

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

Draft Minutes

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

11th April 2012

Present: Trish McIntyre,
Lisa-Marie Stones
Matt Prouse
Lil Prouse
Peter Clee
Ian Crawshaw
Shenagh Gamble
Geoff Handicott - CEO
Kate Wheen (Local Government)

Welcome to New Council - CEO

Extraordinary Item – Election of Shire President

Nominations for Shire President: Trish McIntyre
Lisa-Marie Stones

Ballot held.

Results: Trish McIntyre 7 votes from 7. Declared as Shire President.

Nominations for Shire Vice President: Lisa-Marie Stones

As there were no other nominations, Lisa-Marie was declared Shire Vice President.

CEO handed over to President McIntyre.

1. **MEETING OPENED** 7.10pm, by President Trish McIntyre.

1.1 **APOLOGIES - Nil**

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - Nil**

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolution No. 2012/23

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 20 March 2012 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Matt Prouse

Vote: AIF

3.1 **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**
NIL

4. **INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**
Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence March 2012)

5. **OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**
Refer to Attached List (Outwards Correspondence March 2012.)
More detailed information on inwards and outwards correspondence will be provided at the Council meeting.

<p>Resolution No. 2012/24 That the Correspondence for the Month of March 2012 be confirmed. Moved: Cr Shenagh Gamble Seconded: Cr Peter Clee Vote: AIF</p>

6. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Incorporating Work Supervisors Report)**

This report is brief, as I will address Council on a number of items as per the Agenda, at the meeting.

CAL Certification renewal was due at the end of March, and the renewal Certificate is on it's way. This Certificate is necessary to fulfil the obligations of all contract construction work undertaken by Council, including the Jetty Contract.

HR – All staff are working well, with all tasks being completed in a timely manner. Some staff have small amounts of leave coming up and arrangements have been made to ensure that all work obligations continue without interruption.

The Sport & Recreation Officer position has been re-advertised.

ANZAC DAY – Preparations are well in hand for the annual ANZAC Day commemoration on 25th April. It would be good to have our new Council in attendance on the day. Cadets are unavailable to attend.

WORKS REPORT MARCH 2012

WILDLIFE

One cat is no longer with us after being trapped and disposed of during the month of March. As is reported each month, this Community's Dog problem remains at a Dangerous Level.

JETTY

On March 19th, the Ferry Skipper reported damage to the rubbing strips on the Jetty Poles and failure of one Pole Retaining Chain Bracket. An inspection was conducted on Monday 19th evening. The damage was promptly reported to the relevant Department. On Monday April 2nd, this damage had still not been repaired. We have asked the ferry people to not hesitate to report any further areas of concern regarding the Jetty to Council. We, in turn, will inform the Ferry Operators of any safety concerns that come to our attention.

RECYCLING

23 Drums of Glass and 7 large bales of Plastics were taken to the Recyclers on March 27th. At the same time, the Council's Truck passed it's annual Rego Inspection.

ESTATE AND SURROUNDS

Mowing and Poisoning of the Estate, Sportsground, Jetty, Beach access tracks, Powerwater Compound and Plane Wreck Site continues.

It has come to our attention that the so called Rangers, 'controlled' by the Northern Land council have also been carrying out maintenance work around the 'Milady' Wreck Site. Communications between the interested parties would save some time in regard to this subject.

Someone has become bogged on the Sportsground near the BMX Track, leaving two substantial wheel ruts behind. It would be pleasing if fools and non fools could refrain from taking vehicles onto the Sportsground.

Resolution No. 2012/25

That the Officers' reports be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr Ian Crawshaw

Seconded: Cr Lil Prouse

Vote: AIF

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 Financial Reports - circulated

Resolution No 2012/26

That the March 2012 Financial Reports be accepted.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones

Vote: AIF

8. AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 Councillor Information - Geoff

Council meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, commencing at 7pm.

The **Local Government Act** is available online at <http://www.localgovernment.nt.gov.au/legislation>

Various **Sub-committees** exist within the Council. They are as follows:

: Amalgamation	: TOPROC
: RUA	: LGANT
: Emergency Services (local)	: Disaster Recovery (local)
: Community Projects (local)	: Community Events (local)
: Budget Preparation (local)	: Shire Planning (local)

All Councillors are to give some thought to those sub-committees they would be prepared to be involved with. This will be formalised at the meeting next month.

The **CEO is available** to answer any questions, or discuss any issues, with Councillors at any time. He can be contacted by Mobile Phone 24hrs a day, 7 days per week.

The CEO briefly outlined **the role of Councillors**, and **the role of the CEO**, as it is defined in the Local Government Act, and the Wagait Shire Council Policy Manual.

8.2 WSC Policy Manual - Geoff

The Wagait Shire Council Policy Manual was distributed to all Councillors. This document needs to be reviewed over the next few months. It was suggested by Cr. Stones that Councillors look at a couple of Policies at each monthly meeting over the coming months.

8.3 Councillor Allowances

Councillor Sitting Fees have not been paid in the past, nor has there been any allowance for this expense in previous budgets. The CEO advised that this Council needs to make a decision regarding the introduction of Councillor Allowances, as this will need to come from rates, and therefore a rate increase will be necessary in the next financial year, if Council chooses to follow this path. The CEO will distribute the legislative information regarding Councillor Allowances. This information can also be downloaded from: http://www.localgovernment.nt.gov.au/legislation/local_government_guidelines

Decision deferred to next month's meeting.

8.4 Casting vote for President - WSC Policy P03

After examination of Policy P03,

Resolution No 2012/27

The Council has determined that the Principal Member shall have a casting vote.

Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones

Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble

Vote: AIF

This decision has covered the Revision of Policy P03, with the amendment that it remains in place to the next General Election in 2016.

9. LATE ITEMS and GENERAL BUSINESS.

Cr. Crawshaw – **Inaugural Mandorah to Darwin Bike Race, August 12th 2012.**
Ian suggested that Council get involved. Perhaps the event could start from the Sportsground. Local groups could provide sausage sizzle etc. Ian will make some enquiries and put together some ideas for next meeting.

Cr. Gamble – **LGANT Professional Development Workshop for Councillors.**
Held over 2 days in early May, \$500 per person. CEO asked Kate When whether Local Government could provide financial assistance, as it would cost \$3,500 for our Councillors to attend. Kate stated that she could provide a similar type of workshop. She also suggested that Council try to obtain a Special Purpose Grant, or write to LGANT requesting a concession. President McIntyre also raised the point, along with Cr Crawshaw, that it is financially difficult for Councillors to attend workshops and meetings during working hours.

Cr. Gamble also questioned whether a draft budget for 2012-13 could be made available at the next meeting. The CEO, along with President McIntyre, advised that it is too early yet, as some projected figures aren't available yet. She explained that Council usually held a 'workshop' to draw up the budget, usually on a Saturday morning.

10 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

NIL

11. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 15 May 2012 at 7.00pm.

President McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.15pm.