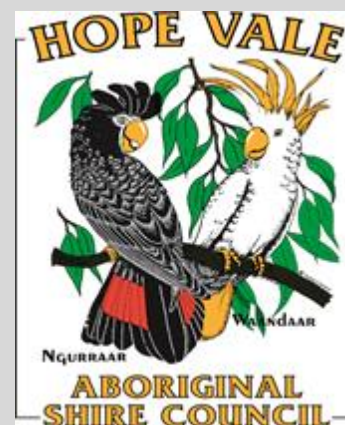


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday 18 January 2017

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.50 am

The Council then observed a minute silence in recognition of those members of the region that have recently passed away or suffered illness or injury

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Members Present: Cr. Greg McLean (Mayor)
Cr June Pearson (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Barry Bowen
Cr Bruce Gibson
Cr Selina Bowen

Apologies: Nil

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Steve Linnane

3 OBLIGATIONS OF COUNCILLORS

3.1 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST ON ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to Section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009, no declarations of material personal interest were made during this meeting.

3.2 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS

Cr Bruce Gibson declared a perceived conflict of interest (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) in Item 10.1 relating to the appointment of the Director of Social Services due to 2 applicants being relatives

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 December, 2016

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 14 December, 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 December, 2016

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That there is no outstanding business arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report, in conjunction with Item 6.2.1 of the CEO's report, outlining various matters dealt with, and meetings attended since the last meeting.

6.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

6.2.1. MEETINGS ATTENDED

The CEO advised of meetings that he had attended since the last Council meeting.

6.2.2. Feasibility Study – Optic Fibre to Hope Vale

The extension of optic fibre to Hope Vale is one of the most important pieces of infrastructure for the future of Hope Vale and the integration of its community (and future generations) into the digital world that exists outside Hope Vale.

Hope Vale is currently fed by a two hop radio from Cooktown via Mt Piebald. The current 32MB radio from Mt Piebald to Hope Vale is full. The radio from Cooktown to Mt Piebald has a small amount of spare capacity but would require to be augmented to provide a significant capacity increase to Hope Vale. The Hope Vale community is serviced by a mobiles base at Mt Piebald.

There is little capacity for any additional growth in data services into Hope Vale. Augmenting the existing radio connect will only provide a temporary solution, given the exponential growth in data streaming. The best long term solution is an optic fibre broadband solution.

Accordingly, it is proposed that Council make application Commonwealth's Building Better Region Fund (BBRF) for the extension of optic fibre into Hope Vale – which closes mid Feb, 2017. To enable this application to be made Council needs to have prepared a detailed feasibility and design study for this project.

Following discussions with the LGAQ, its Committee that administers the Industry Development Fund, approved funding up to \$45,000 to enable the feasibility study by Telstra to undertake planning and design work that would allow optic fibre to be delivered to Hope Vale.

The project needs to include both core and access infrastructures. That is the core infrastructure or backbone being the new optic fibre. Sitting on the new backbone would be the access infrastructures that would include consumer and enterprise broadband. The backbone would also provide the capacity to provide a mobile base station in town, thereby augmenting the existing regional coverage that is being provided by Mt Piebald.

It has the makings of a solution that would significantly transform Hope Vale.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That Council, recognising the fundamental importance of high-quality digital connectivity to the future of the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council and community, endorses the Hope Vale Fibre Optic project for submission to Round 1 of the Building Better Regions Fund and commits to a financial contribution of \$400,00 toward this project in the 2017-18 financial year.

CARRIED

6.2.3: Policy Review

A review of the following Council Policies has been undertaken and submitted to Council for consideration –

- a. Investment Policy
- b. Debt Policy
- c. Community Grants Policy
- d. Procurement Policy
- e. Reimbursement of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy
- f. General Complaints Policy
- g. Hospitality and Entertainment Policy
- h. Advertising Spending Policy

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution

That Council adopt the following Council Policies (as attached to the CEO's report):

- a. Investment Policy
- b. Debt Policy
- c. Community Grants Policy
- d. Procurement Policy
- e. Reimbursement of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy
- f. General Complaints Policy
- g. Hospitality and Entertainment Policy
- h. Advertising Spending Policy

CARRIED

6.2.4 ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAYOR'S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That Council receive and note the reports from the Mayor and CEO dated 11 January 2017.

CARRIED

6.2.5 Donation – Hope Vale School

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution

That Council approve a one off donation to the Hope Vale Campus of the Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy equivalent to 3 school shirts and 3 school pants/skirts for each student at the Campus on the basis that all students must be in uniform when at school.

CARRIED

6.2.6 Confirmation of Aboriginality and Community Residence

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That Council authorise the CEO to certify the following:

- a. Confirmation of Community Residence - Deleece R Bowen
- b. Confirmation of Aboriginality – Te Atawhai Ava Aaway Hema
- c. Confirmation of Aboriginality – Carolyn Joyce Fyfe

CARRIED

At this stage The Meeting dealt with Item 10 – Confidential Session

6.3 Finance Director's Report

The report dated 11 January 2017 was discussed and noted.

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That the Finance Director's Report for the period to 11 January 2017 be accepted and endorsed.

CARRIED

6.4 Human Resource Manager's Report

The report dated 10 January 2017 was discussed and noted.

6.5 Social Services Director's Report

The report dated 11 January 2017 was discussed and noted.

6.6 Operations Manager's Report

The report dated 8 January 2017 was discussed and noted.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That Council accept and approve the Operation Manager's Report 8 December 2016, subject to further investigations into more appropriate tree planting as an entry statement into Hope Vale township

CARRIED

7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1. Letter from Local Government Association of Queensland dated 1 December 2016 advising that a number of one day regional workshops for indigenous councils will be held in Cairns in April 2017

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That Council authorise all Councillors to attend the Elected Members Update for indigenous councils to be held in Cairns on 10 April 2017

CARRIED

8.2. Letter from Minister for Communities, Women, and Youth, Minister for Child Safety, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Shannon Fentiman MP, dated 23 December 2016 informing Council of a number of recent developments in the State Human and Social Recovery arrangements within the Queensland Disaster Management System.

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

8.3 Letter from Minister for Innovation, Science, and the Digital Economy and Minister for Small Business Leeanne Enoch MP dated 22 December 2016 advising that the Queensland Small Business Week will be held from 15 to 20 May 2017

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Women's Group

It was agreed that the Women's Group be permitted to use the Hope Vale Council Meeting Rooms for one night a month without charge.

9.2 Tender – Supply of Road Construction Material

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That Council authorise the CEO and Director of Finance to meet with all the Directors of Nambal Resources and Quarries P/L and Hopevale Congress Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC to discuss Council's tender for the supply of road construction material.

CARRIED

9.3 Future Meetings Commencement Time

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution

That Council resolve the future Ordinary Council Meetings commence at 9am

CARRIED

10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to sections 275 (a), (f), and (h) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to consider the following items:

10.1 Staffing issues

10.2 Legal issues

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That the meeting be re-opened to the public.

CARRIED

10.1 Appointment of Director of Social Services

Consideration of a confidential report from the CEO on the outcome interviews for the appointment of the Director of Social Services

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That Council

- a. authorise the appointment of Mark Tomlinson to the position of Director of Social Services
- b. express its appreciation to Mark Trichet for undertaking the role of Director of Social Services over the past 4 months

CARRIED

10.2 Legal Issue

The CEO briefed Council on a number of legal issues currently being dealt with.

It was agreed that Council authorise the CEO to proceed as discussed in confidential session in relation to these issues.

11 NEXT MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 February 2017 commencing at 9am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.15pm

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer