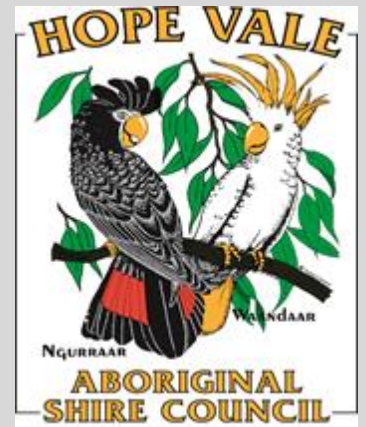


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday 22 March 2017

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.07 am

The Council then observed a minute silence in recognition of those members of the region that have recently passed away or suffered illness or injury

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

Apologies: Nil

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Steve Linnane

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

Pursuant to Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, Cr Bruce Gibson and Cr Selina Bowen declared a perceived conflict of interest in Item 6.2.9 due to their association with the Church.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 February, 2017

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 15 February, 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 February, 2017

Nil

6 REPORTS

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report, outlining various matters dealt with, and meetings attended since the last meeting. Meetings included

- Queensland Cabinet in conjunction with other Mayors of Queensland Indigenous Councils
- Mayor Ross Andrews from Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
- Gerhardt Pearson and Ritchie Ahmat in relation to social housing and Bama Services
- Derrick Perkins in relation to legal issues

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.

6.2.2. Memorandum of Understanding for Regional Collaboration on Disaster Management

The CEOs of Cook Shire Council, Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council and Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council have proposed to enter into a MOU to strengthen collaboration between the three Councils in the area of disaster management.

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson**Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen****Resolution:****That Council support the proposal to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for Regional Collaboration on Disaster Management with Cook Shire Council and Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council****CARRIED****6.2.3: Internal Audit Plan**

Council's Audit Committee is meeting in Cairns on 31 March 2017. Council's Finance Director has been liaising with Council's Internal Auditors, Altius to complete the Internal Audit Plan for the year ending 30 June 2017.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson**Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen****Resolution****That Council note and endorse the Internal Audit Plan for the year ending 30 June 2017.****CARRIED****6.2.4 Housing Upgrades – Block Holder Leases**

Following on from Item 6.1 of the Council Meeting held on 15 February 2017 in relation to Council's concerns and disappointment of the State Governments proposal to reallocate housing works within the Shire from the Council to an alternate principal contractor, without consultation, correspondence has been received from the Director General of the Department of Housing and Public Works that the second stage (16) of upgrades to block holder properties have been put on hold.

The Mayor, Finance Director, and the CEO had a telephone discussion with Director General, on 9 March 2017, wherein the Director General advised that she would provide Council with a further letter confirming her Department's commitment for Council being principal contractor on all Departmental housing works, subject to the clarification of the remaining (16) upgrades to block holder properties.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution

That Council notes the Department's verbal commitment for Council being principal contractor on all Departmental housing works within the Shire, subject to the clarification of the remaining (16) Upgrades to block holder properties.

CARRIED

6.2.5 Request for Lease – Cape York Land Council

Council has received a request from the Cape York Land Council to lease the currently vacant offices beside the butcher's shop at the Everlina Plaza.

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That the CEO be authorized to negotiate a lease with the Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation for an office at the Everlina Plaza.

CARRIED

6.2.6 Proposed Lease – Mechanical Workshop

Council has advertised for Expressions of Interest from individuals or entities for the lease and operation of the Council mechanical workshop located in Pine Tree Road, Hope Vale. The closing time for the Expressions of Interest is 12 Noon Friday 31 March 2017.

It was agreed that Council receive and note the advice

6.2.7 Aged Care Audit

It was agreed that the CEO express Council's congratulation to the Aged Care staff for passing its recent operational Audit

6.2.8 Government Champion and Ministerial Champion Visits

It was agreed that Council note the proposed visit to Hope Vale by Liza Carroll, Government Champion on 12 April 2017 and Minister de Brenni and Liza Carroll overnight on 16-17 May 2017.

6.2.9 St Johns Lutheran Church

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution

That the Church be requested to develop and submit to Council a 3 year business plan, incorporating a one off \$50,000 contribution from Council. Such business plan should -

- a) Ensure that the Church is financially sustainable at the end of the 3 year period, without any ongoing financial assistance from Council,**
- b) Provide details of the Church's contribution to the Hope Vale community, and**
- c) Incorporate the reporting arrangements back to Council on the implementation of the business plan.**

Council would expect that business plan would include the following

- a) The Church operating its kiosk, and**
- b) Community involvement in the operations of the second hand store.**

CARRIED

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

It was agreed that Council receive and note the reports from the Mayor and CEO dated 20 March 2017.

At this stage the Meeting dealt with Item 7 – Visitors and Presentations

6.3 Finance Director's Report

The report dated 17 March 2017 was discussed and was considered.

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That the Finance Director's Report for the period to 8 February 2017 be accepted and endorsed,

CARRIED

6.4 Human Resource Manager's Report

The report dated 20 March 2017 was considered.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

**Resolution
That Council**

- a) **accept and approve the Human Resource Manager’s Report dated 20 March 2017, and**
- b) **approve an amendment to Council’s Drug and Alcohol Policy that adds the following words to Clause 9.1 - “and make the necessary transport arrangements to ensure that the employee gets home safely.”**

CARRIED

6.5 Social Services Director’s Report

The report dated 10 March 2017 was considered.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

**Resolution
That Council**

- a) **accept and approve the Social Services Director’s Report dated 10 March 2017**
- b) **approves the proposed itinerary for the “Return to Woorabinda Trip” and allocate a budget of \$50,000 for the event**
- c) **endorse a grant application for the development of a Sports and Recreation Plan for Hope Vale**

CARRIED

6.6 Operations Manager’s Report

The report dated 9 February 2017 was discussed and noted.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution

That Council

- a) **accept and approve the Operation Manager's Report 9 February 2017, and**
- b) **endorse of the proposed yields and positions for the final package of 9 social houses**

CARRIED

7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Training and Development

At 11.30am, Mr Noel Gertz, Business Development Manager of Civil Safety was admitted to the meeting for discussions on training and development.

It was agreed that the Mayor undertake an inspection of a proposed training site in Mareeba with Mr Gertz.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Letter from the Crime and Corruption Commission dated 10 February 2017 proposing a visit to Hope Vale to engage with Council about the role of the Commission.

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted and a visit be organised

8.2. Letter from Hope Vale Thurrpiil Community Justice Group dated 1 March 2017 requesting an extension to its existing tenancy agreement until 30 June 2018

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted and the tenancy agreement extension be agreed to.

8.3 Request from Amanda Fyfe dated 15 March 2017 for a donation for Patrick Wallace to assist with his tour of the UK in September 2017 by the Schoolboys Rugby Union

It was agreed that the CEO would advise Amanda Fyfe that

- a) Council does not provide financial assistance to individuals for sporting and educational sponsorship, since payments to Council from Cape Flattery royalties were ceased in 2012, after the transfer of the DOGIT to the Hope Vale Congress in 2011
- b) She should approach Hope Vale Congress for sponsorship,

8.4 Email from Local Government Managers Australia that the Queensland Local Government CEO Forum is to be held in Brisbane on 6 April 2017.

It was agreed that the CEO be authorized to attend the Forum

8.5 Letter from Director General, Department of Housing and Public Works dated 24 February 2017 in relation to Councils concerns with the Department regarding the future housing construction and maintenance program.

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted.

8.6 Letter from General Manager, Service Delivery, Housing and Homelessness Services received on 7 March 2017 advising that the Department had placed the second stage of blockholder upgrades on hold pending resolution of concerns

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted.

8.7 Letter from Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and Investment dated 9 February 2017 advising of the availability of a Fund to assist local governments explore opportunities to implement planning improvements and innovation.

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted.

8.8 Letter from the Australian Local Government Association dated 17 February 2017, calling for motions to the 2017 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra in June 2017

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted.

8.9 Letter from Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure dated 20 February 2017 advising of approval of Council projects to the value of \$1,400,000 as part of 2016/17 W4Q Program.

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted.

8.10 Letter from Manager, Region 3, Apunipima dated 20 February 2017 seeking a meeting with Councillors to discuss Apunipima current status in health service delivery and further progress of Apunipima service in Hope Vale.

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with Councillors and senior representatives of Apunipima, and Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service to clarify for Council the different roles and responsibilities of each Service in the provision health services in Hope Vale

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Certification of Aboriginality

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution

That the CEO be authorised to provide Certificates of Aboriginality for Sidney Jayne Mclvor and Callum Bruce Mclvor.

CARRIED

10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

11 NEXT MEETING

The next General Meeting is proposed to be held on Wednesday 19 April 2017 commencing at 9am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.12pm

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer