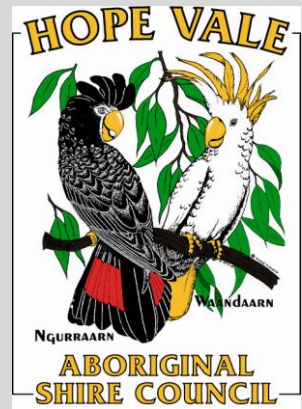


# Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday, 19 March 2014

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

## OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

## MEETING OPENED

Meeting declared open at 10.00am

## APOLOGIES

nil

**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 25 February, 2014**

**Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

01190314 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Tuesday 25 February 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

### **Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Tuesday 25 February 2013.**

#### **Official opening of Multi Purpose Centre.**

Make arrangements for the first week of July 2014

Look at entertainment to include a well known performer and local bands and dancers.

CEO to confirm arrangements with the Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience to officiate at opening.

### **Item 4: REPORTS**

#### **1. Mayor**

Attended the following meetings:

- Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council has been invited to become a member of the Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance (CIMA). Attended first meeting in Cairns to discuss economic development opportunities.
- Total Food Network to introduce Hope Vale Foundation. Looking at possible future partnerships.
- Internal Audit planning session in Cairns
- Hope Vale Congress Corporation in relation to future roads.

**Deputy Mayor June Pearson entered meeting at 10.15am**

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

##### **Family Responsibility Commission**

Advice has been provided that FRC Commissioners from Aurukun, Coen and Mossman Gorge as well as FRC staff are proposing a visit to Hope Vale on Thursday 8 May.

Council has no objection to the visit.

##### **Corporate Plan and Economic Strategic Plan**

Both documents were presented to Council in final draft form. There are a couple of minor matters to attend to such as photos and layout however the content will not change now.

A meeting is planned in Cairns on Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 April to discuss plans with key stakeholders

**Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

02190314 Resolution: That the Corporate Plan 2014 – 2019 and Economic Strategic Plan 2014 – 2017 be approved.

**CARRIED**

### **Accord Refresh**

The 7 key priorities as outlined in the Accord Refresh were discussed and Council believes that priorities should be given to the areas of economic development, infrastructure and housing. This covers a number of the key priorities.

Other priority areas are being addressed in some form at present and/or have been identified and supported in Council's Corporate Plan.

### **40 Year Leases**

A request has been received from DATSIMA that Council consider withdrawing lot 98 Rose Street, Hope Vale from the 40 year leases as advice has been provided that the site is unsuitable for house construction.

This would mean that the land would revert to Council control.

**Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

03190314 Resolution: That lot 98 Rose Street, Hope Vale be withdrawn from the 40 year lease and revert to Council control

**CARRIED**

### **Acceptable Requests Guidelines Policy**

Section 170A of the Local Government Act requires that Council's adopt acceptable requests guidelines that detail the way a councillor may ask a local government employee for advice.

A draft policy was presented for Council review and consideration at the February 2014 meeting.

**Moved by Cr June Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

04190314 Resolution: That the Acceptable Requests Guidelines Policy be approved and adopted.

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Cr Chris Woibo**

**Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

05190314 Resolution: That the reports from the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be accepted.

**CARRIED**

### **3. Finance Director's Report**

Report tabled and discussed by Council.

Building Department issues are being reviewed as part of the Internal Audit process. A close watch will be required of income and expenditure depending on future new construction and upgrade approvals.

**Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

**Seconded by Cr June Pearson**

06190314 Resolution: That the financial report incorporating the financial statements be approved and accepted.

**CARRIED**

### **4. Building Construction Report**

The report is noted

**Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

07190314 Resolution: That the Building Construction Manager's Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

## Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

## Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 – Email from Amanda Fyfe seeking assistance from Council to clean up the netball courts behind the MPC and football field.

This area of land is under the control of the Hope Vale Congress Corporation and Amanda should be referred to that organisation. My Pathways might be able to provide some support with work on the courts.

7.2 – Letter from Summer Homes seeking permission to install an ice machine in Hope Vale. Council has no objection and it can be installed outside the swimming pool. Summers Homes will have to cover all costs for installation and make arrangements to pay water and electricity costs.

7.3 – Media Release from Minister for Local Government David Crisafulli in relation to capacity for Indigenous Councils to be able to charge rates.

7.4 – Cooktown Discovery Festival – seeking support for the event in 2014. Council does not have funds to assist this year.

7.5 – Letter from Tisha Gordon and Roxanne Hart seeking sponsorship for the annual Hope Vale Pig Hunt 2014.

**Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

08190314 Resolution: That Council approves an amount of \$500.00 to be donated to the Hope Vale Pig Hunt Competition 2014 to go towards prizes and trophies

**CARRIED**



7.6 – Letter from Art Teacher from Cooktown P – 12 seeking a contribution to assist the school in taking a group of students to visit the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Art Gallery in Sydney.

Council agrees that this is a good cause and can provide some funds to support air fares. Chief Executive Officer to follow up with the school.

7.7 – Letter from Leearna Burke seeking financial assistance to assist her in attending a World Indigenous People’s Conference in Hawaii with other Indigenous students from James Cook University in Cairns

Council agrees for the Chief Executive Officer to contact Leearna and make an offer of \$300.00 towards the trip.

**12.15pm - Break for lunch**

**1.00pm - Recommence after lunch**

## **Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **8.1 – Confiscation of Vehicles**

Residents are seeking clarification from Councillors about vehicles being impounded by Police. The Chief Executive Officer is to clarify the situation with the Officer in Charge of the Hope Vale Police.

### **8.2 Fence behind Church**

With the vehicles now gaining entry to the HACC premises, there has been a request to fence the access road off to ensure there is no incident/accident.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.20 pm.

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

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