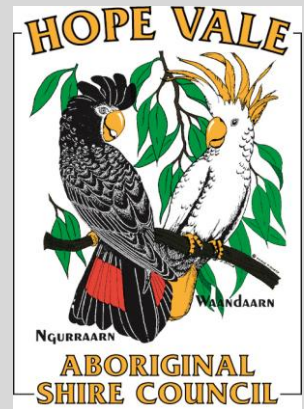


# Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday, 22 April 2015

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

## OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

## MEETING OPENED

Meeting declared open at 9.45 am

## APOLOGIES

Cr Chris Woibo – Son in Hospital in Cairns

**Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

01220415 Resolution: That Council accepts the apologies of Cr Chris Woibo

**CARRIED**

**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 March, 2015**

**Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

02220415 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 25 March 2015 be accepted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

### **Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 25 March, 2015.**

#### **ILF Meeting Palm Island**

The Indigenous Leaders Forum at Palm Island has now been put back one week from 26 May to 28 May so there is no need to change the May Council meeting date.

### **Item 4: REPORTS**

#### **1. Mayor**

- Met with Hon Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade to discuss roads, NDRRA, Local Government issues and the Banana Farm
- Attended a meeting in Mareeba in relation to Panama TR4 and met with Bob Katter MP, Robbie Katter MP and Shane Knuth MP
- Met with Hon Leeanne Enoch MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works & Minister for Science and Innovation at a housing workshop in Cooktown and had the opportunity to discuss issues specific to Hope Vale. She indicated that she would like to visit Hope Vale as soon as possible.
- Attended meeting at Hope Vale Foundation to discuss opportunities for a cattle industry in Hope Vale and surrounding areas.
- Attended Technical Working Group meeting in Hope Vale

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

##### **Asset Management Plans**

Council's Summary Asset and Services Management Plan has been finalised together with individual Asset and Services Management Plans and these are presented to Council for review and adoption.

**Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

03220415 Resolution: That the following Asset and Services Management Plans be approved and adopted:

- . Summary Asset and Services Management Plan
- . An Overview
- . Transport and Drainage
- . Buildings and Facilities
- . Parks and Recreation

- . Sewerage
- . Water Supply
- . Waste (Landfill)
- . Plant and Equipment
- . Corporate IT and Communications

**CARRIED**

**Deputy Mayor June Pearson entered meeting at 10.25am**

**Community Survey Project**

This project has commenced with support of DATSIP in undertaking a survey of the township to provide registered plan numbers. This has been commenced with a desk top audit initially which has identified a number of discrepancies with road reserves.

There are also some realignment issues to be looked at in Reuther Street at the intersection of Flierl to address the dangerous corner and Palm Street to continue to Theile Street.

Council also discussed possible additional sites for social housing that could be included in the survey.

**St John's Lutheran Church – Utility Charges**

**Deputy Mayor June Pearson declared an interest in this matter.**

A request has been received from the Church seeking a concession on the utility charges sent to the Church for 2014/2015.

Charges have been raised for the Church and Hall, the Pastor Residence and the Church Coffee Shop.

**Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

04220415 Resolution: That Council agrees to waive the utility charges amounting to \$1633.00 for the Church and Hall for 2014/2015. Other charges for the residence and coffee shop are to remain.

**CARRIED**

### Acceptance of Mayor and Chief Executive Officer Reports

**Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

05220415 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 16 April 2015 was tabled and discussed by Council.

Mayor McLean raised a concern that the issue of Do and Charge Revenue and Processes is highlighted each month and this could be causing issues with our cash flow.

**Action Required:** The Chief Executive Officer to meet with the Operations Manager and the Do and Charge Coordinator to identify what the problems may be and put in place actions to bring the situation up to date in 2 weeks.

**Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

06220415 Resolution: That the financial report for the period to 16 April 2015 incorporating the financial statements, be approved and accepted.

**CARRIED**

### 4. Social Services Report

Report noted.

**Moved by Cr June Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

07220415 Resolution: That the Social Services Director's Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## 5. Operations Manager Report

Report noted

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

08220415 Resolution: That the Operations Manager's Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

**Principal, Finn Buckley and School Leaders for 2015 entered meeting at 12.05 pm**

Mayor Greg McLean asked the school leaders to introduce themselves and advise what their role was. He also advised them of an up-coming project that he wanted the school to be involved in.

**Mr Buckley and the students left the meeting at 12.25 pm**

## Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

## Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

## Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor June Pearson asked that continued effort be made in maintaining the grounds at the cemetery. Works required include regular mowing, weed control and fence repairs.

Deputy Mayor asked that minutes and recommendations from meetings such as the Community Safety meeting and the Interagency meeting be included in the meeting documentation provided to councillors for information purposes.

**Members of Thurrbiil Justice Group entered meeting at 1.10pm**

Matters discussed:

- Introduction of current members of the Justice Group to Council
- There is an issue with funds allocated from Department of Justice and Attorney General for the current financial year and therefore payment of rent will be a problem. This matter should be sorted out by 1 July 2015.
- The area around the building is very dark at night and seems to be a spot where youth congregate and hence there is on-going damage to the building. Needs lighting around the building and possibly cameras.

**Cr Dwayne Bowen left meeting at 1.35pm**

- There was discussion on By-Laws and advice provided by Council that By-laws have been superseded by Local Laws. The introduction of any new Local Laws must not contradict or conflict with any state laws.
- Members raised concerns about loud music in the township and are recommending notices be circulated around on this matter. The Police and Department of Housing need to have some input into this situation and possibly the FRC should be involved.

**Members of Thurrbiil Justice Group left meeting at 2.10pm**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.10 pm.

.....

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

.....

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