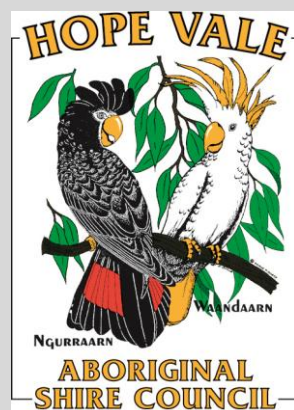


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday, 18 February 2015

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Ross Higgins

MEETING OPENED

Meeting declared open at 10.05 am

APOLOGIES

nil

Mayor requested a minute silence remembering those who have recently passed on.

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 21 January, 2015

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

01180215 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 21 January 2015 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 21 January, 2015.

Proposed date for the Housing Workshop will be Monday 23 February

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

- Met with Commonwealth Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Nigel Scullion on Friday 23 January
- Technical Working Group on Tuesday 3 February
- Attended the Community Safety meeting on Tuesday 17 February.

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Councillor Remuneration

Council advised of new rates applicable as from 1 July 2015 and changed arrangements for payment of remuneration to councillors excluding the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Major Projects

An update was provided to Council on projects currently being worked on.

Social Housing and National Regulatory System

Gathering of information for workshop on Monday 23 February is now completed..

Freehold Land Project

Review of all documentation and initial meeting with representatives from DATSIMA and NRM.

Roads Gazettal Project

All roads have been identified with the next step being a survey to be undertaken. There are a few that require further consideration and clarification

Land Register/Rates Project

Work is progressing on the formulation of the land register prior to further discussion with Department of Local Government and State Valuation Services

Operational Plan Review

A review was undertaken in January 2015. Matters are tracking okay with a few issues needing follow up.

HR Matters

There is confusion around the hours of work for some of the Council workforce where the new award states they should be working 38 hours per week. None of these workers have been working 38 hours due to previous engagement arrangements.

Council supports the position of management that all existing arrangements continue and those workers that had been working 36.25 hours per week continue as previous and not increase hours to 38 hours per week. Also those workers that had been working 38 hours per week continue with this arrangement.

Expressions of Interest to Operate Mechanical Workshop

Two (2) E of I were received and reviewed. The proposal from Hope Vale Earthmoving was considered the better option and the CEO was authorized to continue negotiations with this group and advise Council of outcome at the next Council meeting.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

02180215 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 18 February 2015 was tabled and discussed by Council.

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

03180215 Resolution: That the financial report for the period to 18 February 2015 incorporating the financial statements, be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

4. Social Services Report

Report noted.

5. Operations Manager Report

Report noted

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

04180215 Resolution: That the Social Services Director and Operations Manager's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 – Media Release from LGAQ on Councils ready to work with new Government – Noted

7.2 – Letter from Hon David Crisafulli, Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience advising that his time as Minister is coming to an end and thanking Council for work carried out over the past 3 years.

Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

New Government

Council requests that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Curtis Pitt on his appointment as Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Jackie Trad on her appointment as Deputy Premier and the Minister responsible for Local Government and Billy Gordon on his selection as Member for Cook.

Historical Workers at Cape Flattery

Deputy Mayor June Pearson believes that we need to start a discussion on what happened in the past with the original workers at Cape Flattery and the hardships and conditions they endured.

Is there an opportunity to get someone to research this matter and document what actually went on?

Action required: Can we identify possible funding opportunities for this proposed project?

Swimming Pool

Concern has been raised about the number of children using the pool without any adult supervision. The PCYC provide some supervision and life saving needs as required however it should be parent's responsibility to take children to the pool and it shouldn't be a child minding centre.

Action required: Some rules need to be prepared and signs installed at the pool and parents need to be informed of their responsibility. Perhaps this could be included as a RJCP activity.

Hope Valley Estate

Concerns have been raised about cars speeding around the estate and children are walking on roads and footpaths and the possibility of an accident is high.

Action required: Install 40kph signs at entrance to estate.

There are now a lot of children waiting on the main road for the school bus. They tend to sit on the gutter on the corner of McLean Drive which is dangerous. They also wait there during the wet weather.

Action required: Look at a cost for a bus shelter to be installed near the corner with space for the bus to pull off the road.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.40 pm.

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

Ross Higgins
Chief Executive Officer