



HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Council Meeting Room, Hope Vale
Monday, 16 December, 2013

MINUTES

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 9.35 am

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 of General Meeting held on 13 November, 2013

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

01161213 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 13 November 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED



Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 13 November 2013.

Nil

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

Meetings attended include:

- Indigenous Leaders Forum (LGAQ) – discussions on future housing proposals by State Government and the proposed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land (Providing Freehold) Amendment Bill 2013.
- Cape York Torres ROC regarding the future direction of organisation

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Housing

The Department of Public Works and Housing has presented information to Councils on the future of social housing in Queensland based on the Housing 2020 Plan.

Department representatives are to be invited to Hope Vale to discuss with Council.

The Department has suggested yields for housing over the next 2 years as follows:

2013/2014

1 x 6 bedroom
2 x 4 bedroom
1 x 3 bedroom
1 x 2 bedroom

2014/2015

1 x 5 bedroom
3 x 3 bedroom
6 x 2 bedroom

Council is happy to proceed with these yields as recommended.

Discussion Paper - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land (Providing Freehold) Amendment Bill 2013.

This proposed bill will have effect on future land title in the Hope Vale Local Government Area and is open for discussion and feedback by the end of January 2014.



The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer have had discussions with David Kempton MP to start process of sorting out issues surrounding Council's infrastructure assets.

A meeting is also to be organised with representatives from Natural Resources and Mines to clarify matters in the proposed bill.

Future of Hope Vale Swimming Pool

Due to on-going operational problems with the swimming pool, it was agreed that expressions of interest be sought for the future operation of the swimming pool.

It is recommended that the Chief Executive Officer put together appropriate documentation for publication early in 2014.

Meeting Dates for 2014

It was agreed by Council that Council meeting dates for 2014 be the third Wednesday of each month and be adjusted to the second Wednesday to suit Cr Bowen.

A schedule of dates is to be produced and provided for public information. The January meeting will be held on 22 January 2014

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr June Pearson

02161213 Resolution: That the reports from the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be accepted.

CARRIED

3. Finance Director's Report

Report tabled and discussed by Council.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

03161213 Resolution: That the financial report incorporating the financial statements be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

10.50 am Meeting closed for morning tea

11.10 am Meeting reconvened



4. Social Services Director's Report

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

04161213 Resolution: That the Social Services Director's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

5. Building Construction Report

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

05161213 Resolution: That the Building Construction Manager's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 – Letter from Hope Vale State School thanking Councils for the donation of bicycles for awards for children at the school. - Noted

7.2 – Letter from Brian Cobus seeking meeting to discuss up-coming work in the future. Mayor advised to respond to Brian that he can put in an expression of interest when these are advertised.

7.3 – Letter from St John's Lutheran Church – seeking reimbursement of funds for attendance at 2013 Layworkers Conference in Canberra

7.4 – Letter from Bottoms English Lawyers, Cairns providing an up-date on under payment of award wages outstanding cases 2013.

7.5 – Letter from Helena Wright, Cairns Regional Manager, Indigenous Affairs Group thanking Council for support of Youth Summit held in Hope Vale.



Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 – The Mayor raised the issue of painting of resident's rooms at the Aged Care Facility and this was being done by Aged Care Maintenance staff. Chief Executive Officer to investigate to ensure there are no WH&S issues and whether work should be undertaken by qualified painters currently in Hope Vale.

8.2 – The Deputy Mayor raised the issue of bursaries to go to Year 12 graduates to support their future career pathway. It was agreed that \$500.00 would be paid to those students who have graduated from year 12. Names provided by Council were: Tamika Bowen, Jahvarne Pearson, Sheena Gibson, Ricki-Lee Short, Warick Bowen, Colridge Bowen, Jemika Morris and Leearna Burke.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr June Pearson

06161213 Resolution: That an amount of \$500.00 be paid to students who have graduated from year 12 in 2013.

CARRIED

8.3 – The issue of paying a Christmas bonus to Council workers was discussed.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

07161213 Resolution: That an amount of \$500.00 be paid to all Council permanent workers employed as at 16 December 2013 as a Christmas bonus.

CARRIED

8.4 – Deputy Mayor Pearson asked that Council consider some awards for the most outstanding work performance for the year. It was agreed that this is something that could be looked at as part of the NAIDOC celebrations in 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.15 pm.

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Ross Higgins
Chief Executive Officer