



## HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Council Meeting Room, Cairns  
Date: Wednesday, 15 May, 2013

### MINUTES

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#### 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 9.25am

#### 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**

**Moved by Cr June Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

01150513 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 17 April 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

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**Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 17 April 2013.**

**Queensland Health.**

Council to provide a support letter for Mrs. Billie Barrett for her application for a position at the Hope Vale Clinic.

**Item 4: REPORTS**

**1. Mayor**

Meetings Attended

- Cape York Regional Planning Committee with Deputy Premier
- Technical Working Group
- Balkanu

**2. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

**Future Housing**

The following allotments have been identified for future social housing to be located in Hope Valley Estate.

Allotments 6 and 14 in Binthin Street  
Allotments 22,24,30 and 34 in Bayanbi Street  
Allotments 30, 34, 46 and 49 McLean Drive

**Old Hospital Building**

Council has no use for the old Hospital building and CEO should follow up with Qld Health on a condition report to identify any possible asbestos in the building. CEO to also check with Hope Vale Foundation to see if they could use the building.

**Hope Vale Planning Scheme**

Arrangements have been made with Deb McKenzie from Flanagan's to commence the public notification for the planning scheme on 3 June and finish on 2 August.

Deb will visit Hope Vale for 3 days on 11, 12 & 13 June and then towards the end of the period on 31 July and 1 August. During her time in Hope Vale she will have a meeting room available for a drop in place for residents, groups to discuss the plan with her.

**CMC Visit**

Representatives from the CMC are visiting FNQ communities in relation to Community Safety Plans and would like to include Hope Vale. They intend to be in Hope Vale on 6 June and will meet with the Community Safety Committee and possibly the Justice Group.



**Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

02150513 Resolution: That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer Reports be accepted

**CARRIED**

Cr June Pearson left the meeting at 10.30am

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.30am

Meeting reconvened at 10.45am

### **3. Finance Director's Report**

**Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

**Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo**

03150513 Resolution: That the Finance Report be accepted

**CARRIED**

#### **Item 5 - Visitors and Presentations**

Will address this agenda item at time of visitors

#### **Item 6 - Agenda Items**

- 6.1 Email from ROCCY advising of Mayor Peter Scott from Cook Shire Council being appointed to a crocodile management advisory committee. He is seeking views of Council in the Cape.
- 6.2 Dept of Human Services – Community Agent Program Customer Survey is to be undertaken in Hope Vale between 27 May and 30 May by Robbie Corrie from CBSR.

#### **Item 7 – Correspondence**

- 7.1 Hon Glen Elmes MP Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs in relation to the new rules to protect dugong and turtles.  
  
Organise a meeting with Balkanu to see how Council can support their processes on this in Hope Vale.
- 7.2 Priscilla Gibson, Apunipima Cape York Health Council and Stephanie Reid, Personal Trainer – Beat It program. Council fully supports the program and benefits to community residents which includes Council workers. However, there are concerns about this being done in normal work hours and staff then having to go back to work.



It would be more beneficial to have it in the afternoons after work.

- 7.3 Letter from Hope Burns in relation to a HACC client Henry Deeral who has been required to spend a lengthy stay in Cairns for medical reasons and was seeking financial support. Supporting information has been provided by the doctor on this situation.

**Moved by Cr Chris Woibo**

**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

04150513 Resolution: That Council approves financial support of \$2,000.00 for medical reason for Henry Deeral

**CARRIED**

## **Item 8 – General Business**

### **8.1 Standard of Old Houses**

Cr Woibo raised the position of a number of old panel type houses that would be in excess of 40 years old and the problems with maintaining these residences.

There is more than 25 of these houses and a review of them should be undertaken to ascertain if they are economical to be repaired or should be demolished. CEO is to take up with Construction Project Manager.

Meeting adjourned at 11.30am for lunch

Meeting reconvened at 1.20pm

Cr June Pearson entered meeting at 1.20pm

## **Item 5 - Visitors and Presentations**

### **1.25 pm Inspector Mark Jackson entered meeting.**

There was general discussion on Police issues and certain events in Hope Vale. To assist in improving communication channels Councillor portfolios will be sent to Inspector Jackson.

### **2.30pm Inspector Jackson left meeting**

### **2.35pm John Smith from Island and Cape entered meeting**

Council raised concerns about pricing and the standard of bread. Mr Smith indicated that he will make temporary arrangements for an alternative bread to be available until the new bakery is opened in Everlina Plaza.

He will organise a suggestion box to be made available in the store so that residents can provide feedback on products, prices etc.

He will attend the next Steering Committee meeting in Hope Vale to be held on 27 June.

### **3.10pm John Smith left the meeting**



**Item 8 - General Business (continued)**

**8.2 Proof of Aboriginality**

Aeisha Scotford is seeking confirmation of Aboriginality from Council

**Moved by Cr June Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

05150513 Resolution: That Council confirms the Aboriginality of Aeisha Scotford

**CARRIED**

**8.3 Medical Assistance Policy**

The current arrangements where residents are receiving funds when having to attend hospital treatments needs to be reviewed on the basis of the large cost to Council. This support was to be provided originally for terminally ill persons and the focus has changed over the years.

It was requested that the CEO and Finance Director put together a revised policy for consideration at the next Council meeting in June.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.20pm.

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**Cr G McLean**  
**Mayor**

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**Ross Higgins**  
**Chief Executive Officer**