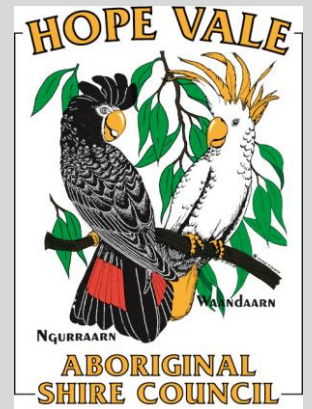


# Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday 20 January 2016

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

## OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

## MEETING OPENED

Meeting declared open at 10.10 am

## APOLOGIES

nil

The Mayor requested a minutes silence for those recently passed.

### **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 9 December, 2015**

**Moved by Cr Chris Woibo**

**Seconded by Cr June Pearson**

01200116 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 9 December 2015 be accepted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

### **Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on 9 December, 2015**

Nil

### **Item 4: REPORTS**

#### **1. Mayor**

- Attended Banana Farm meetings with Board members and workers to support on-going operation of the business.

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

##### **Land Transfer and Freeholding Project**

Mr Geoffrey Renouf, Director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Services of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines will visit Hope Vale on Thursday 28 January to discuss this issue with Council members.

##### **Aged Care Facility**

Following an unannounced visit by the Accreditation Agency on 15 December, there were a number of non-compliance issues identified. Action has been commenced immediately to rectify these matters including some human resource changes.

Recommended that a review of the future management of the facility be undertaken and this could commence around April/May.

##### **Planning Scheme**

The Planning Scheme has now been in place for approx. 18 months and there issues arising with new works or renovations on shacks at the beach. The Planning Scheme requires any person undertaking works to apply to Council in the first instance and this is not happening.

We need to look at what alternatives might be available to Council to address this issue.

**Action Required:** CEO to get advice on this matter and provide feedback to Council as soon as possible.

### **Vacant Shops in Retail Precinct**

There has been some interest in the 2 vacant shops in the Retail Precinct and some discussion with these people has already taken place.

**Action Required:** CEO to continue negotiations and possible finalization prior to next Council meeting.

### **Council Meeting Dates 2016**

Council has agreed that the third Wednesday of each month be adopted for Council meetings in 2016.

**Action Required:** CEO to identify dates and ensure a list is available for the public as well as be available on the Council website.

### **Future Funding Submissions**

There are a number of funding programs currently available for which we could look at possible future projects. Projects that have been identified for the funding programs are as follows:

1. Replacement of the fence at the cemetery under the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Program. The Expressions of Interest for this program are coordinated through Warren Entsch MP, Federal Member for Leichhardt.
2. Development of the Heavy Vehicle By-Pass Road running alongside Millers Block and then into Airport Road under the National Stronger Regions Fund. This funding is controlled by the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.
3. Development of a new industrial estate for Council facilities mechanical workshop and civil construction as well as sheds for local private business on Airport Road under the Building our Regions Program coordinated by the Queensland State Development Department.

Council is in agreement that these submissions proceed.

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

**Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

02200116 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 8 January 2016 was tabled and discussed by Council.

**Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

**Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo**

03200116 Resolution: That the financial report for the period to 8 January 2016 incorporating the financial statements, be approved and accepted.

**CARRIED**

### 4. Social Services Director Report

No report was provided to this meeting as the Social Services Director is away from Hope Vale

### 5. Operations Manager Report

Report discussed and noted

**Moved by Cr June Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

04200116 Resolution: That the Operations Manager's Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

## Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

## Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 – Email from the Chief Executive Officer of Apunipima Cape York Health Council seeking availability of a site in Hope Vale to allow the organisation to commence the process of building a PHCC and staff accommodation.

Councillors raised concern that there might be issues between the organisation and Queensland Health which could be impacting on the services being provided now and possibly into the future. Also, Council should not be entering into any further discussions with Apunipima on availability of land until there is agreement between them and Queensland Health on how services will be rolled out.

Council also believes that the Well Being Centre should be a party to these discussions as they appear to be working in isolation which can impact on services from the Health Clinic.

**Action Required:** CEO to respond to the Chief Executive Officer of Apunipima and advise of Council's concerns.

7.2 – Letter from Curtis Pitt MP in relation to the Reparations Scheme on Stolen Wages and Savings. There are now new opportunities available to people to claim funds under the scheme.

**Action Required:** CEO to contact DATSIP and request that a workshop be held in Hope Vale to explain the opportunities and changes to people affected by the changes to the scheme.

7.3 – Letter from the Medical Superintendent of the Cooktown Multipurpose Health Service providing an up-date on health services.

**Noted**

7.4 – Email from Colin Bowen providing an Expression of Interest in maintaining the Hope Vale Landfill for 2016.

Chief Executive Officer has advised that Colin is currently providing a sub-contracting service to Council by pushing up the area on a weekly basis for the Operations Manager. It is believed that this practice could continue and that there is no requirement to enter into any formal long term arrangements.

**Action Required:** Chief Executive Officer to respond to Colin Bowen to advise that current arrangements will not change.

7.5 – Letter from Hope Vale Congress Aboriginal Corporation in relation to the Council Planning Scheme and especially shacks at Elim Beach. This matter was discussed previously and further information is being sought.

**Noted**

7.6 – Letter from Charmaine Bowen in relation to a housing allocation for house in Flierl Street, Hope Vale.

**Action Required:** CEO to write to Charmaine to advise that allocations for housing are the responsibility of the Department of Housing with feedback by Council based on information provided by the Department. She would need to take this matter up with the Department.

## Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

### Funeral of late Keegan Spratt

Mayor Greg McLean advised that his partner and children were in Murray Island and unable to get to Cairns and Hope Vale to attend the funeral. Negotiations with Skytrans were able to get a free flight for her however she needed to stay overnight at Horn Island.

Due to the emergent situation, Council has picked up the accommodation and meals cost of \$241.00 for Gertie Wailu and children and the family has agreed to refund the money.

**Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

05200116 Resolution: That Council approves of the payment for accommodation at Horn Island for Gertie Wailu and children on 18 January 2016 at a cost of \$241.00 due to emergent situation and an invoice be provided to family for recovery of costs.

**CARRIED**

### Driveways

Cr Bowen raised the state of a number of driveways at residences and requested if any action could be taken to assist these tenants. CEO advised that there was a program on replacement driveways to commence and would check which residences Building Asset Services (BAS) had identified.

### Multi Purpose Centre

Concerns have been raised about horses continually being on the football field at the Multi Purpose Centre. We need to work with PCYC on how the gates can be kept locked when the facility is not in use.



There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.10 pm

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

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