

**WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL**

**Draft Minutes**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**16 April 2013**

**PRESENT:** Trish McIntyre (President)  
Lisa-Marie Stones (Vice President)  
Ian Crawshaw  
Peter Clee  
Matt Prouse  
Shenagh Gamble  
Michael Campaign (CEO)

**1. MEETING OPENING & WELCOME** - Cr Trish McIntyre declared the meeting open at 7.01pm, and welcomed everyone.

**1.1 APOLOGIES** - NIL

**2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Nil

**3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution No. 2013/20**

**That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 19 March 2013, as amended be confirmed.**

**Moved: Cr Shenagh Gamble**

**Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw**

**Vote: AIF**

**3.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

**4.0 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence March 2013)

**5.0 OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

Refer to Attached List (Outwards Correspondence March 2013). More detailed information on inwards and outwards correspondence will be provided at the Council Meeting – Passed.

**Resolution No. 2013/21**

**That the correspondence for the Month of March 2013 be confirmed.**

**Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones**

**Seconded: Cr Matt Prouse**

**Vote: AIF**

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

**6.1 HR** – New CEO Michael Campaign commenced duties Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Weeks spent moving into accommodation, orientation, meeting staff and others in the Community. Staff meeting was held on 9 April and to be continued on a monthly basis.

Meetings have been arranged with Westpac, NT Police and other suppliers.

Works sites have been visited with the Works Supervisor.

**6.2 Anzac Day** – Preparations well underway and appropriate personnel contacted re ceremonies. Pam has done a wonderful job prior to CEO's arrival.

**6.3 Heritage Grants** – Heritage Branch in Darwin have been contacted regarding grants to maintain the Air Crash site. Mr Stephen Ashford from the Heritage Branch Department will be visiting the site tomorrow to examine the air crash site with the CEO and Works Supervisor.

**6.4 Sports Ground** – It has been reported that the toilet block at the sportsground is being used by campers and left in a very poor state. This matter has been discussed with local police contact.

**6.5 Sports and Rec** – The school holiday program has commenced with the new S&R Officer.

**6.6 Council By Elections** – Advice has been received from the Electoral Commissioner that by-elections for Wagait Council be held on Saturday 18 May 2013. CEO will be liaising with the Electoral Commission re needs for the election and other requirements.

**6.7 Banking** – Arrangements have been made with the bank for the CEO to have access to the Wagait Shire Council banking facilities.

**6.8 Other Events** - Plans are in progress for Walk to School Day and Territory Day.

**7.0 WORKS**

**7.1 Weed Management** - Natalee Sabato from the Weeds Branch visited the Weeds Management Department in regards to the Progress of the RUA Weed Control Contract and is happy with the

progress. Of ongoing concern is the presence of Target Weeds on blocks adjacent to the RUA, which has hindered efforts in eradicating Mission Grass, Gamba Grass and Hyptus. The seeding of these weeds coincides with the onset of the dry season winds which blow the seed directly onto the RUA. Natalee was handed a map of the estate showing blocks that contain these weeds. We are hoping the owner of the blocks will be contacted by the department re removal of weeds from their blocks.

**7.2 Tip** – The tip is continuing to be a very time consuming exercise, due to the incompetent of lazy dumping practises by some community members. If everyone dumps their refuse where it belongs, more time would be spent to complete other duties on schedule, rather than cleaning up after people not following signs or directions.

**7.3 Kubota Mower** – Our recently purchased Kubota Mower developed a Hydraulic Oil leak and was taken to town for repair. The drive shaft seal was found to be faulty and replaced under warranty.

#### **7.4 Duties performed during March**

- Power water contract and jetty maintenance contract obligations fulfilled.
- Mowing and poisoning of estate ongoing.
- New batteries fitted to truck.
- Council residence fencing complete.
- Water blast pathway to clinic.
- New finishing deck arrived.
- Trees and branches cleared after storm.
- Police compound work ongoing
- Attend commencement of Jetty Car park Upgrade.

#### **Resolution No. 2013/22**

**That the officers' reports be received and accepted.**

**Moved: Cr Shenagh Gamble**

**Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones**

**Vote: AIF**

#### **8.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

#### **Resolution No. 2013/23**

**That the Financial report for the month of March 2013 be received and accepted.**

**Moved: Cr Ian Crawshaw**

**Seconded: Cr Mat Prouse**

**Vote: 6 – IF**

**1 – A Peter Clee**

**Cr Trish McIntyre moves to suspend standing orders for a short time and welcomes Jodie Clegg and Catherine from the Darwin Ukulele Kollektive to the meeting.**

Jodie Clegg and Catherine from the Darwin Ukulele Kollektive (aka the DUKES) would like to organise a Mandorah Ukulele and Folk Festival in June next year on the grounds of Cloppenburg Park. The festival would involve local acts as well as national acts with the involvement of Belyuen community. This festival will run through the weekend from Friday evening through to Sunday. Council supports this festival and asked that Jodie forward to them their plans for this festival.

This year the festival will be held at the Cox Country Club on Saturday 29 June 2013 and members of the Music Festival welcomes everyone to attend. Benhur (a ukulele musician that grew up in Mandorah) will be attending this festival. Notices to advertise this event will be pinned up at the shop and council chambers.

**Resolution No. 2013/24**

**Moved: Cr Ian Crawshaw**

**Seconded: Cr Lisa Marie Stones**

**Move to resume financial reports by Cr Trish McIntyre.**

**8.1** Michael Campaign is to contact Barry Hansen from Barry Hansen Chartered Accountants to discuss the discrepancy on our financials and to see if this can be resolved asap as this is delaying our financial reports. Meeting to be held with Michael, Barry and Cr Peter Clee.

**9.0 AGENDA ITEMS**

**9.1 Council Financial Statements** - The Senior Compliance Officer from Department of Local Government has asked that Council provide them with copies of the Wagait Shire Council's financial statements for the months ending January, February and March 2013. These were emailed to them on 10<sup>th</sup> April. They were also after the declaration of rates for the 2012/13 financial year, and copies of the minutes declaring these were also forwarded to them.

**9.2 Electoral Review** – The NT Electoral Commission has asked for council to complete the Electoral Review before the next State election.

**9.3 Anzac Day Preparations** – This event is well and truly under way and is to be held at the Council Cenotaph on 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10.15am. All in the community are invited to attend.

- 9.4 Nation Broadband Network (NBN)** – Cr Peter Clee attended this meeting with Tony Gibbs and Daren Rudd from Corporate Affairs – Community Relations on behalf of Council on 4<sup>th</sup> April and an overview was provided of National Broadband Network including activation of Fixed Wireless in Wagait Beach which is now available. For more information, brochures on NBN can be picked up from the Council Office.
- 9.5 Toproc Meeting** – This was held on 4 April at Belyuen Community and Cr Peter Clee attended this meeting on behalf of Council.
- 9.6 Caravan Mural** – David Collins and Alley Richmond have requested that a workshop ‘Sharing stories: Graffiti art from the young people of Belyuen and Wagait Beach’ be held at Cloppenburg Park on Saturday 1 June between 10am and 2pm. This will be attended by 3 skilled art workshop facilitators to work with the young people to create individual artworks and create a mural on the shipping containers. As well as the art, a BBQ will be held for the children.

**Resolution No. 2013/25**

**Council would like to extend their support for David Collins project ‘Sharing Stories: Graffiti Art from the young people of Belyuen and Wagait Beach’ be held at Cloppenburg Park on 1 June.**

**Vote: AIF**

- 9.7 Aircraft Site** – Michael has contacted the Heritage Branch for funds to maintain the Aircraft Site and he has met up with Steve Ashford from NT Heritage Branch to discuss funding.

**10.0 LATE ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 10.1 National Walk Safely to School Day** – Each year children of Wagait Beach participate in the Walk to School Day programme. A date for this is still to be confirmed by the NT Government, however Chris and Sue from Wagait Supermarket have kindly volunteered to donate breakfast foods for this program. Michael asked that we show appropriate recognition of this assistance. Council agreed.

- 10.2 Mandorah Wharf Car Park** – The Department of Infrastructure is in the process of finalising the plan for the car park. A copy of the Car Park concept plans is attached.

**11.0 MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 11.1** President Trish McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.00pm

The next Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 21 May 2013