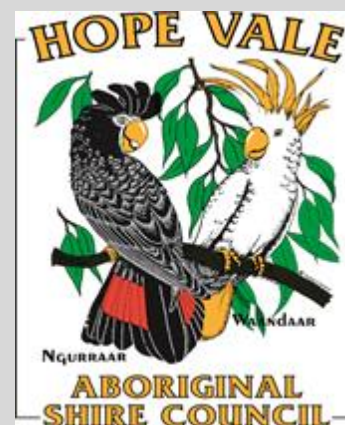


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday 21 February 2018

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

At 9.15am the Mayor adjourned the meeting until 9.30 am.
The Mayor 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: Mayor Greg McLean
Deputy Mayor Cr June Pearson
Cr Barry Bowen
Cr Selina Bowen

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Steve Linnane

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council grant leave of absence to Cr Bruce Gibson.

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 17 JANUARY 2018

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 17 January 2018 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY 2018

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.

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 National Partnership Alliance on Remote Housing Program

The LGAQ launched a campaign to draw attention to the impact of the Federal Government's looming withdrawal from the long running National Partnership Alliance on Remote Housing program, which has provided jobs and shelter for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities for a decade.

The indigenous housing program has invested \$5.4 billion into ensuring sufficient housing for indigenous communities throughout Australia, where

overcrowding is creating chronic social problems affecting health and education.

The effect on Hope Vale of the withdrawal of this funding is significant both in terms of its social and economic impact. Accordingly, the Mayor, CEO, Finance Officer Jahvarne Pearson, and Maintenance Coordinator Lenny Casey took part in an LGAQ delegation to Canberra from 5 to 8 February 2018. The delegation held 19 meetings with MPs and senators, including Warren Entsch MP, Senator Patrick Dodson and Minister for Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion. The HVASC representatives met separately with former Prime Minister Tony Abbott.

The Mayor also hosted Queensland Housing Minister Mick de Brenni, Department of Housing and Public Works Representatives, and representatives from The Australian on 11 February 2018 in relation to an article on the Federal Government's looming withdrawal from the remote indigenous housing funding program. The article appeared on the front page of The Australian on 12 February 2018.

The Federal Government continues to advise that there will be no further money allocated to the program after this financial year, apart from some minor short term funding to finalize and exit the program.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council note activities in relation to the campaign to draw attention to the impact of the Federal Government's looming withdrawal from the long running National Partnership Alliance on Remote Housing program.

CARRIED

6.2.3 Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Local Disaster Management Group

The Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Local Disaster Management Group met on 25 January 2018. A copy of the minutes of this meeting was attached to the report (Attachment 1 of the report). At this meeting the Group adopted a revised Local Disaster Management Plan (Attachment 2 of the report).

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council

a)note the minutes of Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Local Disaster Management Group meeting held on 25 January 2018, and

b)endorse the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Local Disaster Management Plan dated February 2018.

CARRIED

6.2.4 Communications Plan

At recent planning discussions with Council it was agreed that was a need for a more robust communications framework to assist with communications and profiling Hope Vale Council to target audiences.

The Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Communications Plan (Attachment 3 of the report) will seek to introduce a framework and managed communications strategy via an action plan to underpin media, communications and engagement activities.

It should also be noted that Council has also engaged Tracey Wilson from Working Visions to

- Manage Hope Vale Council's website and social media content,
- Manage media releases and associated communications as required,
- Develop a pro-active communications strategy in conjunction with Council,
- Facilitate a revised and user-friendly website aimed at ease of use and audience engagement and project manage the update of the website,
- Profile raising activities of Council with stakeholders including government agencies,
- Stakeholder management,
- Opportunity identification, and
- Manage advocacy

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council endorse the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Communications Plan (February 2018).

CARRIED

6.2.5 2018 Civic Leaders Summit

The biennial Civic Leaders Summit will be held on the Gold Coast on 10 – 11 May 2018. The event is a professional development opportunity for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and CEOs. The purpose of the Summit is to enable peer to peer learning.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That Council authorize the Mayor, Cr Selina and the CEO to attend the Summit.

CARRIED

6.2.6 Lot 1 SP 232620

Lot 1 SP 232620 is the DOGIT township land that the Council is trustee of. Native title has been deemed not to exist in lot 1 and there is no registered native title body. It has been Council's position that this town area held under the DOGIT with Council as Trustee should not be transferred to another body/organization but designated as non transferrable land pursuant to Section 16 of the Aboriginal Land Act 1991.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That the CEO be authorized to make application for Lot 1 SP 232620 held under the DOGIT with Council as Trustee be designated as non transferrable land pursuant to Section 16 of the Aboriginal Land Act 1991.

CARRIED

6.2.7 Elected Members Update

The LGAQ has arranged an Elected Members Update specifically for Councillors in Queensland Aboriginal Shire Councils in Cairns on 20 March 2018. The update is proposed to include coverage of the following areas – the recent state election, pending legislative reforms, reputational challenges, and proposed changes to governance.

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council authorize all Councillors to attend the LGAQ Elected Members Update to be held in Cairns on 20 March 2018.

CARRIED

6.2.8 Confirmation of Aboriginality

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That the CEO be authorized to complete the Confirmation of Aboriginality documentation for Damien Burke.

CARRIED

6.2.9 Reception of Reports

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That the Mayor's verbal report and the CEO's report dated 16 February 2018 be received.

CARRIED

6.3 Finance Director's Report

The Finance Director's report dated 16 February 2018 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That the following Policies, Guidelines, and Frameworks as attached to the Finance Director's report be endorsed -

- 1) Acceptable Request Guidelines Policy**
- 2) Advertising Spending Policy**
- 3) Community Engagement Policy**
- 4) Community Grants Policy**
- 5) Debt Policy**
- 6) Hospitality and Entertainment Policy**
- 7) Reimbursement of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy**
- 8) Fraud and Corruption Policy including Prevention Framework**
- 9) Public Interest Disclosure Policy including Disclosure Procedure**
- 10) General Complaints Process Policy**
- 11) Investment Policy**
- 12) Procurement Policy**
- 13) Risk Management Policy including Framework and Guidelines**

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Selina Bowen

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the Finance Director's report dated 16 February 2018 be received and adopted.

CARRIED

6.4 Human Resource Manager's Report

The Human Resource Manager's Report dated 19 February 2018 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That

- a) the Human Resources Manager's report dated 19 February 2018 be received and noted, and
- b) the CEO arrange to present reviewed Human Resources policies to the next meeting.

CARRIED

6.5 Social Services Director's Report

The Social Services Director's Report dated 17 February 2018 was considered.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That the Social Services Director's Report dated 17 February 2018 be received and noted.

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That Council note the accomplishments and current activities of the Social Services Department.

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council notes the upcoming events/discussions for the Social Services Department.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That Council notes the reported service incidents/complaints within the Social Services Department.

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That Council notes the information relating to Nola's Place.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That Council notes the information relating to George Bowen Memorial Kindergarten.

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That Council notes the information relating to Hope Vale Youth and Social Support Project formerly known as PaCE.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That Council notes the information relating to the Indigenous Knowledge Centre.

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That the Director of Social Services be authorized to make arrangements for employing additional staffing to assist with meeting the fire safety requirements for residential care buildings.

CARRIED

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That the CEO be authorised to undertake and implement a review of the Council's Disability and Commonwealth Home Support Program with a view to optimizing the opportunities presented by the forthcoming National Disability Insurance Scheme. A team comprising of the portfolio Councillor - Deputy Mayor June Pearson, the Chief Executive Officer, and the Director of Social Services be formed to oversee the review.

CARRIED

Council also noted the information relating to Thawuun Support Service and the Hope Vale Radio

6.6 Operations Manager's Report

The Operations Manager's Report dated 16 February 2018 was considered.

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That the Operations Manager's Report dated 16 February 2018 be received and noted,

CARRIED

7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 From Tisha Gordon, Organizer, 2018 Hope Vale Pig Hunt Competition dated 12 February 2018, requesting consideration of sponsorship for the event.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That Council sponsor the 2018 Hope Vale Pig Hunt Competition to the value of \$500 and support their approaches for sponsorship from other businesses and organisations.

CARRIED

- 8.2 From Cooktown Re-enactment Association Inc. dated 15 January 2018, requesting Council's support for the Reconciliation Rocks Historical and Cultural Precinct.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Selina Bowen

Resolution:

That the letter from the Cooktown Re-enactment Association Inc. be received and the Association be advised of Council's support for the project.

CARRIED

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Jiiraay Women's Group

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Resolution:

That Council sponsor events organized by the Jiiraay Women's Group up to the value of \$200 per month.

CARRIED

10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

11 NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next General Meeting be held on Wednesday 21 March 2018 commencing at 9am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.16pm.

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Mayor Greg McLean
Meeting Chair

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Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer