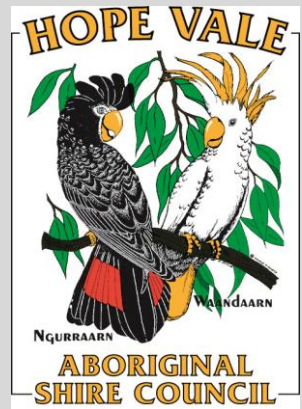


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday 17 June 2015

Council Office, Cairns

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Ross Higgins

MEETING OPENED

Meeting declared open at 10.30 am

APOLOGIES

Nil

The Mayor requested a minutes silence to reflect our thoughts for the family of Stanley Charlie who is missing.

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 20 May, 2015

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

01170615 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 20 May 2015 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 20 May, 2015.

Community Security Issues

Chief Executive Officer provided an up-date on actions that had happened over the past few weeks. These include security officer training, review of security surveillance equipment and discussions with Queensland Police Service on possible alternative policing options.

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

- Technical Working Group meeting
- Meeting with Hope Vale Banana Farm Directors in relation to current and future position of the Banana Farm

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Indigenous Leaders Forum

The CEO provided Council with an up-date on issues and discussions from the ILF meeting held at Palm Island.

Freehold Pilot Project

A copy of the proposed Freehold Implementation Plan was presented to Council which details the steps to be taken over the next 12 months to provide Hope Vale residents with the opportunity to own their own home.

A proposed map/plan that could be used as part of the Model Freehold Instrument was provided however more work is required to check tenancy records and organisation/business locations to ensure details are correct.

Council will review at next meeting in July.

Fraud Management

A copy of the recent report from the Queensland Audit Office on Fraud Management in Local Government was provided to Council which highlighted issues on the extent of fraud in local government and fraud risks and mitigation strategies.

Action required: CEO to review all Council practices over coming months and implement policies where required and report finding to Council

Write Off of Old Debts

The Finance Director has requested that some debts be written off.

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

02170615 Resolution: That the following debts be written off.

Charlotte Burns	\$161.88
Culture Centre	\$73.36
Cape York Digital Network	\$11440.00
David Barrett	\$3512.00
Eunice Winship	\$396.00
Hope Vale State School	\$3683.41
Island & Cape	\$1441.26
Outback Stores	\$611.00
Stanley Charlie	\$23.34

CARRIED

Acceptance of Mayor and Chief Executive Officer Reports

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

03170615 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 June 2015 was tabled and discussed by Council.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

04170615 Resolution: That the financial report for the period to 17 June 2015 incorporating the financial statements, be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

4. Operations Manager Report

Report noted.

Mayor McLean requested that some restoration works on Mclvor Road be commenced as soon as possible. CEO is to take up with the Operations Manager.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

05170615 Resolution: That the Operations Manager's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

Meeting closed for lunch at 12.15pm

Meeting reconvened after lunch at 12.45pm

Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Budget 2015/2016

The Mayor presented the proposed budget for the 2015/2015 financial year to Councillors. The Finance Director went through the documentation to explain various areas including sustainability ratios. Proposed general increase in fees and charges of 2.5%.

It is proposed that the Hope Vale Foundation will be recognised as a Beneficial Enterprise during 2015/2016.

Date for meeting to adopt the budget is Thursday 2 July 2015.

Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 – Letter from Allen Cunneen, Executive Director, Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office of DATSIP advising that Council’s tender of \$1,748,701.45 (GST exc) to construct the new sub-division at Alex Cameron Drive, Hope Vale is accepted.

This project will provide on-going employment for Hope Vale Council workforce and provide 16 residential housing allotments for future social housing.

Action Required: Noted

7.2 – The Annual Bulletin for Queensland’s Discrete Indigenous Communities for 2013/2014 from DATSIP.

Action Required: Noted and information for Councillors.

Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor June Pearson advised that there was an issue with the electricity supply at the church and asked if Council could organise to have this looked at.

Action Required: CEO to take this matter up with Building Department.

Deputy Mayor June Pearson asked if negotiations could be made with Ergon Energy about extending the grid power to Selwyn McIvor’s house as this was missed when the grid was originally put through.

Action Required: CEO to discuss with Ergon

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.10 pm.

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Ross Higgins
Chief Executive Officer