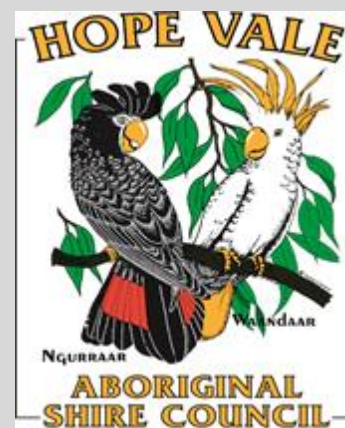


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday 21 September 2016

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.50 am

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Members Present: Cr. Greg McLean (Mayor)
Cr. June Pearson (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Barry Bowen
Cr Bruce Gibson
Cr Selina Bowen

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Steve Linnane

Apologies: Nil

3 OBLIGATIONS OF COUNCILLORS

3.1 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST ON ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to Section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009, no declarations of material personal interest were made during this meeting.

3.2 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS

Councillor B Gibson declared a conflict of interest (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) in that part of item 6.6 relating to the maintenance of a Council owned dwelling in Theile Street, Hope Vale due to his proposed residency agreement. Cr B Gibson left the meeting room for the discussion and the decision on this matter.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST, 2016

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

01210916 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 17 August, 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST, 2016

Recognition of Elders

Cr Selina Bowen gave an update on the preparation of Certificates for various elders in recognition of their contribution to the community as people who were involved in the opening up of Hope Vale.

2015/16 Financial Statements

It was agreed that a press release be prepared in relation to the achievement of the audited financial statements.

6 REPORTS

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on a various issues since the last meeting, including:

- Undertaking inspections with the CEO of the road system within Lakefield National Park, Wakooka, and Bathurst Bay.
- Staff issues
- His intention to raise with Minister Mick de Brenni the issue of delays in State Government approvals for the current 6 houses that should be under construction now. These houses are part of 13 new houses to be delivered by June 2017.
- The training he attended with the CEO on Councillor's conduct, roles and responsibilities

6.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

6.2.1. MEETINGS ATTENDED

The CEO advised of meetings that he had attended since the last Council meeting. It was agreed that the CEO should arrange for Councillor's training on conduct, roles and responsibilities.

6.2.2. DESTINATIONQ – GROWING QUEENSLAND JOBS

The Mayor has been extended an invitation from Tourism and Events, Queensland to attend the Annual DestinationQ forum to be held in Mackay on Tuesday 25 October 2016. The forum is Queensland's leading tourism industry forum, bringing industry and government together to find ways to grow tourism and create jobs.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

02210916 Resolution: That the Mayor, Councillor Selina Bowen and Councillor Barry Bowen be authorised to attend the DestinationQ forum to be held in Mackay on Tuesday 25 October 2016.

CARRIED

6.2.3 LEASE OF LAND – APUNIPIMA CAPE YORK HEALTH COUNCIL

Apunipima Cape York Health Council have expressed an interest in leasing the following Building/Land in Hope Vale to provide for its current Primary Health Care services in Hope Vale and to access available land for a new Centre:-

- 1) Land and Sea Building (next to the Police Station)
- 2) A parcel of land to build a new Health Care Centre and Staff Accommodation.

They envisage that the Land and Sea Building will be leased until the completion of its new Health Care Centre and Staff Accommodation which is anticipated to be completed in late 2017, early 2018. The Health Council is requesting a lease term of ten years (10) plus an option for a further ten years (10) for the proposed site for the Health Centre.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

03210916 Resolution: That Council

- a) Authorise the CEO to enter into negotiations with the Apunipima Cape York Health Council for a short term lease of the Land and Sea Building and a long term lease (ten years plus an option for a further ten years) of the Women's Shelter site, and
- b) Resolves that an exception, pursuant to Section 236 (2), applies to this proposed lease as it is in the public interest for this lease to be granted rather than proceeding with a public tender/auction process.

CARRIED

6.2.4 WOORABINDA SHIRE COUNCIL

On Wednesday 14 September the Mayor and CEO met with Mayor Shane Wilkie from Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council. Mayor Wilkie was undertaking inspections of a number of Aboriginal and TS Councils with a view to formulating economic development opportunities for his community. He advised that he was impressed with the role this Council had taken in acting as a catalyst for job creation within the Hope Vale community. During discussions, it was agreed that there should be some recognition of the close relationship between Woorabinda and Hope Vale. Accordingly it was proposed that a "Back to Woorabinda" event be investigated to occur in July 2017.

Moved by Cr Selina Bowen**Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson**

04210916 Resolution: That Council support, in principle, a "Back to Woorabinda" event and the CEO arrange for a further report on the proposal.

CARRIED**6.2.5. MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNMENT CHAMPION VISIT**

Council was advised that the Minister's trip to Hope Vale on 29 and 30 September 2016 has been confirmed and that attendees will be - Minister Mick de Brenni, Matt Lawrence, Chief of Staff, Liza Carroll, Director-General, Neil Willmet, Executive Director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy Unit, Noeleen Selke, A/Regional Director, Far North Qld, and Renae Todd, A/Manager Remote Area Housing Service Centre. An itinerary will be circulated to Councillors, once finalized.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson**Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen**

05210916 Resolution: That Council receive and note the advice.

CARRIED**6.2.6. HOPE VALE CONGRESS ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEETING**

Renae Todd, A/Regional Director, Far North Qld Region, Housing and Homelessness Services, Department of Housing and Public Works is presently trying to coordinate a meeting between all Congress Directors and Council. Ms. Todd is currently trying to organize this meeting in Mossman on the 26 or 27 September 2016.

The Mayor provided a further verbal report on this issue updating Council on this issue.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson**Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen**

06210916 Resolution: That Council receive and note the advice from the CEO and Mayor.

CARRIED

6.2.7. DISASTER MANAGEMENT TRAINING

The Queensland Fire and Emergency Services will be conducting training at the Council Chambers on Wednesday 28 September 2016 from 9.30am until 12.30pm. The training is for new Councillors and staff that form part of the disaster management arrangements. The presentation will cover the Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements as well as providing an induction to the Local Disaster Management Group.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen**Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson**

07210916 Resolution: That Council receive and note the advice.

CARRIED**6.2.8. LEASE ARRANGEMENT – SHOP 2 RETAIL PRECINCT**

On 13 September 2016, the lessee, Mr. Matthew Hanson advised that he would be relinquishing his tenure arrangement for Shop 2 as at Friday 23 September 2016. Mr. Hanson has been requested to formally advise Council in writing of his intentions. The Mayor and CEO are making preliminary enquiries in relation other entities taking over the tenure arrangements

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen**Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson**

08210916 Resolution: That the CEO call for expressions of interest for a lease of the butchers shop.

CARRIED**6.2.9 VACANCY - DIRECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES**

The previous Director Social Services Ms. Roxanne Hart resigned as at 25 August 2016. In view of the current high administrative and management workload in the Social Services Department, Mr. Mark Trichet has been appointed for a 3 month period from Monday 19 September. This will ensure the ongoing operations of the Social Services Department, whilst Council undertakes the formal process to permanently fill this role.

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson**Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen**

09210916 Resolution: That Council receive and note the advice.

CARRIED

**At 10.30am the Mayor adjourned the meeting.
The Mayor reopened the meeting at 10.45am.**

6.2.10. QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY VISIT

On 28 September 2016, the CEO of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, Mr. Brendan Moon will meet the Mayor, Councils Operations Manager and the CEO to discuss QRA issues.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

10210916 Resolution: That Council receive and note the advice.

CARRIED

6.2.11. GEORGE BOWEN MEMORIAL KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergarten is currently under the legal control of George Bowen Memorial Kindergarten Association. The kindergarten is currently being operated by the Director of Council's Child Care Centre – Nola's Place. The George Bowen Memorial Kindergarten Association is currently being wound up by its remaining Board Member Mr Ross Higgins. It has been proposed that the current operational arrangement be formalized and Council operate the Kindergarten upon the winding up of the George Bowen Memorial Kindergarten Association.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

11210916 Resolution: That Council authorise the CEO to make the necessary arrangements for Council to continue operations of the George Bowen Memorial Kindergarten upon the winding up of the George Bowen Memorial Kindergarten Association.

CARRIED

6.2.12 Assistant Minister for Local Government Visit

Jennifer Howard MP, Assistant Minister for Local Government will be visiting Hope Vale on Friday 7 October 2016 to meet with Council to discuss matters of interest. These matters may include topics such as rating in Indigenous Councils, master planning for the town centre, and broader issues facing the Council.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

12210916 Resolution: That Council receive and note the advice.

CARRIED

6.2.13 ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAYOR'S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

13210916 Resolution: That Council receive and note the reports from the Mayor and CEO.

CARRIED

6.3 Finance Director's Report

The report was discussed and noted.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

14210916 Resolution: That the Finance Director Report for the period to 10 August 2016 be accepted and approved.

CARRIED

6.4 Human Resource Manager's Report

The report was discussed and noted.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Barry Bowen

15210916 Resolution: That the Human Resources Report be accepted and approved.

CARRIED

6.5 Social Services Director's Report

No report was submitted to this meeting

6.6 Operations Manager's Report

The report was discussed and noted.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Selena Bowen

- 16210916 Resolution: That Council
- a) Accept and approve the Operation Manager's Report
 - b) Approve maintenance works to the Council owned residence in Theile Street, Hope Vale
 - c) Provide notices to applicable block holders that they are required to leave their rubbish bins on the road reserve as Council is unable to legally access Hope Vale Congress controlled land.

CARRIED

7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Letter from St John's Lutheran Church dated 15 August 2016 requesting financial assistance with the reprinting of "Gangarru"- a book that records the history of Hope Vale.

Moved by Cr Selina Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

17210916 Resolution: That Council approve a contribution of \$4000 towards the printing costs of the book.

CARRIED

8.2 Letter from St John's Lutheran Church dated 22 August 2016 requesting confirmation that Council would provide an annual donation of \$40,000.

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

18210916 Resolution: That St Johns Lutheran Church be advised that

- a) Council will consider individual requests for contributions towards properly supported events/initiatives for the Hope Vale community.
- b) This process will provide good transparency for subsequent audit purposes of Council's contributions

CARRIED

8.3 Correspondence from St John's Lutheran Church dated 15 August 2016 requesting the waiving of 2016/17 Utility Charges for the Hope Vale Church in an amount of \$1672.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

19210916 Resolution: That St Johns Lutheran Church be advised that Council is not agreeable to waiving the charge as the Council understands that Church is now used on an irregular basis by an external entity.

CARRIED

8.4 Correspondence from Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning Jackie Trad MP dated 14 September 2016 advising that Mr Brendan Moon has been appointed as State Recovery Policy and Planning Coordinator.

Moved by Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

20210916 Resolution: That Council receive and note the advice.

CARRIED

8.5 Letter from the Executive Director, Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulations requesting Council's comments in relation to an application by David Spanagel for a permit to use alcoholic sacramental wine for religious services.

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

21210916 Resolution: That Council raise no objection to the proposal.

CARRIED

8.6 From the Local Government Association of Queensland advising of the 2016 LGAQ Media and Communication Forum is to be held at the LGAQ Conference at the Gold Coast.

Moved by Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

23210916 Resolution: That Council receive and note the advice.

CARRIED

8.7 From Mark Jamieson, Mayor of Sunshine Coast Council, dated 12 September 2016, requesting Council support for his nomination as President of the Local Government Association of Queensland.

The request was noted

8.8 From the Queensland Audit Office date 9 August 2016 advising Council that it had issued an unmodified audit opinion on Council's financial statements and further advising Council of a summary of issues that had been reported to management

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

24210916 Resolution: That Council receive and note the advice.

CARRIED

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Cape York Partnership

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

25210916 Resolution: That Council sponsor a number of up and coming Secondary School leaders, as advised by OHub, to attend the NAIDOC dinner to be held on Friday 23 September 2016, to a maximum value of \$500..

CARRIED

9.2 Monthly Markets

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

26210916 Resolution: That Council support Cr Bruce Gibson's intention to arrange monthly markets on that land beside the radio station.

CARRIED

9.3 Donation

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

27210916 Resolution: That Council authorise the installation of air conditioning to 2 rooms at premises located at 16 Flierl Street Hope Vale due to the special needs of the occupants.

CARRIED

9.4 Fire Breaks

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

28210916 Resolution: That the Operations Manager discuss the issue of fire breaks around houses and assets of blockholders with Councils Grader Contractor.

CARRIED

10 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 October 2016

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

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer