



HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Council Chambers Meeting Room, Hope Vale
Wednesday, 16 October, 2013

MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Ross Higgins

MEETING OPENED

Meeting declared open at 10.00 am

APOLOGIES

Cr Chris Woibo

Council held a minute silence in respect for the passing on the late Graham Woibo

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 18 September, 2013

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr June Pearson

01161013 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 18 September 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED



Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 18 September 2013.

Deputy Mayor June Pearson asked if the payment to Selwyn Cobus & Megan Bowen was sorted with Congress. If no arrangements were finalized, Council will make payment and take the matter up with Congress.

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

Meetings attended include:

- Balkanu regarding economic development opportunities
- Noel Pearson on land tenure matters
- State Government Ministers David Crissafulli, Glen Elmes and David Kempton on their visit to Hope Vale
- Hosting the North Queensland Local Government Association during their visit to Hope Vale prior to the meeting in Cooktown.

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Corporate Plan and Economic Strategic Plan

Tenders were called on Saturday 12 October seeking proposals from consultants to undertake both of these projects. Tenders close on 30 October.

Christmas Shutdown

It is proposed that the Christmas Shut Down be from Monday 23 December until Friday 3 January. All days during the official shut down period other than public holidays will be charged to staff annual leave.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

02161013 Resolution: That Council endorses that the official Christmas shut down period be from Monday 23 December 2013 until Friday 3 January 2014.

CARRIED

Department of Housing – New Construction Allocations

The Remote Communities Housing Service Centre has provided a list of proposed tenants for the 5 new houses about to be handed over to the Department seeking Council's endorsement.

Council raised a concern about a family that Council viewed as needing a high priority was not a part of the list. There was discussion and resolution on Council's preferred allocations.



Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr June Pearson

03161013 Resolution: That the Chief Executive Officer write to the Department of Housing advising them of Council's preferred allocations for 5 new constructions being handed over to them in October and November 2013

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

04161013 Resolution: That the reports from the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be accepted.

CARRIED

3. Finance Director's Report

Report noted

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr June Pearson

05161013 Resolution: That the financial report incorporating the financial statements be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

Item 5 – VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mr Warren Entsch, Federal Member for Leichardt entered meeting at 12 noon

Mr Entsch advised on his role as Chairperson of the new Northern Australia Policy Committee and other new initiatives of the Federal Government

The Hope Vale Youth Council, Cheryl Cannon, David Spanagel, Laverne Hookey and Damian Blunden entered meeting at 1.00pm

They provided Council and Mr Entsch with an overview of outcomes from the recent Youth Summit and how they had elected shadow leaders for each councillor.

Councillors and Mr Entsch provided the members with encouragement and support for their future role.

Mr Entsch, the Youth Council and others left meeting at 1.50pm



John Gillespie and Wade Krueger from Indigenous Business Australia entered meeting at 1.50pm

John and Wade provided information to Council on the process that prospective home owners need to go through to get from recognizing that they want to purchase and build a house to actually moving into a completed dwelling.

John Gillespie and Wade Krueger left the meeting at 2.15pm

Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

ITEM 7: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 – Copy of letter from Hon. Tim Nicholls, Treasurer and Minister for Trade to Hon Glen Elmes Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs regarding bananas from Hope Vale Banana Farm – noted

7.2 – Letter from Heather Alexander from the Well Being Centre at Hope Vale seeking a donation towards a children's fashion parade on 21 November. Council is happy to support

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

06161013 Resolution: That Council approves a donation to the Hope Vale Well Being Centre to support the children's fashion parade to be held on 21 November.

CARRIED

7.3 – Letter from the Cooktown Full Bore Thai Boxing Club seeking financial support to assist Jai Ross to attend the Australian Championships on the Gold Coast on 7 & 8 December.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

07161013 Resolution: That Council approves financial assistance of \$670.00 to the Cooktown Full Boar Thai Boxing Association to support Jai Ross to attend the State Championships at the Gold Coast in December 2013

CARRIED

7.4 – Letter from Patricia Paulke seeking financial support to allow her daughter Acacia to attend a school trip to Brisbane in November.



Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

08161013 Resolution: That Council approves financial assistance of \$966.54 to Patricia Paulke to allow her daughter Acacia to participate in a school trip to Brisbane. Funds are to be paid to the Mossman State School.

CARRIED

7.5 – Letter from the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) seeking Council comment on a request from St John's Lutheran Church for renewal of a permit to allow sacramental wine to be carried into Hope Vale.

Chief Executive Officer is to contact OLGR advising that Council has no objection to this matter.

7.6 – Letter from Teneille Nuggins seeking financial assistance to allow her to undertake tertiary studies to obtain a Certificate IV in Government which will allow her to work towards a Degree in Psychology (Social Science).

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

09161013 Resolution: That Council approves funding \$2499.00 to Teneille Nuggins to assist her in undertaking a Certificate IV in Government

CARRIED

7.7 – Letter from Cooktown P - 12 School seeking financial support to assist with the year 12 formal.

Chief Executive Office is to check with the School on other funding that has been provided to this event and decide on actual amount to be provided

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

10161013 Resolution: That Council agrees to provide a donation of up to \$1000.00 to the Cooktown School to assist with the Year 12 formal.

CARRIED

7.8 – Letter from Peter Chippendale seeking a lease over the old air-conditioning and welding workshop as well as a proposal to place a Kooler Ice Vending Machine in Hope Vale

Council has no objection to both of these proposals and the Chief Executive Officer is to start negotiations with Mr Chippendale on these matters



Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

Church Coffee Shop

Requests have been received from various groups seeking clarification about having to pay for the use of the land around the coffee shop in the park.

Council's view is that this land is a public area and it should not be charged for.

Chief Executive Officer is to write to the Church that the area is a public area and the use is for free.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.15 pm.

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Ross Higgins
Chief Executive Officer