



HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Council Chambers Meeting Room, Hope Vale
Date: Wednesday, 17 April, 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 11.15 am

APOLOGIES

Cr. Chris 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

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

01170413 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 20 March 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED



Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 20 March 2013.

Old Mission Site

Identifying funding opportunities to upgrade this site for historical significance together with roads to the area. This could be included into discussion on future funding aligned to the Accord.

Queensland Health.

Follow up with appropriate section of Queensland Health about retaining the services of Sr Billie Barrett at the Hope Vale Clinic as she is well respected by the community instead of the Department moving her on.

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

Hope Vale Foundation

Support to the Board on the changes that it is making to the operations of the Foundation

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Local Laws

The Local Laws and Subordinate Local Laws will be in the Local Government Gazette on Friday 19 April 2013 and then an electronic copy will be sent to the Minister for Local Government.

Hope Vale Foundation

Support has been provided to the Board (at their request) following the change of direction it is taking for their management and operational issues.

Hope Vale Planning Scheme

Approval has now been given by the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning for the Hope Vale Planning Scheme to proceed with public notification.

Deb McKenzie from Flanagans will now work on a proposed time frame to commence this phase of the planning scheme and advise Council accordingly.

Budget Planning Workshop

It is recommended that a day be set aside for Council to workshop the budget for 2013/2014.

This could coincide with the Council meeting to be held on 15 May.



Therefore, the budget planning workshop will be held in the Cairns office on 14 May followed by the Council meeting on Wednesday 15 May.

This also allows other meetings to be held on Thursday 16 May in Cairns as well.

Councillors to travel to Cairns on Monday 13 May and return to Hope Vale on Friday 17 May.

Congress

The meeting between Council and Congress will be held in the Business Precinct Meeting Rooms on Wednesday 1 May.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

02170413 Resolution: That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer Reports be accepted

CARRIED

3. Finance Director's Report

Economic Development

Chief Executive Officer is to check the current status of the lease for the cafe. If no lease exists, action should be taken to put the space up for tender.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr June Pearson

03170413 Resolution: That the Finance Report be accepted

CARRIED

Item 5 - Visitors and Presentations

1.00 pm Damian Blunden and Laverne Hookey (Local Program Office)

Damian and Laverne gave a Progress Report on the Hope Vale Accord.

Discussion on Housing and Infrastructure, Health, Education, Safe Communities and Economic Development

2.15 pm Damian and Laverne left meeting

2.20pm Russell Gibson entered meeting

Russell provided Council with an up-date on the Justice Group and proposed future meeting to identify the direction for this group.



Council indicated that the first step should be that the Justice Group needs to get itself re-established and then decide which organisation it would like to auspice the funds, if this is required.

2.30 pm Russell Gibson left meeting

Item 6 - Agenda Items

Nil

Item 7 – Correspondence

- 7.1 Tisha Gordon and Roxanne Hart – sponsorship Hope Vale Pig Hunt Competition 2013. Tisha and Roxanne are seeking \$1,000.00 to go towards major prizes and trophies.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

04170413 Resolution: That Council approves an amount of \$1,000.00 be made available to the organisers of the Hope Vale Pig Hunt Competition 2013.

CARRIED

- 7.2 Lawrence Deemal, Cultural Support Officer, - seeking financial support to take the Yimbala children and adult group of performers to take part in the 20th Anniversary Laura Dance Festival 2013.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

05170413 Resolution: That Council approves an amount of \$3,000.00 be made available to Lawrence Deemal to take children and adult performers to the 2013 Laura Dance Festival.

CARRIED

Item 8 – General Business

8.1 Tertiary Education Support

Cr June Pearson had been approached by the following people for financial support to attend university studies.

- Mariah Bowen – seeking \$2,000 to cover costs for text books, tutor expenses and stationery.
- Tara Bowen – seeking \$2,000 to cover costs for travel, text books and other university requirements.



- Tiana Allum, Tania Deemal and Elaine McIvor – payment of \$500.00 each for their travel expenses to Melbourne for block studies.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

06170413 Resolution: That Council approves financial support for tertiary studies as follows: Mariah Bowen -\$2,000.00, Tara Bowen - \$2,000.00, Tiana Allum - \$500.00, Tania Deemal - \$500.00 and Elaine McIvor - \$500.00

CARRIED

8.2 Alf Pearson

Cr June Pearson declared an interest and left the meeting

Mayor McLean advised that Alf Pearson's position has been made redundant. Following his recent illness, he will soon be able to undertake some work and could get into some sub-contracting roles.

Council should look at providing Alf with the same opportunities provided to other tradesmen who left the workforce and went into sub-contracting.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

07170413 Resolution: That Council approves the same opportunities for Alf Pearson to undertake a sub-contractor role with Council as was afforded to other previous sub-contractors.

CARRIED

8.3 Consultancy on Welfare Reform

Mayor Mclean indicated that Council should put together a report on Welfare Reform identifying what has worked, what hasn't worked, ideas on what could work and how the FRC should be working.

He suggested engaging Rachelle McIvor to undertake this project as she has done some similar work for Council in the past.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

08170413 Resolution: That Council engages the services of Rachelle McIvor to undertake a consultancy to write a report on Welfare Reform and how it has impacted on Hope Vale.

CARRIED

8.4 Hope Vale Sporting Precinct



Wednesday 17 April, 2013

Mayor McLean proposed that the new sporting precinct including the multi purpose centre and the football field be named in honor of Matty Bowen

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

09170413 Resolution: That Council name the sporting precinct (including the football field and multi purpose centre) The Matty Bowen "Nguuthu Wuurinu" Sporting Precinct

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.40pm.

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Ross Higgins
Chief Executive Officer