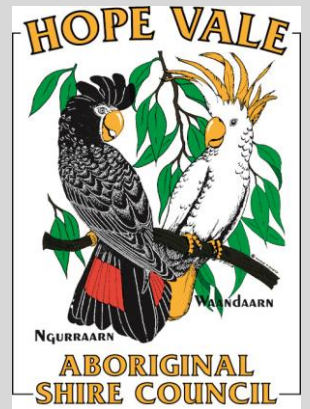


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday 16 March 2016

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Ross Higgins

MEETING OPENED

Meeting declared open at 10.15 am

APOLOGIES

Cr Carmen Pearson: Cr Pearson is currently undertaking studies at University in Melbourne for her Early Childhood Teaching Degree.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr June Pearson

01160316 Resolution: That Cr Carmen Pearson be approved as absent from the meeting and remuneration be paid accordingly.

CARRIED

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 17 February, 2016

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

02160316 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 17 February, 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on 17 February, 2016

Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC)

Mayor Greg McLean requested an up-date on this matter. Chief Executive Officer advised that a response had been provided to AHRC as per Council's request from the last meeting and we are now waiting on them to move this matter forward.

Development Application – Hope Vale Aboriginal Congress Corporation

Application currently being assessed and a request for further information will be sent to Hope Vale Aboriginal Congress Corporation.

Department of Natural Resources and Mines

A follow up letter was sent to Mr Geoffrey Renouf following the meeting on 17 February reiterating Council's position on this proposed land transfer. Some maps were provided by DNRM as promised and nothing further at this stage.

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

Meetings attended

- Hope Vale Community Safety meeting
- Hope Vale Interagency meeting

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Land Rates Project

The Director General of the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning has written to me advising that the Land Rates Project has been postponed. This is very disappointing as we had put a lot of hard work into establishing the Land Record and it is estimated that rates would have provided Council with an additional income stream of around \$200,000.00 per annum.

Internal Audit Plan

The Internal Audit Plan developed for 2016 was provided for notation by Council. The focus this year will be on Related Party Disclosures and transactions.

Debt Write Off

The Finance Director has recommended that consideration be given to writing off a debt of \$1,220.44 owed by the late Matthew Jacko.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

03160316 Resolution: That Council approves the write off of the debt of \$1,220.44 owing by the late Matthew Jacko.

CARRIED

Old Playground Equipment in Park

This equipment has been assessed following concerns raised about its safety for children playing on it. Also, the Principal of the School has concerns about school children hiding there to get out of school.

There are a number of problems with the equipment from a structural perspective which could possibly lead to a public liability claim. Therefore, the recommendation is to remove the equipment.

Action Required: CEO to organise for equipment to be removed and if anything is salvageable, it could be sold off to interested community residents.

Legal Matter – Greg McLean

Mayor Greg McLean declared an interest in this matter and removed himself from the meeting at 11.00am

A letter has been received from Queensland Lawyers in relation to the State case against Greg McLean. It was referred by the CEO to King and Company for advice. Queensland Lawyers has requested a copy of this advice to enable them to provide further information to Council.

As the advice was provided to Council, a formal approval is required to allow a copy of the King and Company letter to be provided to King and Company.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr June Pearson

04160316 Resolution: That Council approves that a copy of the legal advice provided by King and Company in relation to the request by Queensland Lawyers on the Greg McLean matter be provided to Queensland Lawyers.

CARRIED

Mayor Greg McLean entered meeting at 11.10am

Acceptance of Mayor and Chief Executive Officer Reports

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

05160316 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 16 March 2016 was tabled and discussed by Council.

There was discussion about the extent of the debtors however clarified that there were a lot of large recent amounts. Also, the Sustainability Ratio is the only area not meeting the target at present and this will continue to be assessed over the next 3 months.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

06160316 Resolution: That the financial report for the period to 16 March 2016 incorporating the financial statements, be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

4. Social Services Director Report

No report was provided to this meeting.

5. Operations Manager Report

Report discussed and noted

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

07160316 Resolution: That the Operations Manager's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 – Letter from Treasurer Curtis Pitt MP following on from the Community Futures Summit held in Yarrabah on 19 November 2015.

Letter also advises that:

- there will be a productivity review to ensure that outcomes from Government investment are maximized, and
- to stimulate private investment by working with each community to develop a "shovel ready" proposal in the lead up to an Investment Summit in 2016.

Noted

7.2 – Letter from Cooktown P-12 requesting sponsorship for a group of 18 students from years 8-11 travelling to Japan in November 2016.

Action Required: CEO to gather further information to clarify if this is something that Council should support.

Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

Proof of Aboriginality

There has been a request from Ayesha Woibo and Brenda Hall seeking Proof of Aboriginality.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Greg McLean

08160316 Resolution: That Council provides Proof of Aboriginality for Ayesha Woibo

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Greg McLean

09160316 Resolution: That Council provides Proof of Aboriginality for Brenda Hall

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.30 pm

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Ross Higgins
Chief Executive Officer