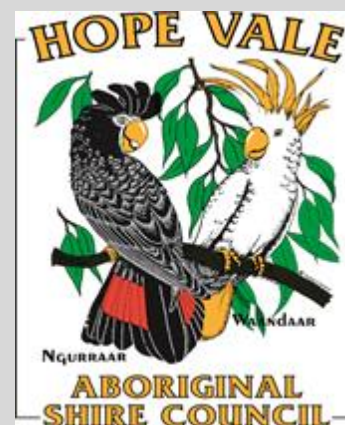


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday 15 February 2017

Board Room, Cairns Office

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.15 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

Pursuant to Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, no declarations of a conflict of interest were made during this meeting.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 January, 2017

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 18 January, 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 December, 2016

Nil

Deputy Mayor June Pearson arrived at the meeting

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.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That

- a) A deputation be arranged for the Council, the CEO, and the Director of Finance to meet with the Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Sport and Council's Ministerial Champion, the Hon Mick De Brenni and the Director – General of Housing and Public Works Liza Carroll to express Council's concerns and disappointment of the State Governments proposal to reallocate housing works within the Shire from the Council to an alternate principal contractor, without consultation, and
- b) A meeting also be arranged with Minister for Local Government

CARRIED

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.

6.2.2. Hope Vale Optic Fibre Project

The Project Management Group (PMG) for this project meet weekly to ensure the funding applications are progressing in accordance with the tight timeframes.

Telstra have now completed their Draft Feasibility Study, design and estimate of cost for the project. They have advised that the estimate of cost is \$3.2million.

Letters have been sent to in excess of 20 State and Federal Members and Senators outlining the project and seeking their support.

The PMG have also suggested that this project be incorporated into some of Council's strategic documentation so that it can be referenced in the relevant funding applications

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That Council

- a) amends the 2016-17 Operational Plan to include reference to the Hope Vale Fibre Optic Project under Section 2 (Economic Development), Outcome 5 (Appropriate infrastructure that supports sustainable economic development) of the Operational Plan,
- b) amends the 2014-19 Corporate Plan to include a new section detailing Council's "Major Projects and Initiatives", and include the Hope Vale Fibre Optic Project,
- c) endorses the submission of the Hope Vale Fibre Optic Project to Round 3 of the Building Our Regions program, and
- d) seeks unmatched funding in the amount of up to \$500,000 toward the completion of the Hope Vale Fibre Project through Round 3 of the Building Our Regions Program.

CARRIED

6.2.3: Leasing issues

Hopevale Arts and Cultural Centre – A complaint was received in relation to the Hopevale Arts and Cultural Centre being used for residential purposes. During the investigation of this complaint, it was noted that there had been no formalization of a lease over the premises. Accordingly the Group has been requested to advise if it wishes to formalise a lease arrangement, to enable this issue to be considered by Council. In addition, it has also been advised to ensure that the premises are not to be used for residential/habitation purposes.

Family Responsibilities Commission – The Commission has advised that it is interested in leasing a Council dwelling at 4 Cameron Street which is currently leased by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. The Department has advised that it is agreeable to the proposal. Subject to no Council requirement for the premises, it is proposed to that Council agree to the lease transfer.

Butchers Shop – Evelina Plaza – It is advised that Malanda Meat Co Pty Ltd were the successful tenderer for the lease of Shop 2 of the Evelina Plaza. Significant works will be needed to be undertaken by Council to bring the shop up to a leasing standard. These works are currently being undertaken.

My Pathway – Pride of Place Shed – A request has been received from My Pathway to occupy the shed beside Boiler Makers at the Depot that was utilized by Pride of Place (CYP) for storage purposes. Subject to no Council requirement for the premises, it is proposed to that Council agree to a 12 month tenancy arrangement with My Pathway for the use of the shed.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That Council note and endorse the actions in relation to the various leasing issues contained in the report.

CARRIED

6.2.4 March 2017 Council Meeting

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That the next Council Meeting be held on Wednesday 22 March 2017.

CARRIED

6.2.5 Work for Queensland Program

On 19 January 2017 Council was advised by the Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning that \$1,400,000 under the W4Q Program has been made available to Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council

A key objective of this \$200 million Program, which is funded under the State Infrastructure Fund, is to support councils outside of South East Queensland to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects. Funded projects must be delivered by 30 November 2017. There is no obligation for councils to make a co-contribution under the W4Q Program. Projects had to be nominated to that State Government by 10 February 2017.

A list of projects has been submitted to the State Government for approval.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That Council note and endorse the projects submitted under the W4Q Program

CARRIED

6.2.6 Road Closure and Lot Creation

Surveyors from DATSIP have provided the next 2 survey plans for the Hope Vale town area (SP293094 and SP293096). These are the road closure plan and the plan creating new housing sites. A Council resolution to endorse these plans is now required so that they can be lodged with DNRM for registration.

The proposal is in accordance with Council's discussions with DATSIP

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That

- a) it is noted that the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council (Council) is the Local Government Authority & Trustee for the Hope Vale Aboriginal Deed of Grant in Trust. As the Local Government Authority & Trustee of the Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) Council has the responsibility of deciding what is in the best interest of the community and it considers that subdividing the DOGIT in separable lots of occupation will facilitate improved land administration and create opportunities for further dealing with the DOGIT.

- b) Council as Local Government Authority and Trustee of the DOGIT resolves to work with the Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office (RILIPO) to subdivide the Hope Vale DOGIT as shown on SP293094 and SP293096.
- c) Council as Trustee agrees to have the area of closed road shown on SP293094 (8,166 m2) included into the DOGIT.
- d) Council also resolves to support any land administration actions incidental to and necessary to facilitate lodgment and registration of SP293094 and SP293096. This includes applying to the Minister responsible for administering the Land Act 1994 for the surrender of part of the DOGIT in terms of section 55 of the Land Act 1994 for the purpose of dedicating the surrendered area on SP293096 (417 m2) as road in terms of section 94 of the Land Act 1994.

CARRIED

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

It was agreed that Council receive and note the reports from the Mayor and CEO dated 11 January 2017.

At this stage the Meeting dealt with Item 7 – Visitors and Presentations

6.3 Finance Director's Report

The report dated 8 February 2017 was discussed and noted.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution

That

- a) the Finance Director's Report for the period to 8 February 2017 be accepted and endorsed,
- b) leases with outstanding rental debts be advised to enter into payment arrangements within a 30 day period,
- c) the Finance Director be authorized to commence debt recovery actions on outstanding debts, including the use of debt collectors.

CARRIED

6.4 Human Resource Manager's Report

Nil

6.5 Social Services Director's Report

The report dated 11 January 2017 was discussed and noted.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That Council accept and approve the Social Services Director's Report dated 10 February 2017

CARRIED

6.6 Operations Manager's Report

The report dated 9 February 2017 was discussed and noted.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution

That Council

- a) accept and approve the Operation Manager's Report 8 December 2016,
- b) endorse of the Playscape Creations quotation and design for the Hope Vale Aquatic Centre Water Park,
- c) support the submission of a detailed application for Round 2 of the Building Our Regions Program for the replacement and realignment of the failing pipes for the emergency water supply,
- d) is committed to delivering the project and approves the financial and/or "in kind" contributions,
- e) is committed to the management and costs associated with the ongoing operation and maintenance of the infrastructure,
- f) notes that the project will not proceed unless access is agreed to by the trustees of the land, and
- g) is satisfied that the services provided by Total Management and Safety are of such a specialised or confidential nature that it would be impractical or disadvantageous to the Council to invite tenders or quotations.

CARRIED

7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Community Sexual Health Screen

At 10.30am, Locky Ludwick, Health Worker, Cherrie Glasson, Health Promoter, from the Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service attended the meeting and briefed Council on a proposed Community Sexual Health Screen in Hope Vale on 8-12 May 2017

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1. Letter from Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Services, Department of Natural Resources and Mines dated 10 January 2017 thanking Council for its participation in the two year Freehold Pilot Program project which ended on 31 January 2016

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

8.2. Advice from Manager, Mental Health Services, Royal Fling Doctor Service dated 30 January 2017 advising that the RFDS contract to manage the Wellbeing Centres will end on 31 March 2017, and thanking Council for its support during their long association with the Hope Vale community

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Letter of Support

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution

That Council provide a letter of support for Glenda Woibo confirming that she is a resident of Hope Vale

CARRIED

9.2 Return of Football Jerseys

Moved Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That Council write to Dwayne Bowen requesting the return of the Hope vale football jerseys that were purchased with Council funding.

CARRIED

9.3 Letter of Support

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That Council support the allocation of residential use of 18 Flierl Street to Dora Deemal

CARRIED

9.4 Access Upgrade

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That Council write to Hope Vale Congress requesting the upgrading of Johnnie Charlie's access road as a matter of urgency for medical access purposes

CARRIED

9.5 Letter of Support

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That Council provide a letter of support for Teriah Pearson for access to housing due to overcrowding of the existing premises.

CARRIED

10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to sections 275 (a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to consider the following item:

10.1 Staffing issues

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That the meeting be re-opened to the public.

CARRIED

10.1

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That the Chief Executive Officer be authorized to approach the State Government with a view to arranging a temporary secondment of an officer to facilitate a greater focus on economic development.

CARRIED

11 NEXT MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 March 2017 commencing at 9am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.35pm

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer

Unconfirmed