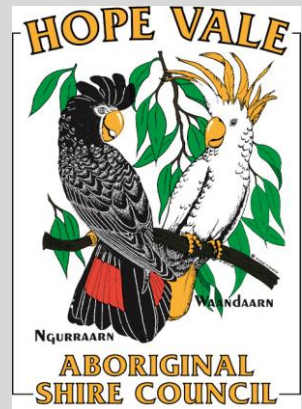


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday, 20 August 2014

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Ross Higgins

MEETING OPENED

Meeting declared open at 10.10 am

APOLOGIES

nil

Mayor requested a minute silence following the recent passing of the late Tennyson Stevens

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 23 July, 2014

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

01200814 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 23 July 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 23 July, 2014.

Nil

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

Mayor McLean advised that he had been invited to sit on a discussion panel on economic development at the LGAQ Annual Conference in Mackay and also had received an invitation from James Cook University to talk about economic development.

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Annual Report 2013/2014

The Annual Report was presented for adoption by Council.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

02200814 Resolution: That Council approves and adopts the 2013/2014 Annual Report

CARRIED

Cr Dwayne Bowen entered meeting at 10.30am

Operational Plan 2014/2015

The Operational Plan for 2014/2015 was presented for adoption by Council.

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

03200814 Resolution: That the 2014/2015 Operational Plan be approved and adopted.

CARRIED

Noisy Parties

A meeting was held with Department of Housing and Queensland Police in relation to actions that could be taken to stop noisy parties. Housing has advised that they will take action against tenants if complaints are made to their office.

Alcohol Management

A preliminary report from James Cook University was provided to Council following the recent surveys. A more detail report will be provided for the next Council meeting.

Annual Financial Statements 2013/2014

A copy of the audited annual financial statements was presented to Council for formal acceptance.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

04200814 Resolution: That the audited financial statements for 2013/2014 be accepted

CARRIED

Hire of Council Bus

There are issues with the Council bus when it is hired to people and returned in a messy and untidy state. Concerns have also been raised about Council's liability in case of an accident.

Action Required: Chief Executive Officer is to check on the liability issue and develop a policy relating to the use of the bus for Council approved activities only.

Proposed Sub-division Alec Cameron Drive

The layout for the proposed sub-division at Alec Cameron Drive was presented to Council for perusal.

Council has noted the proposal and has no objection to the project moving to the next step in the process.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

05200814 Resolution: 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 15 August 2014 was tabled and discussed by Council.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

06200814 Resolution: That the financial report incorporating the financial statements be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

4. Social Services Director Report

The Social Services Director's report was tabled and discussed by Council

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

07200814 Resolution: That the Social Services report be accepted.

CARRIED

Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 – Letter from ATSIDMCQ in relation to a proposed travelling art exhibition on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defence personnel for the First World War. The art exhibition will tour in 2017.

Action Required: Chief Executive Officer to write back and advise that Council has no objection to the art exhibition being shown in Hope Vale.

7.2 – Letter from Rev David Spanagel on behalf of the Lutheran Church Council requesting permission to locate 2 demountable buildings beside the current coffee shop. There is also a concern about the condition of the mango tree adjacent to the building.

Council has no objection to the proposal to locate the demountable buildings as long as no services are impacted.

Action Required: Chief Executive Officer to contact Rev Spanagel and inspect the site proposed. A report from an appropriately qualified person should be obtained on the condition of the mango tree.

7.3 – Letter from Cheryl Cannon seeking financial assistance from Council to support an end of year ceremony to celebrate the year 6/7 completion of primary education.

Council supports this matter in principle.

Action Required: Chief Executive Officer to contact the school to ascertain what is being provided or organised by them before a final decision on actual amount to be provided is made on a Council contribution.

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

08200814 Resolution: That Council will support the end of year ceremony for year 6/7 students with the actual amount to be determined. Chief Executive Officer is to liaise with Council on final amount.

CARRIED

7.4 – Letter from Cheryl Cannon on behalf of St John’s Lutheran Church advising that the Muni Day service was being held on 14 September to be followed by a community lunch. The church Council is seeking financial support from Council towards the lunch.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

09200814 Resolution: That Council will support the provision of food for the Muni Day community lunch

CARRIED

7.5 – Letter from Colleen Bowen requesting the use of the football grounds and multi purpose centre for the John Bowen Memorial Carnival proposed to be held in October.

There is no objection to the use of the football grounds and the toilet amenities for this carnival however there will be no accommodation allowed in the building.

Action Required: Chief Executive Officer to liaise with PCYC as they have current management of the facility. Also, arrangements required for additional rubbish bins to be located at the complex during the carnival if it proceeds.

7.6 – Letter from Priscilla Gibson providing an expression of interest for the use of the vacant PCYC building.

Council is happy to proceed with a short term arrangement at this stage until May/June 2015 until long term arrangements are known for future operations of PCYC.

Action Required: Chief Executive Officer to discuss this matter with Priscilla to outline the position with her.

7.7 – Letter from Trevor Ruthenberg MP Chair of the State Health and Community Services Committee advising of a report to Parliament of the Family Responsibility Commission Amendment Bill 2014.

Letter noted

7.8 – Letter from the Co-ordinator of the Cooktown Combined Dance Group seeking financial assistance to go towards a community dance project in Cooktown.

Council does not have financial resources to support this and suggests other services such as PCYC, Apunipima or organisations receiving vacation care funding.



Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.15 pm.

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Ross Higgins
Chief Executive Officer