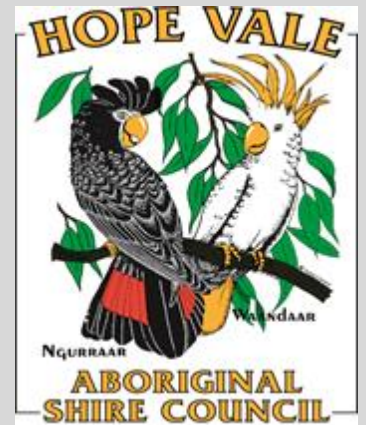


# Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday 18 May 2016

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

## OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

## MEETING OPENED

Meeting declared open at 9.43 am

## APOLOGIES

Nil

**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 April, 2016**

**Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson**

**Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen**

01180516 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 20 April, 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## Confirmation of Minutes of Special Meeting held on 5 May, 2016

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

02180516 Resolution: That the minutes of the Special Meeting held on Thursday 5 May, 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

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

Nil

### Item 4: REPORTS

#### 1. Mayor

Meetings attended

- Deputy Premier, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines and Member for Cook in relation to the proposed Vegetation Management legislation.
- Police Summit coordinated by the Commissioner for Police
- Queensland Health (Dr. Tash Coventry) in relation to operational issues at Hope Vale Clinic.
- Sat in on Builders Tool Box talk

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

##### LGAQ Executive Nominations

Three nominations were received for the 2 positions on the LGAQ Policy Executive to represent District 12. These were Wayne Butcher, Fred Gela and Alf Lacey.

Council's vote was marked to be returned to the Chief Executive Officer of the LGAQ.

##### Social Housing 2016/2017

It was agreed that the next 6 houses to be constructed in Hope Vale under the NPARIH program would be as follows:

- 1 x 4 bedroom at 18 Flierl Street (once demolished)
- 1 x 3 bedroom at lot 15 Alec Cameron Drive (lease HZ)

- 1 x 3 bedroom at lot 16 Alec Cameron Drive (lease IA)
- 1 x 2 bedroom at lot 1 Alec Cameron Drive (lease HL)
- 1 x 2 bedroom at lot 443 Link Road
- 1 x 2 bedroom at lot 444 Link Road

**Action Required:** CEO to pass this information onto the Department of Housing and Public Works and our Building Department.

### **Land Availability for Future Social Housing**

There will not be sufficient available land to complete all of the remaining 26 houses over the next 2 years. If no funds are found for the minor infrastructure for the recently surveyed allotments (7 allotments), there will be a shortage of 8 blocks. If funds are found, there will be a shortage of 1 block.

Council can introduce social houses into Hope Valley Estate and the Department of Housing and Public Works would have to purchase the freehold allotments in the first place.

Cr Gibson raised the possibility of social houses being built on vacant blockholder leases to assist in availability of additional land. This is an option that needs to be taken up with the Department of Housing and Public Works or direct with Minister Scullion.

### **Hope Valley Estate**

The Department of Housing and Public Works is seeking advice on the availability of freehold land in Hope Valley Estate to purchase for Government Employee Housing Purposes.

Council has no objection to this.

### **Chief Executive Officer Recruitment**

The time frame for this recruitment is as follows:

- Position Advertised on 7 May and closes on 29 May
- Shortlisting and initial interviews 10 June
- Final interviews during week commencing 20 June

All Councillors, current CEO and LGAQ representative will sit on the interview panel.

### **Empowered Communities**

There was discussion on this and it was confirmed that Council had not formally opted to join this program until it can be established what type of structure will be formed and the impact on local government is identified (if any).

Cr Gibson gave an overview of the Hope Vale Alliance and how this might work with individual families.

**11.55am Brad Milligan and Clayton Abreu from the Indigenous Environmental Health Program entered meeting.**

Brad and Clayton gave an overview of the Indigenous Environmental Health Program and possible changes over the next year. The current program has only been extended for 1 more year at this stage.

**12.35pm – Brad and Clayton left the meeting**

**Councillor Portfolios**

CEO requested to organise a short session apart for the formal Council meetings to allow councillors to finalise new portfolios.

**12.45pm Meeting closed for lunch**

**1.05pm Meeting reconvened**

**Centrelink**

A request has been received from Rachelle McIvor, the local Centrelink agent seeking Council approval to waive the Commercial Service Fee of \$3,700.00 payable by tenants of the Business Precinct offices.

**Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson**

**Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen**

03180516 Resolution: That Council does not approve of the waiving of the Commercial Service Fee of \$3760.00 for the Centrelink Agency tenancy in the Hope Vale Business Precinct.

**CARRIED**

**Gravel Tender – NDRRA Requirements**

Public tenders were called for the supply of gravel for use on Council roads under the NDRRA program.

Five (5) responses were received prior to the closing time of the tenders and one (1) was received after the closing time. This tender was therefore regarded as non-conforming.

An assessment report was provided by the Operations Manager.

**Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson**

**Seconded by Cr June Pearson**

04180516 Resolution: That Council accepts the tender of Joint Venture group, Cooktown Quarry and Wallace Quarry to proceed with the supply of materials. Due to urgency for materials, Council also authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate with the next lowest conforming tenderer, Lakeland Quarry if the approved tenderer is unable to supply quantities as per contract.

**CARRIED**

Council noted that the non-conforming tender was the local group Nambal Resources and Quarries. Councillors also noted that individually they were receiving complaints from some traditional owners about the use of certain gravel pits and there needs to be a clear understanding and agreement of traditional boundaries. This was now putting pressure on Council needs and resources.

**Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson**

**Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen**

05180516 Resolution: That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to write to the General Manager of the Hope Vale Congress Aboriginal Corporation advising of the concerns being raised with Council and seek a commitment that all traditional owners are in agreement (through an endorsed Memorandum of Understanding or similar agreement) to the extraction and quarrying of materials from the Hope Vale quarry pits.

**CARRIED**

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

**Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson**

**Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen**

06180516 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 16 May 2016 was tabled and discussed by Council.

**Moved by Cr June Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen**

07180516 Resolution: That the financial report for the period to 16 May 2016 incorporating the financial statements, be approved and accepted.

**CARRIED**

### 4. Social Services Director Report

Report discussed and noted.

**Moved by Cr Selina Bowen**

**Seconded by Cr June Pearson**

08180516 Resolution: That the Social Services Director's report accepted.

**CARRIED**

### 5. Operations Manager Report

Report discussed and noted.

Concern was raised concerning whether there was going to sufficient funds from the original budget of \$10 million to complete the bitumen seal of the Endeavour Valley Road.

**Action Required:** The Chief Executive Officer to write to the Director General of Transport and Main Roads to organize a meeting on this matter.

**Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson**

**Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen**

09180516 Resolution: That the Operations Manager's Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Refer to presentation by Brad Milligan and Clayton Abreu earlier in meeting

## Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

## Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 – Letter dated 2 May 2016 from Cheryl Cannon, Chairperson of the St John’s Lutheran Church seeking a contribution towards the cost for production and publication of the book “Gangarru”.

It was noted that Council had already provided an amount of \$40,000.00 to the church as part of its budget for 2015/2016 on the basis that this payment would constitute all support for the financial year. Therefore Council cannot make any further payment this financial year.

**Action Required:** Chief Executive Officer to write to the church and advise that financial support cannot be provided. If the church wants to write back to Council after 1 July, Council will consider the request at that time.

7.2 – Letter dated 10 May 2016 from Dr David Solomon AM, Chair of the Councillor Complaints Review Panel advising of the appointment of a panel to review the policy and framework for complaints about the conduct of local government councillors.

### **Noted**

7.3 - Letter dated 29 April 2016 from Stephen Johnston, Deputy Director General, Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning advising of the Indigenous Local Government Sustainability Program and seeking submissions to assist with the development of the program guidelines.

**Noted. Council will be visited and consulted on this and a short meeting is being organized in Cairns to coincide with the ILF.**

## Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

### **Horse Sports**

Mayor McLean advised that one of the options to support activities for children was to develop a horse sports/pony club activity in Hope Vale.





A plan needs to be developed on possible locations, costs for infrastructure and set up and identifying horse owners and parents that would be prepared to volunteer to be part of the program.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.50 pm

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

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