



HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Council Meeting Room, Hope Vale
Tuesday 25 February, 2014

MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Cr. Greg McLean (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 9.30 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 22 January, 2014

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

01250214 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 22 January 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED



Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd January 2014.

Nil

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

Attended the following meetings:

- Cape York Institute in relation to forward planning on future housing and other developments
- DATSIMA and Congress in relation to future land sub-division for social housing
- Island and Cape and ALPA representatives regarding the re-assignment of the supermarket lease at Hope Vale.
- Lui Garozzo in relation to future agricultural and horticultural opportunities for Hope Vale

The Mayor also attended the funeral at Cherbourg of the late Cr. Bert Button

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Island and Cape

A meeting with Island and Cape and ALPA representatives and Mayor and Deputy Mayor was attended in relation to the re-assignment of the lease of the supermarket, service station and residence in Flierl Street.

All issues of Council were raised and discussed and there was amicable agreement on these matters.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

02250214 Resolution: That the proposed re-assignment of the lease over the Hope Vale Supermarket, Service Station and Manager's residence from Sydale Pty Ltd to Island & Cape Retail Enterprises Limited be approved.

CARRIED

Alcohol Management Plan

Fran Maddern from DATSIMA has contacted Council to advise that she is available to assist Council in finalising a submission to the Queensland Government on the possible future of alcohol management at Hope Vale.

A meeting with Fran, members of the Justice Group and Council representatives to be organised to further develop this submission.



Corporate Plan and Economic Strategic Plan

The project is proceeding well and the consultant, Tracey Wilson will be spending 3 days in Hope Vale from 11 to 13 March to finalise consultations and also spend a day with councillors and senior staff members.

Deadline for the project is 31 March 2014

Deputy Mayor June Pearson entered meeting at 10.15 am

Acceptable Requests Guidelines Policy

Section 170A of the Local Government Act requires that Council's adopt acceptable requests guidelines that detail the way a councillor may ask a local government employee for advice.

A draft policy is presented for Council review and consideration and further action at the March Council meeting.

Multi Purpose Centre

Council agrees to proceed with the official opening planning for the Multi Purpose Centre.

The Chief Executive Officer is to establish when State and Commonwealth politicians are available so that an exact date can be locked in.

Youth Council

The proposed Terms of Reference for the Youth Council were discussed and Council believes that this is too formal and structured for what is required at this stage.

Council would prefer to see meetings of the Youth Group to incorporate more attendance and input from a broader range of youth with a possible focus on a small number of issues and possible solutions that could be brought to Council for discussion.

Hope Vale Swimming Pool Expression of Interest to Lease

Two submissions were received and being assessed. The Chief Executive Officer is to commence discussions and negotiations with both parties.

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

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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. The Chief Executive Officer is to follow up with the Building Department on any issues relating to Do & Charge, Up-grade program and new construction as this is an important part of Council's operations.

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

04250214

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

CARRIED

4. Social Services Report

Home and Community Care (HACC)

The new method of reporting for HACC services was discussed with Council which can clearly identify how programs are being effective on the ground for HACC clients.

On the basis of this reporting, it is intended to undertake a review of the HACC structure to ensure that the best possible service can be provided. This review also needs to look at how HACC programs can work in closely with the Aged Care facility.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

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Resolution: That the Social Services report be accepted.

CARRIED

5. Building Construction Report

The report is noted

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

06250214

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

CARRIED



Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

NIL

Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

The following policies have been amended to reflect the correct reference to current legislation and are recommended for adoption.

- Investment Policy
- Debt Policy
- Community Grants Policy
- Hospitality and Entertainment Policy
- Advertising Spending Policy
- Reimbursement of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy
- General Complaints Process Policy

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

07250214 Resolution: That the policies as presented be approved and adopted

CARRIED

Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 – Letter from Cooktown P-12 (Leanne Rayner and Jason Price) seeking financial support from Council to assist in covering transport costs in taking dis-engaged school children from the school to alternative facilities at Quarantine Bay.

Council cannot support this request and does not want to support dis-engagement. There should be a focus on keeping children and youth in the class room and not removing them.

Perhaps we could look at the PaCE Coordinator in assisting with the re-engagement back into the class room.

7.2 – Email from Ian Ludwick from Queensland Indigenous Tours advising of a project to build a viewing platform around the Maaramaka tree and is looking for letters of support.

Council believes that support might be better sought from the Hope Vale Congress Corporation.



Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 – Future of Apprentices

The Mayor raised the issue of 3 apprentices.

Wungi Gibson was working with a external sub-contractor in Hope Vale however Council is no longer using that contractor and hence Wungi was put off. He is a good worker and could possible be used in the Council workforce.

Cheston Mclean and Lenny Rosendale are currently working with Hutchinson Builders at the Rehab Centre in Cooktown however there are current issues. Can we identify what the problems are and how could they possibly persue their apprenticeship with Council.

Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and Building Construction Manager to discuss this matter.

8.2 – Financial assistance requests were received from Tanika Deemal-Parker and Stanton Jackson to assist them in persuing further tertiary education.

Tanika is undertaking a Masters in Public Health and Stanton is undertaking a pre-vocational course in automotive.

Cr Dwayne Bowen declared an interest in this matter and left the meeting at 12.35pm

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr June Pearson

08250214 Resolution:

a) That financial assistance be provided as follows:

An amount of \$1750.00 be paid to James Cook University or other appropriate body to support Tanika Deemal-Parker undertake her Masters in Public Health

An amount of \$1233.00 be paid to TAFE Cairns to support Stanton Jackson undertake further education at the TAFE college.

b) Council reviews its budget for 2013/2014 for all types of financial assistance (education, medical and sporting) and no further funding be provided until a report is provided to the next Council meeting

c) The Chief Executive Officer meet with the General Manager of the Hope Vale Congress Corporation to obtain information on any bursary program available from that organisation and what priorities have been identified by them

CARRIED

Cr Dwayne Bowen re-entered the meeting at 12.50pm



8.3 - Medical Assistance

A number of requests for medical assistance have been received and approved in January and February. These include:

- Yvonne Walker
- Chantel Gibson
- Victor Gibson
- Brenda Yoren
- Daisy Hamlot
- Paula Fullager

There is concern raised that residents are depending on Council for some form of financial assistance when they require medical treatment away from Hope Vale. We need to get a message to community members that people should not depend on Council for this assistance and look at alternative opportunities.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

09250214 Resolution:

- a) That the financial assistance already paid to these people for medical purposes be confirmed and approved.
- b) Council reviews its budget for 2013/2014 for medical assistance (as per previous resolution) and no further funding be provided until a report is provided to the next Council meeting. Only in a case of extreme emergency will interim funding be considered.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.05 pm.

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Ross Higgins
Chief Executive Officer