



HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Council Chambers Meeting Room, Hope Vale
Wednesday, 18 September, 2013

MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Ross Higgins

MEETING OPENED

Meeting declared open at 9.45 am

APOLOGIES

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 21st August 2013

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

01180913 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 21 August 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED



Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 21 August 2013.

nil

Deputy Mayor June Pearson entered meeting at 9.55am

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

Attended meeting at Elim Beach with representatives of Hope Vale Congress and Hope Vale Foundation to discuss how groups could work more closely together. There were positive outcomes and now CEO's from each organisation will meet on a regular basis.

With the election of the new Abbott Government, Council needs to look at the way forward and how it can best place itself to work with the Government and look at economic development and funding opportunities.

Meeting stopped for Morning Tea at 10.00am

Meeting reconvened at 10.10am

Mayor Greg McLean left meeting at 10.10am

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Annual Report 2012/2013

The Annual Report was tabled for adoption by Council.

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

02180913 Resolution: That the Annual Report for the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council for 2012/2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

Operational Plan 2013/2014

The Operational Plan for 2013/2014 was presented to Council for adoption.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

03180913 Resolution: That the Operational Plan for the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council for 2013/2014 be adopted.

CARRIED



Multi Purpose Centre

Advice provided to Council that the Multi Purpose Centre is due for completion towards the end of October.

We will need to start arrangements to look for a person to manage the facility.

An official opening needs to be considered and the CEO should look at possible dates around the end of November.

LGAQ Annual Conference

The LGAQ Annual Conference is being held in Cairns from 21 to 24 October. Council receives registration for 2 delegates as part of its fees paid to LGAQ. The representatives attending this year will be Mayor Greg McLean, Deputy Mayor June Pearson, Cr Carmen Pearson and CEO Ross Higgins.

NQLGA Conference

This conference will be held in Cooktown on 3 & 4 October with a visit by interested delegates to Hope Vale on the morning of 3 October.

Registration forms are with Council PA for those councillors wishing to attend.

Funding Submission

Council has applied for funds for a number of activities including one to enhance and develop our existing Asset Register and improve our capacity for long term asset management and financial planning.

Land Tenure Project

During the meeting at Elim Beach, it was indicated that Council could opt to be part of a project by the State Government to clarify and address land tenure issues in Indigenous Local Government Areas.

This is of particular interest to Council as it would assist in future economic development opportunities.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

04180913 Resolution: That Council endorses being part of the project to resolve land tenure issues in Indigenous Local Government Areas and the Chief Executive Officer progress this matter with relevant Government agencies.

CARRIED



Planning Scheme

A report from Deb McKenzie from Flanagan's has been received and there needs to be consideration given to all points raised.

The Chief Executive Officer's recommendation is that Council get together on a separate day to workshop the report.

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

05180913 Resolution: That the reports from the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be accepted.

CARRIED

3. Finance Director's Report

Report noted

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

06180913 Resolution: That the financial report incorporating the financial statements be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

4. Social Services Director's Report

Report noted

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

07180913 Resolution: That the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and Social Services reports be accepted.

CARRIED

Item 5 – VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Nil



ITEM 7: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 - Letter from Thurrbiil Justice Group seeking approval to use the old Women's Shelter building situated on the corner of Thuppi and Thiele Street.

Council has no objection to the use of the building in a temporary capacity and believes that there are agencies in Hope Vale who receive youth funding that could support the concept.

The Chief Executive Officer to check on insurance and public liability matters.

7.2 – Letter from Sha-lane Gibson seeking financial support for her to attend Bond University. Council requests that the Chief Executive Officer discusses this matter with Ivan Deemal from Congress to see if any assistance may be able to be given from that organisation.

7.3 – Letter from Helena Wright Regional Manager, FaHCSIA seeking assistance from Council to support the purchase of shirts for the Youth Summit. Whilst Council supports the initiative and the program will be good for Hope Vale youth, Council cannot provide funding for T Shirts.

7.4 – Letter from St John's Lutheran Church seeking support from Council to assist representatives from the church to attend Synod and Lay Workers Conference.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

08180913 Resolution: That Council approves financial assistance to St John's Lutheran Church Hope Vale of \$2500.00 for 3 delegates to attend LCAQD Synod and \$3600.00 for 3 delegates to attend LCA Lay Workers Conference.

CARRIED

7.5 – Email from Terry Wallace, Manager, Northern Regional Office of Dept of Housing and Public Works advising of the condition of residence situated at 64 Kernich Street, Hope Vale. Reviews of the condition and indicative costs for up-grade have resulted in the removal of the house from the up-grade program.

In view of this, the recommendation of the Department is to demolish the building and now seeks Council support for this course of action.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

09180913 Resolution: That Council supports the recommendation from the Portfolio Management and Operations Section of the Department of Housing and Public Works to demolish the residence situated at 64 Kernich Street Hope Vale.

CARRIED



7.6 – Letter from Menzies School of Health Research requesting permission to visit Hope Vale to undertake a project on the impact of Opal Fuel and sniffing.

Council believes that this is not an issue at Hope Vale and the research is not required. Chief Executive Officer to respond accordingly.

7.7 – Letter from Selwyn Cobus and Megan Bowen seeking financial assistance to support their son Kayle to attend a conference with his school in Sydney and Canberra on 20 to 25 October.

Council requests that the Chief Executive Officer discusses this matter with Ivan Deemal from Congress to see if any assistance may be able to be given from that organisation.

7.8 – Letter from Colleen Bowen seeking financial assistance in sponsoring the 5th Annual John Bowen Memorial Football Carnival planned for 23 & 24 November.

Council requests the Chief Executive Officer liaises with Colleen to advise that funding will be provided on the basis that it be used for insurance purposes, payments for referees, trophies etc.

7.9 – Letter from Colleen Bowen seeking financial assistance towards the purchase of football apparel for her late husband's children's team. As Council will be providing funds towards the event as per the previous letter and does not want to seem to be favouring only one team, it cannot agree to the request for funds for the football apparel.

Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

Hope Vale Arts & Culture Centre

The 1st Quarter Newsletter for 2013/2014 was presented to Council.

Council requests that the Chief Executive Officer write to the committee congratulating them on their recent achievements, especially the exhibition in Sydney.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.15 pm.

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Ross Higgins
Chief Executive Officer