



HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Council Chambers Meeting Room, Hope Vale
Date: Wednesday, 21 August, 2013

MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Cr. Greg McLean (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

Cr. June Pearson (Deputy Mayor)
Cr. Chris Woibo

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 10 July 2013

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

01210813 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 10 July 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED



Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 10 July 2013.

Mayor McLean sought an update on the Planning Scheme. CEO advised that he had met with the consultant Deb McKenzie and officers from DATSIMA and State Development. A full report and recommendations will be provided to the next Council meeting in September.

Item 4: Confirmation of Minutes of Special Meeting held on 22 July 2013

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Dwayne Bowen

02210813 Resolution: That the minutes of the Special Meeting held on Monday 22 July 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Item 5: Business arising from minutes of Special Meeting held on Monday 22 July 2013.

Nil

Item 6: REPORTS

1. Mayor

Attended ROCCY meeting in Cairns on 13 August and advised Council that he had stepped down as Chairperson of ROCCY.

Attended Ministerial Roundtable in Townsville organised by Minister David Crisifulli on financial sustainability for local government councils in Queensland

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Audit Outcome 2012/2013

Council has received an unqualified result following completion of the audit report for the 2012/2013. Also, Council was the first Council completed of all local governments in Queensland.

Statue of Matthew Bowen at Multi Purpose Centre

(Cr Dwayne Bowen declared an interest even though his was not gaining personally. As his departure would have resulted in there not being a quorum he remained in the meeting.)



Quotes have been finalized for the completion of a statue of Matthew Bowen at the Multi Purpose Centre.

The best price was provided by Gillie and Marc from Alexandria in NSW at a cost of \$35,000.00 plus delivery of approx \$4,000.00.

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Mayor Greg McLean

03210813 Resolution: That the Chief Executive Officer accept the quote of \$35,000 from Gillie and Marc for the statue of Matthew Bowen and be authorised to spend up to a maximum of \$50,000.00 on the project to cover delivery and installation costs

CARRIED

Sale of Surplus Vehicles

Tenders have been received for the disposal of surplus vehicles.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Carmen Pearson

04210813 Resolution: That approval be given to accept the following tenders for the sale of surplus vehicles and that the vehicles be written off of Council's asset register.

2.5 Tonne Toyota Forklift 1991	\$2500	Cooktown Bargain Barn
Greenfield Mower Disability	\$200	Cooktown Bargain Barn
Isuzu 250 Truck	\$2000	Cooktown Bargain Barn
Toyota HiluxDual Cab	\$1000	Glenis Woibo
Ford Courier Dual Cab	\$600	Neville Bowen
Toyota Hilux Dual Cab	\$200	Cooktown Bargain Barn
Toyota Hilux 2x2 Dual Cab 2004	\$200	Cooktown Bargain Barn
Toyota Hi-ace Bus		no bid
Toyota Hilux 4x4 Dual Cab 1998	\$500	Joseph Cahill
Toyota Dyna Tipper	\$500	Cooktown Bargain Barn
Toyota Dyna Rubbish Truck	\$1000	Cooktown Bargain Barn
Moore Multi Tyre Roller		no bid
Rover Cupper Ride on	\$200	Cooktown Bargain Barn
Toyota Hilux Dual Cab	\$200	Cooktown Bargain Barn

CARRIED

North Street Allotments

There is a possibility that 3 housing allotments can be built on northern side of North Street. Mayor McLean requested that the matter of erosion of the creek bank at the rear of the proposed allotments be investigated prior to proceeding further.



Vehicle Replacement Deputy Mayor

This vehicle Toyota Prado 217 KUK is now 5 years old and in need of repair and should be replaced.

Funds are available from savings in the budget.

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

05210813 Resolution: That approval is given for the replacement of Toyota Prado 217 KUK and the Chief Executive Officer commences action to obtain quotes and arrange changeover.

CARRIED

Housing

The Chief Executive Officer gave Council an up-date from the meeting with Department of Housing and IBA on the proposed assisted savings model to allow tenants to move into social housing on a rent/buy type arrangement.

Council wants a workshop organised to discuss this matter as well as the values to be placed on social houses within town area that could be purchased by tenants

Everlina Bridge

Chief Executive Officer advised Council on the latest position on the closure of this bridge. It has had to be closed due to structural faults.

We will undertake temporary repairs to allow conventional vehicles only.

Funding submissions are being completed and discussions are being held with Commonwealth and State Departments to identify possible assistance. An amount of approx. \$1.8 million is required for replacement of the infrastructure.

3. Finance Director's Report

Report noted

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

06210813 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 Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

07210813 Resolution: That the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and Social Services reports be accepted.

CARRIED

Move to Agenda Item 8

Item 8: AGENDA ITEMS

HVASC Annual Financial Statements

The audited financial for 2012/2013 and the letter from the Auditor General was presented to Council. The report identified an unqualified audit opinion.

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

08210813 Resolution: That the QAO audit report and audited financial statements for 2012/2013 be noted and accepted by Council.

CARRIED

Hope Vale Youth Engagement Strategy

A proposal from the ROC & Local Program Office identifying future activities was presented to Council.

There was no concern with these activities proceeding and the Mayor indicated that he would have discussions with the appropriate officers organizing the activities.

Alternative Care

Alternative Care has written to Council on behalf of Albert Storch requesting approval for Albert to keep more than 2 dogs at his residence in Hope Vale.

Council now has Local Laws in place and wants the Animal Management Officer to commence a program to ensure that the community complies with these.

The request by Albert Storch is denied and the Chief Executive Officer is to write back to him accordingly.



ITEM 9: CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 - Letter from Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP Qld Attorney General requesting that Council nominate a date for a public holiday for Hope Vale in 2014.

Council approves that the Friday of the Cairns Show in 2014 (18 July 2014) be the gazetted holiday.

9.2 – Letter from Hon Ian Walker MP advising of a grant to Hope Vale Arts and Culture Centre – noted

9.3 – Letter from Patricia Paulke seeking financial support for her daughter Natayah Bowen to attend a school excursion to Brisbane.

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Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Mayor Greg McLean

09210813 Resolution: That Council approves an amount of \$866.53 be paid to the Mossman State School to assist Natayah Bowen to participate in the school excursion to Brisbane.

CARRIED

9.4 – Letter from Australian Competition and Consumer Commission advising of the Federal Court order against a company Titan Marketing Pty Ltd conducting door to door sales of first aid kits and water filters

Item 10 – GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Independent Living Houses

The Chief Executive Officer to liaise with the Department of Housing to ensure a letter is written to all tenants of these houses advising them that the houses were provided on special circumstances. There should be no other family members living with them and children should only be there for short periods of time only.

10.2 Rudie Doyle

Rudie Doyle has written to Council seeking sponsorship as she is participating in a Dancing with the Stars competition in Townsville which is raising money for cancer research.

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Mayor Greg McLean

10210813 Resolution: That Council approves an amount of \$250 be paid as a donation to Rudie Doyle that will go to Ronald McDonald House for cancer research.

CARRIED



10.3 Football Carnival in Gordonvale

The football team participating in this carnival in September 2013 is seeking support from Council to assist with accommodation for players.

Cr Bowen will assist the group in obtaining prices for accommodation.

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Mayor Greg McLean

11210813 Resolution: That Council agrees to assist the Thurrbiil football team to participate in the carnival in Gordonvale in September. The Chief Executive Officer is given endorsement to assess the costs for accommodation and approve as necessary.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.15 pm

Meeting reconvened at 12.50 pm

12.50pm Meeting went into closed session to discuss staff employment matters

1.00pm Meeting reconvened

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

12210813 Resolution: That Council agrees to engage Jesse Pardon at the Aged Care to assist with the transition leading up to Nathan Williamson departing. The CEO is to identify wage rate and discuss with Jesse. Position will then be advertised closer to Nathan's departure.

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

13210813 Resolution: That Council authorises the Mayor to look at existing contracts for the CEO and Finance Director and renegotiate where necessary to ensure appropriate transition leading up to next Council elections.

CARRIED

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Item 7 – VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS



Cheryl Cannon and Rex Cannon entered meeting at 1.05 pm

Rex is currently the Waste Coordinator in Mossman for Cairns Regional Council and is interested in developing a proposal with Council for the future of the waste management facility at Hope Vale.

Ideas of what could be done including the possibility of recycling were discussed.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council was in the process of having a landfill engineer inspect the current facility to provide a report on the life expectancy of the site and ways to improve dumping practices. Once this has been assessed, Council will be in a position to be able to decide on the options of moving forward.

Cheryl Cannon and Rex Cannon left meeting at 1.40 pm

Rachelle Mclvor entered meeting at 1.45 pm

Rachelle provided Council with an update on the project she is working on undertaking an internal analysis on welfare reform in Hope Vale.

Cr Chris Woibo entered meeting at 2.05 pm

Cr Chris Woibo left meeting at 3.05 pm

Rachelle will be collecting more data from Hope Vale over the coming weeks and provide a final report to Council by the next Council meeting in September.

Rachelle Mclvor left meeting at 3.15 pm

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**