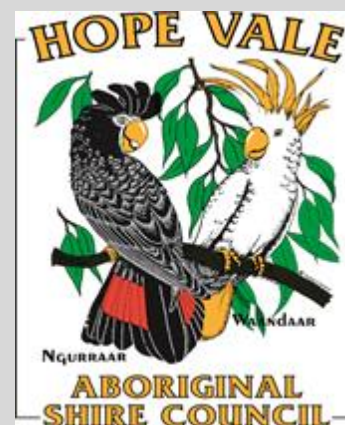


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday 6 December 2017

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

At 9.15 the Chair adjourned the meeting until 9.30 am.
The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.30 am.

The Council then acknowledged 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

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Steve Linnane

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council noted that Cr Bruce Gibson was on official 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, Deputy Mayor June Pearson and Cr Barry Bowen declared a perceived conflict of interest in Item 6.2.6 due to them being on the Board of the Hope Vale Foundation. Both Councillors remained in the meeting room for the discussions and decision on this matter.

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 15 NOVEMBER 2017

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

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

CARRIED

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That Resolution 6.2.7 of the Council Meeting held on 25 October 2017 be repealed and that the matter of the tenancy arrangement for Shop 1 Everlina Plaza be considered in conjunction with the proposed report on all outstanding lease and tenancy arrangements.

CARRIED

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.

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 Council Planning Scheme

The amended Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Planning Scheme, made under the Planning Act 2016 was advertised in the Queensland Government Gazette on 17 November 2017 and become effective from 1 December 2017

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That Council receive and note the advice.

CARRIED

6.2.3 Delegations – Development

Council is receipt of a number of development applications and accordingly Council Delegations Register should be updated to take into account the Development Assessment Rules, Planning and Environment Court Act 2016, Planning Act 2016, and the Planning Regulations 2017

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That Council adopt the delegations listed in Attachment A of the CEO's report dated 4 December 2017

CARRIED

6.2.4 Extension of Optic Fibre to Hope Vale

The extension of optic fibre to Hope Vale is an important piece of infrastructure for the future of Hope Vale and the integration of its community (and future generations) into the digital world that exists outside Hope Vale.

Hope Vale is currently fed by a two hop radio from Cooktown via Mt Piebald. The current 32MB radio from Mt Piebald to Hope Vale is full. The radio from Cooktown to Mt Piebald has a small amount of spare capacity but would require to be augmented to provide a significant capacity increase to Hope Vale. The Hope Vale community is serviced by a mobiles base at Mt Piebald. There is little capacity for any additional growth in data services into Hope Vale. Augmenting the existing radio connect will only provide a temporary

solution, given the exponential growth in data streaming. The best long term solution is an optic fibre broadband solution.

Council made application Commonwealth's Building Better Region Fund (BBRF) in February 2017 for the extension of optic fibre into Hope Vale. Unfortunately Council was not successful in this funding application.

The cost of the extension of the optic fibre to Hope Vale is \$3.2 million. The State Government has made \$500,000 commitment towards the project. It has been proposed that Council contribute \$300,000 with the balance funded by the Federal Government.

Applications for Round 2 of the Building Better Regions Fund close mid December 2017.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council, recognizing the fundamental importance of high-quality digital connectivity to the future of the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council and community, endorses the Hope Vale Fibre Optic project for submission to Round 2 of the Building Better Regions Fund and commits to a financial contribution of \$300,000 toward this project in the 2017-18 financial year.

CARRIED

6.2.5 2018 Meeting Dates.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That future Council meetings be held on third Wednesday of each month commencing at 9am.

CARRIED

6.2.6 Lease A – Lot 999 on SP 242970

Council currently has a lease with Hope Vale Foundation Ltd over 203.4 hectares on Lot 999 on SP242970 for the provision of economic opportunities. It is expected that Council will soon receive a request from the Hope Vale Foundation to sublease all or part of its lease to Lamanna Premier Group Pty Ltd and Australian Banana Company Pty Ltd. It is understood that the sub lessees will require Council's approval to the sub lease by 28 December 2017.

Moved by Cr Selina Bowen

Seconded by Mayor Greg McLean

Resolution:

That Council delegate authority to the CEO to approve the sublease, subject to the Mayor raising no objection to the proposal

CARRIED

6.2.7 Reception of Reports

It was agreed that the Mayor's report and the CEO's report dated 4 December 2017 be received.

6.3 Finance Director's Report

The Finance Director's report dated 1 December 2017 was considered by Council

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That the Finance Director's report dated 1 December 2017 be received and adopted.

CARRIED

6.4 Human Resource Manager's Report

The Human Resource Manager's Report dated 4 December 2017 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That

**a) the Human Resources Manager's report dated 4 December 2017 be received and noted, and
b) the CEO be authorized to advertise and appoint a Workplace Health and Safety Officer.**

CARRIED

6.5 Social Services Director's Report

The Social Services Director's Report dated 2 December 2017 was considered.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That the Social Services Director's Report dated 2 December 2017 be received and noted.

CARRIED

6.6 Operations Manager's Report

The Operations Manager's Reports dated 1 December 2017 was considered.

Moved by Cr Selina Bowen

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the Operations Manager's Report dated 1 December 2017 be received and noted,

CARRIED

7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

At 11am Rochelle Pitt, Justin Mohamed (Equity Health Solutions) and Sonia Fuller (Aspen Medical) attended for discussions on a possible dialysis facility.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 From the Hope Vale Island and Cape Foodstore dated 4 December 2017, requesting Council to consider contributing to the 2017 Hope Vale Christmas Light Competition.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council contribute \$200 towards the 2017 Hope Vale Christmas Light Competition.

CARRIED

- 8.2 From Keithean Bowen from Apunipima dated 29 November 2017 requesting Council assistance toward a youth fun days on 11 and 12 January 2018.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That the advice be received and Apunipima be advised that Council is not agreeable to contribute towards the event as Council considers that it should be funded from Social and Emotional Wellbeing funds

CARRIED

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution

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

- 10.1 Staffing issue – Hope Vale Youth and Social Support Project**
- 10.2 Cultural Recommendations – Public Housing Allocations**
- 10.3 Briefing Note from Apunipima on current activities undertaken by the Social and Emotional Wellbeing staff, including Primary Health Care**

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution

That the meeting be re-opened to the public.

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution

That

- a) Council endorse the revised structure for the delivery of the Hope Vale Youth and Social Support Project whereby the existing position be broken into 2 positions – Education Officer and Youth Support Officer,**
- b) Council endorse the cultural recommendations from the Department of Housing and Public Works for the allocation of newly constructed houses, and**
- c) the Briefing Note from Apunipima, dated 5 December 2017, on current activities undertaken by the Social and Emotional Wellbeing staff, including Primary Health Care be received and noted.**

CARRIED

11 NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next General Meeting be held on Wednesday 17 January 2017 commencing at 9am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.25pm.

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Cr Greg McLean
Mayor

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Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer