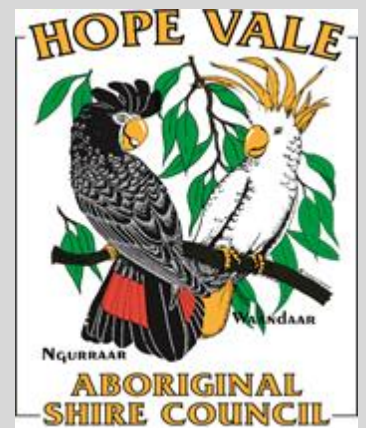


Minutes

General Meeting

Tuesday 29 August 2017

Board Room, Cairns Office



1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.30 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)
Deputy Mayor Cr June Pearson
Cr Barry Bowen
Cr Selina Bowen

Apologies: Cr Bruce Gibson

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Steve Linnane

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council noted that Cr Bruce Gibson was on official Council business, and accordingly granted him leave of absence.

CARRIED

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, no declarations of conflict of interest were made during this meeting.

3.3 REGISTERS OF INTEREST

Councillors reviewed their Registers of Interests and Related Parties Disclosures .

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 JULY, 2017

Moved by Cr Selina Bowen

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 26 July, 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 JULY, 2017

Nil

6 REPORTS

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

6.1.1 Mayor's Report

The Mayor provided a verbal report on activities since the last meeting.

It was agreed that the Mayor's verbal report be received and noted

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.

It was agreed that Council note the meetings attended by the Chief Executive Officer.

6.2.2 Audit Committee Minutes

Council's Audit Committee met in Cairns (and by teleconference) on Thursday 3 August 2017. The Minutes of these meeting were attached to the Chief Executive Officer's report dated 28 August 2017 for Council's noting.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That the Minutes of Council's Audit Committee Meetings held on Thursday 3 August 2017 be received and noted.

CARRIED

6.2.3 Hope Vale Fibre Optic Project.

The Federal Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development has advised that Council's application for funding for the Hope Vale Fibre Optic Project has been unsuccessful.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council receive and note the advice.

CARRIED

6.2.3 LGAQ 121st Annual Conference

The LGAQ 121st Annual Conference is being held in Gladstone from 16 to 18 October 2017. Councillors and the CEO have previously attended this conference given that the Association is Council's representative body.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council authorize attendance at the LGAQ 121st Annual Conference, being held in Gladstone from 16 to 18 October 2017, by interested Councillors and the CEO.

CARRIED

At this stage, Deputy Mayor June Pearson arrived at the Meeting.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to sections 275 (a), (b), and (h) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to consider the following items:

Employment and Industrial Issues

Leasing and Land Dealing Issues

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution

That the meeting be re-opened to the public.

CARRIED

6.2.4 Tenancy Agreement – Shop 1, Everlina Plaza

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council not be agreeable to renew the tenancy arrangement for Shop 1 Everlina Plaza given the tenants non compliance with the recently expired tenancy agreement.

CARRIED

6.2.5 Leasing Offer – Apunipima

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That Apunipima Cape York Health Council be advised that Council has withdrawn its offer for leasing arrangements over the Land And Sea Building and the Old Women’s Shelter property.

CARRIED

6.2.6 Property Dealings

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council authorise

- a) the demolition of the Old Women’s Shelter building located in Theile Street Hope Vale, and
- b) the Chief Executive Officer to call an expression of interest for a tenancy arrangement for the Land and Sea Building located in Theile Street Hope Vale.

CARRIED

6.3 Finance Director’s Report

The Finance Director’s report dated 10 August 2017 was considered by Council

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That

- a) the Finance Director’s report dated 10 August 2017 be received and noted,
- b) the 2016-2017 Financial Statements be adopted by Council, and
- c) Council note the advice from the Queensland Audit Office that the financial reports give a true and fair view of Council’s financial position as at 30 June 2017, and of Council’s financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended in accordance with the prescribed accountancy standards.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution

That Council adopt a 3% increase to all wage based employees, with the wage increase to come into effect in the first pay week of October 2017.

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council adopt the August 2017 financial report.

CARRIED

6.4 Human Resource Manager's Report

The Human Resource Manager's Report dated 17 August 2017 was considered.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That

- a) the Human Resource Manager's Report dated 17 August 2017 be received and noted,**
- b) Council endorse the draft Code of Conduct for Employees to enable consultation to be undertaken, and**
- c) Council approve the period from Friday, 22 December 2017 to Tuesday, 2 January 2018 as the shut down dates for the 2017/18 Christmas/New Year period. Therefore, Council will shut down all non-essential operations from 5pm on Thursday 21 December 2017 and recommence on Wednesday morning, 3 January 2018.**

CARRIED

6.5 Social Services Director's Report

The Social Services Director's Report dated 10 August 2017 was considered.

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That the Social Services Director's Report dated 10 August 2017 be received and noted

CARRIED

6.6 Operations Manager's Report

The Operations Manager's Report dated 10 August 2017 was discussed and noted.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That

a) the Operations Manager's Report dated 10 August 2017 be received and noted, and

b) Council endorse the following projects for Works 4 Queensland funding-

- Pedestrian/Cycle Pathways \$380,000
- Cemetery Carpark and Access \$385,000
- Old PCYC Upgrade \$295,000
- School Drop Off and Car Parking \$300,000

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council endorse, in principle, the Hope Vale Sports Precinct Master Plan so that it can be utilized to secure available funding.

CARRIED

7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 From Pat Field, James Cook University dated 15 August 2017, advising of her intention to undertake research into improving access to cardiac rehabilitation for people who live in remote Far North Queensland.

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

- 8.2 From the Minister for Local Government and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Mark Furner MP, dated 26 July 2017, encouraging participation White Ribbon Australia initiatives.

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

- 8.3 From Minister for Housing and Public Works, Minister for Sports, Mick De Brenni MP, dated 11 August 2017, advising details of the \$125.5 million Get in the Game 2018 -2020 suite of programs.

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

- 8.4 From Apunipima Cape York Health Council and Torres and Cape Hospital Service submitting a Hope Vale Service Matrix and Summary

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That

- a) the Chief Executive Officer be authorized to finalize tenure arrangements with Apunipima for the use of the Wellbeing Centre and the 2 adjacent premises, and**
b) local Hope Vale Apunipima officers and Torres and Cape Hospital Service officers be invited to attend a future Council meeting to discuss a number of operational issues.

CARRIED

- 8.5 From Nikki Prowse submitting the Hope Vale Lutheran Church Future Funding Plan

It was agreed that this issue would be deferred until the next meeting.

- 8.6 From the Department of Immigration and Border Protection dated 7 August 2017 reiterating the legal requirements for presiding officers when conducting Australian Citizenship ceremonies

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

- 8.7 From the Minister for Local Government and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Mark Furner MP, dated 14 August 2017, advising that the 2017-19 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program will be offering \$60 million for projects to be completed over two financial years.

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted.

- 8.8 From Australia Post dated 8 August 2017, responding to a petition in relation to concerns about the Hope Vale Community Postal Agency.

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted.

- 8.9 From the LGAQ dated 25 July 2017, advising of the 121st LGAQ Annual Conference to be held on 16-18 October 2017 at Gladstone.

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted.

- 8.10 From Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning Jackie Trad MP, dated 4 August 2017, advising that she has made minor amendments to the rules for the development assessment process in Queensland.

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted.

- 8.11 From the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development dated 31 July 2017, advising that Council's application for funding for the Hope Vale Fibre Optic Project has been unsuccessful.

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted.

- 8.12 From LGAQ dated 31 July 2017, advising the agreement has been reached with The Australian newspaper in relation to the production of a Queensland Local Government report to be published on Monday 16 October 2017.

It was agreed that the letter be received and noted.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Muni Day

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That Council support a community lunch in conjunction with Muni Day to the value of \$1000.

CARRIED

10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Items 6.2.4, 6.2.5, and 6.2.6 were discussed in closed session.

11 NEXT MEETING

The next General Meeting is proposed to be held on Wednesday 13 September 2017 commencing at 9am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.30am.

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Cr Greg McLean
Mayor

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Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer