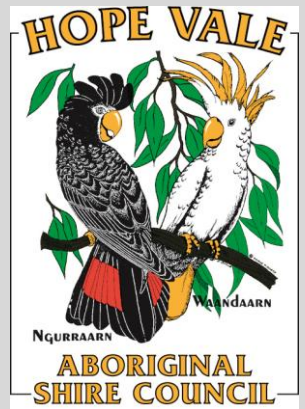


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday, 15th October 2014

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Cr. Greg McLean (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 9.55 am

APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Mayor requested a minute silence following the recent passing of the late Lurlene Peter and Edward Hill

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 of General Meeting held on 17 September, 2014

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

01151014 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 17 September 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 17 September, 2014.

Blockholder Social Housing Issues

Representatives from DATSIMA and the Department of Housing and Public Works met with Council and Hope Congress Corporation on Thursday 9 October.

A workshop is being organized by Congress on 17 and 18 November

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

Meeting held:

Member for Cook, David Kempton, Director General of DATSIMA, James Purtill and Executive Director of DATSIMA, Allen Cunneen in relation to Alcohol Management Plan and future housing sub-division.

Transport and Main Roads and Road Tek on the Endeavour Valley Road sealing project.

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Freehold Pilot Program

Correspondence received from the Hon. Glen Elmes MP, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs inviting Council to consider being part of a Freehold Pilot Program and submitting an Expression of Interest to the Department.

Expression of Interest is required by 1 December 2014.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

02151014 Resolution: That Council agrees to be take part in the Freehold Pilot Program and for the Chief Executive Officer to submit the Expression of Interest to DATSIMA before 1 December 2014

CARRIED

Crime and Corruption Act

Section 48A of the new Crime and Corruption Act requires Council to have a policy on complaints about the public official (Chief Executive Officer). Part of the policy requires a person (other than the Chief Executive Officer) to be nominated to deal with any complaint.

Council has indicated that the Finance Director should be the nominated person.

Chief Executive Officer is to prepare draft policy and present back to Council for endorsement and approval.

Local Government Electoral Act

Correspondence has been received from the Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience advising of recent changes to the Local Government Electoral Act.

Major changes that would affect Council are:

- The CEO will be the Returning Officer for the elections unless there are specific reasons as detailed in the Act to preclude that person undertaking the role.
- Voting for Mayor will be preferential voting and not first past the post.

Audit Committee

With Council now being classed as a Category 3 Council in terms of the Remuneration Tribunal, there is a legislative requirement that Council has to appoint an Audit Committee.

Warren Elliott from Grant Thornton has been approached to become a member of the committee and he has agreed. A formal arrangement will now need to be put into place.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

03151014 Resolution: That the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Audit Committee consist of Mayor Greg McLean, Cr Carmen Pearson and Mr Warren Elliott from Grant Thornton.

CARRIED

Christmas/New Year Shutdown 2014/2015

It is proposed to have the annual shut down commencing on Monday 22 December 2014 until Friday 2 January 2015. This means the last day of work will be Friday 19 December with workers returning on Monday 5 January 2015.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

04151014 Resolution: That the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Christmas/New Year Shutdown 2014/2015 commence as from Monday 22 December 2014 until Friday 2 January 2015.

CARRIED

New Local Government Award

Council was briefed on the new Local Government Industry Award and the impact it might have. Further briefing sessions will be held as more information is made available.

Post Office Building

With the imminent relocation of the Post Office to Everlina Plaza, a decision needs to be made on the old building.

Council advised that we should tender for its removal and if no interest is received, then the building should be demolished.

Alcohol Management Plan Review

Now that the survey results from James Cook University have been provided to Council, a workshop has to be organized in conjunction with DATSIMA to allow Council to put a response to the Government.

The date suggested for this workshop is Wednesday 26 November

3. Finance Director's Report

The Finance Director's report for the period to 17 September 2014 was tabled and discussed by Council.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

05151014 Resolution: That the financial report incorporating the financial statements be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

Mayor McLean advised that there were a group of school students from Woorabinda visiting Hope Vale. It was agreed that Council would donate some T Shirts to the group as a memento of their visit to Hope Vale. Cr Carmen Pearson to make presentation to the group.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.30 pm.

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Ross Higgins
Chief Executive Officer