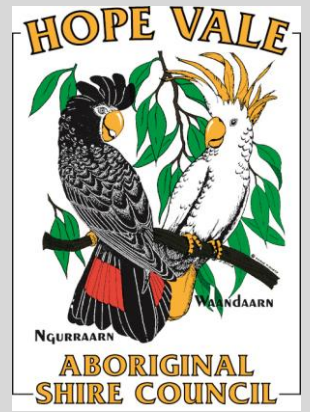


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday 9 December 2015

Board Room, Cairns Office

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Cr. Greg McLean (Mayor)
Cr. June Pearson (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Chris Woibo
Cr. Dwayne Bowen
Cr. Carmen Pearson

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Officers Present: Acting Chief Executive Officer Shannon Gibbs

MEETING OPENED

Meeting declared open at 10.20 am

APOLOGIES

nil

The Mayor requested a minutes silence for those recently passed.

Item 1: Declaration of conflict, any perceived or other potential conflict of interest to be declared prior to meeting.

Nil

Item 2 (a): Confirmation of Minutes of General Meeting held on 11 November, 2015

Moved by Cr Chris Woibo

Seconded by Cr June Pearson

01091215 Resolution: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 11 November 2015 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Item 3: Business arising from minutes of General Meeting held on 11 November, 2015

Nil

Item 4: REPORTS

1. Mayor

- Meeting with Liza Carroll (Government Champion) on November 18th 2015

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report

New Policies

Three policies have been recently developed. These policies include the following:

1. Fraud and Corruption Policy inc. a Fraud and Corruption Prevention Framework
2. Public Interest Disclosure Policy inc. a Public Interest Disclosure Procedure
3. Risk Management Policy

These policies have been discussed and recommended for adoption at the recent Audit Committee meeting held in Cairns on November 13th 2015.

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr June Pearson

02091215 Resolution: That Council agrees to adopt the policies as recommended by the Audit Committee.

CARRIED

Cape York Land Council – Land Transfer to Dhuppi Warra Aboriginal Corporation

Council has noted that a response has not yet been received from Director General of DNRM, James Purtill, regarding clarification of the land transfer as per letter sent after the last Council meeting.

Action Required: The CEO to request a meeting with James Purtill to attend the January 2016 Council meeting to ascertain the State Government's position on this matter.

Cooktown Hospital

Council acknowledges and has reviewed information provided by Lou Norguard, Chairperson of the Community Advisory Network (CAN), regarding letter that was presented to the Minister of Health from (CAN) to advocate for the development of a new Cooktown Multi Purpose Health service. Council supports the submission.

Roads to Recovery

Council has been allocated an additional \$125,000 under the Roads to Recovery program and the options presented to Council to carrying out upgrade works on the roundabout in front of the Church and Airport Road have been considered and agreed. There is no objection to the proposal proceeding.

Action Required: Council has requested that further works be integrated into the approved project submission to include signage and guard rails be erected on the dump side of Everlina Crossing Bridge.

Audit Committee

Council noted the audit committee meeting minutes and was advised of the membership rules of the Audit Committee and how any possible changes to elected councillors may affect membership of the Audit Committee. It was also recommended that the register of interest of a councillor and their related persons be reviewed.

Action Required: All councillors to review their register of interests of a councillor and their related persons forms (Section 171B – Local Government Act 2009) and update as or if required and be available in January 2016 Council meeting completed.

Ergon Energy Card Meters

Council has acknowledged the trialling of new power card meters in Hopevale for social housing dwellings and has expressed some concerns in relation to what may be potential issues.

Action Required: The CEO to invite Ergon representative to discuss program trial with Council.

Acceptance of Mayor and Chief Executive Officer Reports

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

03091215 Resolution: That the reports from the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be accepted.

CARRIED

3. Finance Director's Report

The Finance Director's report for the period to 3 December 2015 was tabled and discussed by Council.

Moved by Cr Carmen Pearson

Seconded by Cr Chris Woibo

04091215 Resolution: That the financial report for the period to 3 December 2015 incorporating the financial statements, be approved and accepted.

CARRIED

4. Social Services Director Report

No report was provided to this meeting as the Social Services Director is away from Hope Vale

5. Operations Manager Report

Report discussed and noted

Moved by Cr Dwayne Bowen

Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson

05091215 Resolution: That the Operations Manager's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

Item 5: VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

Item 6: AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

Item 7: CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

Item 8 – GENERAL BUSINESS**Swimming pool fencing and safety regulation**

As at 1st December 2015 that State Government enforced legislation regarding pool fencing and safety regulations. All swimming pools must be enclosed by an approved barrier that meets with State Government pool safety legislation under chapter 8 of the Building Act 1975.

The State Government has obliged Local Government representatives to enforce the legislation.

Action Required: CEO to liaise with Russell Gibson (Radio) to broadcast information regarding the fencing and safety regulations and parental responsibility for children attending Council's swimming pool.

Write off debtors

A review of the current debtors list highlighted debts incurred for some residents who have since deceased. Council instructed that the current debts for Stanley Charlie, Rebecca Ware, Paul Thompson and Matthew Jacko be written off as bad debts.

Moved by Cr June Pearson**Seconded by Cr Carmen Pearson**

06091215 Resolution: That Council confirms the current debts of Stanley Charlie, Rebecca Ware, Paul Thompson and Matthew Jacko are written off

CARRIED**Butcher Shop Lease**

Whilst reviewing the debtors, the Council inquired about the current status of the lease arrangements of the butcher shop. Shannon Gibbs informed the Council that the lease is yet to be finalized.

Action Required: CEO is to contact Matthew Hanson and inform him that current outstanding debt is to be paid in full and lease finalized by Friday 18th December.

Councillors fuel allocation

Concerns have been raised about the escalating price of fuel in Hopevale. The current allocation for councillors is 90 litres as it has been requested that the weekly allocation be lifted to a fill tank weekly.

Moved by Cr June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Dwayne Bowen

07091215 Resolution: That Council weekly fuel allocation is to be 1 fill tank weekly.

CARRIED

Lucas Saw Mill

An expression of interest has been raised by Neville Bowen Snr to purchase the Lucas Saw Mill.

Action Required: CEO to advertise sales of Lucas Saw Mill for 21 day period in line with the Local Government Act 2009.

Electric Ants

Council has received reports of Electric ants present within Hopevale households and that the ants are chewing through electrical appliances within the social housing dwellings.

Action Required: CEO to notify Department of Housing of the resident reports to address the issue of potential electric ant infestation so that inspections can be carried out immediately. CEO to also address the issue with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Aged Care

Mayor Greg McLean has requested a meeting with Aged Care staff in the week beginning December 14th 2015. The Mayor would like to discuss positive outcomes from the Aged Care facility.

Action Required: CEO to advise Facility manager of date of the meeting as advised by the Mayor.

Bus Shelter

Discussion held regarding the recent graffiting of the new bus shelter.

Action Required: CEO to advise Operations Manager that bus shelter requires immediate clean up and removal of graffiti.

Police Issue

Councillor Dwayne Bowen raised concern over police response regarding an incident where the Hopevale police drew their guns on Frank Woibo who was travelling in his vehicle with his grandchildren. Councillor Bowen also noted that after the incident, Ella Woibo was hospitalized for shock. Council supports Frank Woibo in that the police should acknowledge the incident and apology should be issued.

Action Required: CEO to write a letter to the Regional Inspector and the Hopevale Police regarding this incident.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.40 pm

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Cr G McLean
Mayor

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Shannon Gibbs
Acting Chief Executive Officer