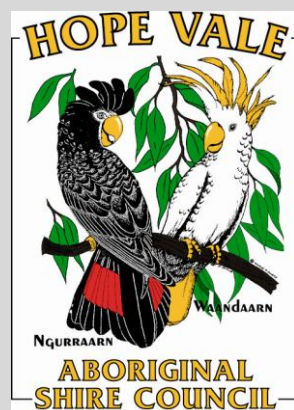


# Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday, 23 July 2014

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

## 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 9.35 am

## 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 11 June, 2014**

**Moved by Cr Chris Woibo**

**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

01230714 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 11 June 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 11 June, 2014.**

Nil

**Item 4: REPORTS**

**1. Mayor**

**Meetings Attended**

Grant Thornton, Cairns current Council auditors to discuss how 2013/2014 audit was progressing.

Margaret Dewhurst from BDO in Cairns who has been appointed as Council auditor for year 2014/2015 and beyond to discuss a plan for audit visits..

Peter Geard, General Manager of Cairns Hardware in relation to possible opportunities for employees of HVASC, improvement of relationship between his organisation and Council and how we might be able to work together in the future.

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

**Budget 2014/2015**

The budget documents have been available for councillors since the June meeting. No amendments have been suggested.

**Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

02230714 Resolution: That Council adopts the 2014/2015 budget incorporating the 2014/2015 Revenue Policy, 2014/2015 Revenue Statement and 2014/2015 Fees and Charges Schedule

**CARRIED**

**Deputy Mayor June Pearson entered meeting at 10.00am**

**Councillor Chris Woibo left meeting at 10.05am**

### **Department of Housing & Public Works**

Following the meeting with the Deputy Director General of Housing, there was an agreement that regular monthly meetings be held between the Department and Council on tenancy management issues in Hope Vale.

Deputy Mayor June Pearson was nominated as the Council representative to attend these meetings.

### **Department of Housing & Public Works**

The Department is currently reviewing prices submitted by Council's Building Department for new construction of social houses. Proposed locations are 4 houses in Link Road, 2 in Thuppi Street, 2 in North Street and 1 at 64 Kernich Street.

**Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson**

**Seconded by Cr June Pearson**

03230714 Resolution: That the next allocation of social houses for Hope Vale be constructed as follows: 4 houses for Link Road, 2 Houses for Thuppi Street, 2 Houses for North Street and 1 house at 64 Kernich Street

**CARRIED**

### **Hope Vale Planning Scheme**

The Planning Scheme has now been approved by the Minister for State Development. Further action is required to finalise the process.

**Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen**

**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

04230714 Resolution:

- a) Council approves the Hope Vale Planning Scheme to be adopted in accordance with the Sustainable Planning Act (2009)
- b) Council resolves that the Hope Vale Planning Scheme be gazetted to come into effect on 1 September 2014

**CARRIED**

### **Everlina Plaza**

A number of expressions of interest have been received for the 2 vacant shops at Everlina Plaza. These included:

- Café / coffee shop – 5 x E of I received
- Bait, tackle, camping, hardware
- Second hand shop – furniture / white goods
- Clothing and bric-a-brac
- Music Shop
- Grocery Store

To provide for a wider group of customers, Council believes that the bait/tackle, camping shop and a clothing shop would be best suited. There are already a number of cafes in Hope Vale and the new bakery being established by Island and Cape therefore there should not be an oversupply of these types of facilities.

### **Local Law – Excessive Noise**

The issue of excessive noise at some houses has been raised at the recent Community Safety Meeting.

There is an opportunity to develop a local law under the most recent amendments to the Local Government Act.

**Action Required:** Chief Executive Officer to have discussions with the Queensland Police and the Department of Housing on this matter and review requirements to commence development of the appropriate local law.

### **Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY)**

This program is being rolled out across Australia and an information session was recently held in Cooktown. It has been suggested that the program be based in Cooktown with Hope Vale being one of a number of satellite areas. However, there is a possibility that Hope Vale could provide an expression of interest to run the program.

**Action Required:** Chief Executive Officer to make further enquiries about the program and ascertain if a separate program can be run direct from Hope Vale.

**Cr Chris Woibo entered meeting at 11.15am**

## Acceptance of Reports

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr June Pearson

05230714 Resolution: That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer reports be accepted.

**CARRIED**

Cr Chris Woibo left meeting at 11.25am

### Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Held over until visitors arrive

### Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

### Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 – Letter from Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting advice from Council on the date to be set aside for a show holiday in 2015.

**Action Required:** Chief Executive Officer to write back and advise that Friday 17 July 2015, will be the designated show holiday for Hope Vale.

7.2 – Email from Rhonda Philips, Research Fellow from the University of Queensland seeking approval from Council to undertake some research in best options for managing housing in remote communities. Expected date to be in the week 25 – 29 August.

**Action Required:** Chief Executive Officer to contact Ms Philips to advise that Council has no objection to the project being undertaken.

7.3 – Email from Damian Blunden, PM&C in relation to arranging a workshop with Council and high level staff from Commonwealth and State Government around new Indigenous affairs arrangements.

**Action Required:** Chief Executive Officer to contact Damian to organise the workshop in Hope Vale and discuss possible agenda items.

7.4 – Letter from Hope Vale Arts & Cultural Centre seeking support from Council on improved signage and information to assist possible tourists in locating the Centre.

**Letter noted.** Council also noted that Chief Executive Officer has already discussed issues with Tara.

7.5 – Letter from Rev. David Spanagel of Hope Vale Lutheran Church seeking permission to use the Hope Vale logo on his white stole during church services.

**Letter noted.** No objection from Council

## **Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Hope Vale Supermarket**

Deputy Mayor advised that residents had been approaching her in relation to prices at the Hope Vale Supermarket. It appears that there has been a significant increase in prices over recent periods.

**Action Required:** Chief Executive Officer to write to Island and Cape to raise this issue and get feedback.

### **Women's Retreat**

There is a women's retreat through the church being held in Cairns at the end of August and Council will support the registration fess for ladies attending.

**Meeting closed for lunch at 12 noon**

**Meeting recommenced after lunch at 12.20 pm**

## **VISITORS**

**Representatives from the Telecommunication Industry Ombudsman's (TIO) Office entered meeting at 12.20pm (Philip Money, Aden Ridgeway & Haspreet Kalsi)**

Overview presented of the role of the TIO and how they could assist with any problems relating to the telecommunications industry.

A information brochure and booklet had been developed specifically for indigenous communities to assist in working through the process.

**TIO representatives left meeting at 1.10pm**



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**