a requirement that Council needs to resolve how the community consultation will be undertaken.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

02141015 Resolution: That the community consultation for the Freehold Project in Hope Vale be undertaken by way of a number of facilitated community meetings, public notices and radio advertisements. Assessment to be made following this to establish if further consultation if any is required.

CARRIED

Alcohol Management Plan Review

A proposal has been finalised to go to the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships. Council's view is that a carriage limit should still apply however with a variety of different choices of alcohol.

Action Required: CEO to forward the proposal to the Director General of DATSIP.

Wage Increase for Employees

Council had budgeted to allow for an increase for wage employees in the 2015/2016 financial year.

It was recommended by the CEO and Finance Director that a 3% increase be implemented. There will be a number of employees that this will not relate to such as those on contracts or others that have just received a substantial wage/award increase.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

03141015 Resolution: That Council approves a wage increase of 3% for appropriate employees with payment to be made as part of the pay run on Wednesday 21 October 2015

CARRIED

Operational Plan 2015/2016

The CEO presented the Operational Plan for 2015/2016 with review comments as at 30 September 2015. This review was undertaken in accordance with Section 174 of the Local Government Regulations 2012.

Report noted by Council.

Council Logo

There is a request from the Radio Station Coordinator to use the Council logo for radio and media type activities however have the cockatoos doing signing or playing instruments.

Action Required: CEO to suggest to Radio Station Coordinator that he seeks feedback from listeners/community as to how they feel about the changes to the logo

Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC)

Council currently has an account with QTC for investment opportunities however only the CEO and Finance Director are signatories to this account. It has been identified that a better interest rate can be achieved through QTC than our existing bank accounts and it is intended to transfer an amount of \$5 million.

It is recommended that an additional 2 signatories be included onto the QTC account and these should be the other persons currently on the Westpac account i.e. Ivan Hegamaea (HR Manager) and Roxanne Hart (Director of Social Services)

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

04141015 Resolution: That Ivan Hegamaea and Roxanne Hart be approved as additional signatories onto Council QTC investment account. Council also endorses the transfer of \$5 million to the QTC account for investment purposes.

CARRIED

Acceptance of Mayor and Chief Executive Officer Reports

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

05141015 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 14 October 2015 was tabled and discussed by Council.

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

06141015 Resolution: That the financial report for the period to 14 October 2015 incorporating the financial statements, be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

4. Social Services Director Report

No report was provided to this meeting as the Social Services Director has just returned from leave.

5. Operations Manager Report

Report discussed and noted

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

07141015 Resolution: That the Operations Manager's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

11.30am – Renae Todd, Jacinta Mckewen and Karen Gibson from the Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW) entered meeting

Renae gave an overview of local housing operations and the processes involved in housing applications and allocations.

Deputy Mayor June Pearson indicated that due to some recent issues, child safety was a high priority and DHPW needed to be aware of these as they arose for possible allocations.

11.55am – Renae, Jacinta and Karen left the meeting.

Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 – Letter from Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation seeking comment on the renewal of the permit for carriage of alcoholic sacramental wine for religious services.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

08141015 Resolution: That Council has no objection to renewal of the permit for the church to carry wine to Hope Vale for religious services during 2015/2016.

CARRIED

7.2 – Letter from Queensland Treasurer seeking nomination by Council for the public holiday for 2016.

Action Required: CEO to write back to the Office of Industrial Relations of Queensland Treasury advising that Friday 22 July 2016 is the nominated public show holiday for the Hope Vale Shire.

7.3 – Letter from Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety, Queensland seeking to undertake a small pilot study to identify barriers associated with progressing through the drivers licensing system.

Action Required: The Chief Executive Officer to write back to CARRS and advise that there is no objection to undertaking the study in Hope Vale.

7.4 – Letter from Hope Vale Congress Aboriginal Corporation advising that no material is to be taken from any gravel pit until further advised.

Noted

7.5 – Email from Raelinda Woibo on behalf of the Lutheran Church, Hope Vale asking Council to give consideration to waiving the utility charges of \$1672.00 for the 2015/2016 financial year for the Church and Hall.

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

09141015 Resolution: That Council approves the waiving of the utility charges of \$1672.00 for the Lutheran Church for the church and hall for the 2015/2016 financial year.

CARRIED

7.6 – Email from DATSIP advising that the Register of Births, Deaths and Marriages wanted to visit Hope Vale on 12 November. During the visit they would like to offer a fee waiver on birth certificates for children 0 – 17 years of age.

Action Required: CEO to write back to DATSIP advising that there was no objection to the visit and they should contact Council to organize a meeting location and provide any information that can be sent around the community to encourage attendance.

Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.50 pm

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Ross Higgins
Chief Executive Officer