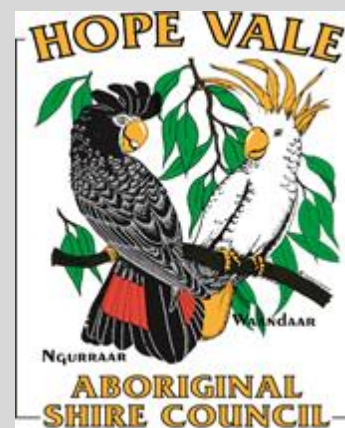


Minutes



General Meeting

Wednesday 23 May 2018

Council Chambers, Hope Vale

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

At 9.15am the Acting Mayor adjourned the meeting until 9.30 am.
The Acting 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: Deputy Mayor Cr June Pearson (in the Chair)
Cr Barry Bowen
Cr Bruce Gibson

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer Steve Linnane

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That Council grant leave of absence to Cr Selina Bowen.

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 Tuesday 24 April 2018

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Tuesday 24 April 2018 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 Business arising from Minutes of General Meeting held on Tuesday 24 April 2018

Nil

6 REPORTS

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Nil

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 Local Government Electoral (Implementing Stage 1 of Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 and the Local Government (Councillor Complaints) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

The Local Government Electoral (Implementing Stage 1 of Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 and the Local Government (Councillor Complaints) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 were passed in the previous week and expected to receive Royal Assent on 22 May 2018.

The new Councillor complaints system introduced in the Local Government (Councillor Complaints) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 is anticipated to commence in December 2018.

The Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs will be responsible for rolling out a training program to ensure that all Councillors and Chief Executive Officers thoroughly understand the new Councillor complaints process ahead of its commencement in December 2018. This training will take place from July to October 2018 and will take the form of online training on the new Code of Conduct determined by the Minister to set the appropriate standard of behaviour for Councillors, and face-to-face training on the new complaints process and Code of Conduct.

The Department will also publish model meeting procedures to ensure the standards of behaviour are reflected in the conduct of Local Government meetings, and an example Investigation Policy for how complaints about the alleged conduct of Councillors will be dealt with.

In addition, the new legislation proposes the automatic suspension of councillors charged with certain integrity offences. The suspension will commence when the Councillor is charged with the offence.

The CEO provided a presentation to Council based on Local Government Bulletins 02/18 and 03/18 issued by the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs

Moved by Deputy Mayor June Pearson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That Council

- a) note the introduction of the new legislation and the presentation,**
- b) authorize the Cr Bruce Gibson to represent Council at the Torres and Cape Indigenous Councils Alliance meeting and the CYRP Taskforce Meeting to be held in Weipa on 31 May 2018 and 1 June 2018, and**
- c) authorize all Councillors to attend training on the new legislative requirements.**

CARRIED

6.2.3 Audit Committee

Council's Audit Committee met in Cairns on 18 May 2018. The Chairperson of Council's Audit Committee, Warren Elliott (Grant Thornton) is unavailable to attend future Committee meetings and has been replaced by Graham Coonan (Grant Thornton) on an interim basis.

The Audit Committee meeting also recommended that Council endorse the attached Audit Committee Charter. (Attachment 1 of the CEO's Report)

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That Council endorse

- a) the appointment of Graham Coonan (Grant Thornton) as Interim Chairperson of Council's Audit Committee, and**
- b) the Audit Committee Charter attached to the CEO's Report.**

CARRIED

6.2.4 Review of Property, Plant and Equipment Valuation Report

Council's Internal Auditors, Altius have undertaken a review and report on Council's Property, Plant and Equipment Valuation. (Attachment 2 of the CEO's Report.) This report was considered at the Audit Committee held on 18 May 2018.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That Council receive and note the Review of Property, Plant, and Equipment Valuation Report.

CARRIED

6.2.5 Corporate Plan, Operational Plan, and 2018/2019 Budget.

The Outcomes and Strategies outlined in Council's Corporate Plan 2014-2019 continue to be successfully implemented. It is expected that a new draft Corporate Plan will be submitted to Council in the June or July meeting.

The majority of actions in Council's Operational Plan for 2017/2018 are on track for completion. A draft Operational Plan for 2018/2019 is currently being prepared for Council consideration.

The 2018/2019 Budget preparation has been commenced and it is anticipated a Special Meeting of Council will be required in late June/early July.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That Council receive and note the advice.

CARRIED

6.2.6 Hope Vale Master Plan

The CEO submitted the draft Hope Vale Master Plan. This has been prepared by Cardno after consultation with Council, Mayor and CEO. The CEO provided Council with a briefing on the draft Hope Vale Master Plan.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the draft Hope Vale Master Plan be received and approved for community consultation in June 2018.

CARRIED

6.2.6 Confirmation of Aboriginality

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the CEO be authorized to confirm the Aboriginality of the following Hope Vale residents –

- a) Clifford Ambryn,**
- b) Kaysharn Justine Maree Deemal,**
- c) Blaze Deeral, and**
- d) Talisa Jade Kyle**

CARRIED

6.2.7 Indigenous Leaders Forum

It was agreed that all Councilors be authorized to attend the Indigenous Leaders Forum to be held in Cairns on 5/6 June 2018.

6.2.8 Reception of Reports

It was agreed that the CEO's report dated 20 May 2018 be received and noted.

6.3 Finance Director's Report

The Finance Director's report dated 17 May 2018 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That the Finance Director's report dated 17 May 2018 be received and noted.

CARRIED

6.4 Human Resource Manager's Report

The Human Resource Manager's Report dated 18 May 2018 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That the Human Resources Manager's report dated 18 May 2018 be received and noted.

CARRIED

6.5 Social Services Director's Report

The Social Services Director's Report dated 17 May 2018 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

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

CARRIED

6.6 Operations Manager's Report

The Operations Manager's Report dated 17 May 2018 was considered.

Moved by Cr Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

Resolution:

That the Operations Manager's Report dated 17 May 2018 be received and noted.

CARRIED

7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 From the Director-General, Department of Housing and Public Works dated 23 March 2018, in relation to Council's request that random drug and alcohol testing be undertaken on State Government employees and providers in Hope Vale.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That the letter from the Director-General, Department of Housing and Public Works dated 23 March 2018 be received and noted.

CARRIED

- 8.2 From the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs dated 17 April 2018 in relation recent legislation to retrospectively validate all rates and charges levied by Queensland Local Governments for each year up to and including 30 June 2018.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That the letter from the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs dated 17 April 2018 be received and noted.

CARRIED

- 8.3 From Hope Vale Congress dated 10 May 2018, requesting permission to erect a public notice board in Everlina Plaza.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Bruce Gibson

Resolution:

That Council raise no objection to the erection of the sign, subject to

- a) The exact location and the attachment of the notice board being to the satisfaction of Council's Operations Manager, Gene Brookes,**
- b) The notice board being kept in a clean and tidy condition,**
- c) Documentation on the notice board being limited to public notices, community information, etc, and not being used for political or opinion purposes, and**
- d) Council reserves the right to remove the notice board should these conditions not be complied with.**

Council also suggested another option that they may wish to consider - erecting the notice board in area of My Pathways in the Business Precinct, rather than Everlina Plaza.

CARRIED

- 8.4 From Shirley Costello dated 11 May 2018, congratulating Council on the high standard of maintenance at the Hope Vale Cemetery.

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

- 8.5 From Deputy Premier Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships dated 1 May 2018 advising that the Minister for Housing and Public Works, Minister for Digital Technology, Minister for Sport, Mick de Brenni MP and Ms Liza Carroll, Director-General, Department of Housing and Public Works will remain as Hope Vale's Ministerial and Government Champions.

It was agreed that the advice be received and noted.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 9.1 Cr Bruce Gibson requested consideration be given to wiper sniping up to and including the fence line when maintaining footpaths.

10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil



11 NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next General Meeting be held on Wednesday 27 June 2018 commencing at 9.30am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.10pm.

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Acting Mayor June Pearson
Meeting Chair

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Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer