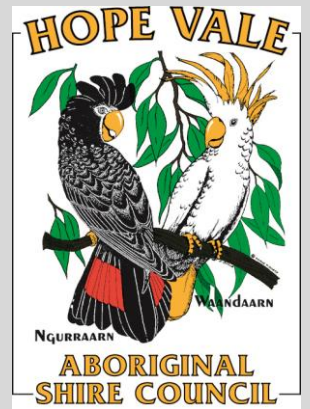


# Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday 17 February 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  
Cr. Carmen Pearson

## OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

**Officers Present:** Chief Executive Officer Ross Higgins

## MEETING OPENED

Meeting declared open at 10.42 am

## APOLOGIES

nil

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 20 January, 2016**

**Moved by Cr Chris Woibo**

**Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

01170216 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 20 January 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

### **Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on 20 January, 2016**

#### **Vacant Shops – Retail Precinct.**

Mayor Greg McLean requested advice on the vacant shops in Everlina Plaza. CEO advised that negotiations were taking place with one group however lease documents and discussions with Australia Post were still under consideration.

### **Item 4: REPORTS**

#### **1. Mayor**

Meetings attended

- Hon Shannon Fentiman MP, Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Multicultural Affairs
- Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance (CIMA) in Cairns – discussions with Member for Cook, Billy Gordon, information on Cape Council's initiatives, Native Title, RJCP services, Transport and Main Roads, Queensland Reconstruction Authority and Prime Minister and Cabinet.
- DATSIP – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Participation Strategy Workshop
- Gym Opening at the Multi Purpose Centre
- Hope Vale Congress Corporation in relation to gravel supplies.

#### **2. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

##### **Australian Human Rights Commission**

A letter has been received from the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) following a complaint by Mr Gordon Charlie alleging racial discrimination against Council and a number of other parties. Some of the matters relate to the original issuing of the Deed of Grant in Trust, Agreements and royalty payments from Cape Flattery Silica Mines and the Land Transfer in 2011.

The AHRC is seeking advice from Council as to whether it will participate in a conciliation process.

**Action Required:** CEO to write to the Australian Human Rights Commission to advise that it will participate in a conciliation process with them and Mr Charlie on the matters raised with him. The CEO is to advise Council as to the outcome of the initial contact with AHRC and when conciliation would commence.

### **Development Application – Hope Vale Congress Aboriginal Corporation**

A Development Application for a Material Change of Use to commence an Extractive Industry (Gravel Pit and Screening Facility) for an area of land in Hope Vale has been submitted by the Hope Vale Congress Aboriginal Corporation.

The Application has been referred to our planning consultants Reel Planning Group Pty Ltd who will provide advice back to Council during the course of the assessment of the proposal.

### **11.30am – Locky Ludwick from Queensland Health entered meeting**

Mr Ludwick gave a presentation on Sexual Transmitted Infections and Blood Born Viruses in Cape York including statistics at Hope Vale. He was seeking support from Council on a proposed plan of action involving Health Promotion, education and screening and introduction of 24/7 condom dispensers around Hope Vale.

Councillors had no objection to support this plan of action.

### **11.55am – Locky Ludwick left the meeting**

### **Acceptance of Mayor and Chief Executive Officer Reports**

**Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

02170216 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 17 February 2016 was tabled and discussed by Council.

**Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

**Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo**

03170216 Resolution: That the financial report for the period to 17 February 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 Carmen Pearson**

04170216 Resolution: That the Operations Manager's Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**12.20pm – Geoffrey Renouf, Joanne Bryant, Wayne Clarke from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines and John Coyle from DATSIP entered meeting**

Mr Renouf and others were meeting with Council to seek its views and feedback on the request from Cape York Land Council to the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines to transfer the land held by the Deed of Grant in Trust by Council (the Hope Vale township area) to the Dhuppi Warra Aboriginal Corporation.

**2.00pm – Mr Renouf and party left the meeting**

**Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS**

Nil

**Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1 – Letter from Hon Coralee O'Rourke MP, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Seniors and Minister assisting the Premier on North Queensland providing an update on the consultation undertaken through the North Queensland Business Roundtables.

**Noted**

7.2 – Letter from Dr. Jill Newland Health Service Chief Executive from Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service advising of an invitation to participate in consultation as part of the development of a health plan for services to 2026.

**Action Required:** CEO to contact Dr. Newland and request a consultation meeting be held in Hope Vale.

## Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

### Debtor Query

The Finance Director has advised that there are 2 amounts in our debtors where people are in credit and therefore owed funds. They are John Rosendale (numerous attempts to locate him have been unsuccessful) and Paul Thompson (deceased). They are only small amounts of money however we need to clear these from our accounts. The Finance Director is seeking advice as to next of kin that funds could be transferred to.

Councillors advised that John Rosendale was now in Hope Vale and a message would be passed to him to come to the office to provide his bank account details. The best person to transfer the funds from Paul Thompson to would be Laura McLean and she will be advised to provide her details.

### Sale of Lucas Sawmill

#### Cr Chris Woibo declared an interest and left the meeting at 2.20pm

A Public Notice was placed on Notice Boards on 25 January 2016 seeking offers for the purchase of a surplus Lucas Sawmill.

At the close of the period, only 1 offer was submitted. This offer was from Chris Woibo for an amount of \$3,500.00.

**Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

05170216 Resolution: That Council accepts the offer of \$3,500.00 from Chris Woibo for the purchase of the surplus Lucas Sawmill. CEO to write to Mr Woibo to advise him of the acceptance of his offer and that payment is to be made prior to collection of unit.

**CARRIED**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.30 pm

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**Cr G McLean**  
**Mayor**

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**Ross Higgins**  
**Chief Executive Officer**