



HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Council Meeting Room, Hope Vale
Wednesday 22 January, 2014

MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Ross Higgins

MEETING OPENED

Meeting declared open at 9.45 am

The Mayor asked for a minutes silence for the people who had recently passed away

APOLOGIES

nil

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 16 December, 2013

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

01220114 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday 16 December 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED



Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Monday 16 December 2013.

Year 12 Graduation Bursaries

Advice was provided that the following students had graduated from Year 12 and were not included in financial assistance as per item 8.2.

Stanton Jackson, Kye Bowen, Josh Bowyer & Shaun Bowen

Chief Executive Officer asked to organise payments

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

Discussions with Bob Katter MP in relation to Land and Housing issues and how they might affect Hope Vale

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Corporate Plan and Economic Strategic Plan

A report from Working Visions was presented to Council detailing the outcomes from the workshop sessions and further progression with the project.

The project is moving along satisfactorily with the proposed new vision, mission statement and corporate objectives noted.

Operational Plan 2013/2014 Review

A review of the Operational Plan was undertaken on 16 January 2014 and the results were tabled.

Generally, Council operations are tracking in accordance with the plan. There are a few areas that need addressing due to a vacancy in a senior management position.

Hope Vale Congress Corporation

An approach has been made by representatives from the Hope Vale Congress Corporation to locate a donga beside the existing donga they occupy on a temporary basis.

Council has no objection to this proposal

Blackbird International

Michael Smith from Blackbird International is proposing to undertake a project identifying and mapping pearling lugger ship wrecks off the coast of Cape Melville and is seeking a letter of support from Council to be included with his application.



A large part of the project revolves around the 1899 disaster and some of his findings have identified the large involvement of Aboriginal people in this industry.

Council is happy to provide a letter of support to be signed by the Mayor.

Shannon Gibbs (Finance Director) – Employment Contract

The contract for Shannon expires in June 2014 and she has asked for it to be renewed in accordance with the terms of the contract.

10.25 am – Meeting went into closed session

10.35 am – Meeting reconvened from closed session

Action: Council agrees to a new contract and Chief Executive Officer given authority to negotiate new contract terms.

Hope Vale Planning Scheme

There are some issues with new mapping that has been produced that effects our planning scheme. There will be on-going discussion with DSDIP on this matter.

Island and Cape

Island and Cape has asked Council for approval to reassign its lease over the supermarket to a new organisation called Island and Cape Retail Enterprises Ltd.

Council requires more discussion on this matter and appropriate legal advice before a final decision can be made.

Council needs to meet with the new organisation to discuss any concerns it might have. Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to follow this matter up with Island and Cape.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

02220114 Resolution: That the reports from the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be accepted.

CARRIED

3. Finance Director's Report

Report tabled and discussed by Council.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

03220114 Resolution: That the financial report incorporating the financial statements be approved and accepted.

CARRIED



4. Building Construction Report

Proposed New Construction

Draft designs were presented for 2/3/4 bedroom houses. Prices are currently being put together to enable further negotiation with Building Asset Services in an endeavour to receive approvals to proceed.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

04220114 Resolution: That the Building Construction Manager's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

11.20 am – Cr June Pearson left the meeting

Item 5: Held over until visitors arrived

Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 – Letter from Glen Elmes MP Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs in response to Council's letter concerning a review of land tenure in the Hope Vale Local Government Area.

Noted

7.2 – Email from Ian Ludwick advising of a project he is undertaking at Hope Vale to shoot a short film

Noted. Council wishes him well with the project

7.3 – Letter from Jaccan Hart making a complaint about the use of a Council vehicle.

Noted: The Chief Executive Officer to respond to Jaccan on this matter

7.4 – Letter from Gordon Charlie seeking a meeting in relation to the Supreme Court Action

Noted: Chief Executive Officer to write to Mr. Charlie to advise that Council has no control over the land in question and should not be a party to any meetings on the matter



Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 – The Mayor raised the issue of Bonnie (Yvonne) Walker after being in hospital for a considerable time now having to move to alternative accommodation whilst still undergoing treatment.

It was agreed that Council would provide some financial assistance to her.

8.2 – Cr Dwayne Bowen advised that he was purchasing a mower and might look at contracting some work when he is Hope Vale.

Advice was provided that once he sets up business and obtains an ABN, he will need to amend his Register of Interest.

Item 5 – VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

11.30 am James Ross, David Clarke and other representatives from Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning entered meeting

James gave an overview of the proposed Cape York Regional Plan and how it might have an effect on Hope Vale and the Hope Vale Planning Scheme

12.05 pm – Cr June Pearson entered meeting

Matters of interest for Council were identification of agricultural land, the new mapping that could have some impact on Council's Planning Scheme and the Priority Living Areas.

Submissions can be made on the proposed Cape York Regional Plan up until 25 March 2014.

1.10 pm James Ross, David Clarke and other representatives from Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning left meeting

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