

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING – TUESDAY, 19 AUGUST 2008

MINUTES

Present:

Peter Clee	- President
Karen Duncan	- Vice President
Ken Pittman	- Councillor
Vic Stow	- Councillor
Kerry Murphy	- Councillor
Rocco Magnoli	- Councillor
Wally Lenyszyn	- Chief Executive Officer

Apologies: Brian Edwards - Councillor

Resolution No 08/30
That the apology of Cr Edwards be accepted.

Moved: Cr Murphy
Seconded: Vice President Duncan
Vote: Carried 6-0

1. MEETING OPENING

The Council President Peter Clee opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

Resolution No 08/31
That Standing Orders be suspended to allow addresses and discussions with guests.

Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Cr Murphy
Vote: Carried 6-0

The President welcomed Council's Consulting Engineer, Mr Peter McLinden to the meeting.

Mr McLinden presented the following report to the Council

1. Sportsground Bore

Mr McLinden has presented the following report:

What is the main issue?

To update Council on the status and information received on the capacity and constraints on providing reticulated water to the Community Centre and oval.

What is it about?

The Cox Peninsula Community Government Council (Council) requested the assistance of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (the Association) in moving forward the project in providing additional water supply by way of a bore on lot 110 Forsyth Road to the Community Centre and also with the capacity to irrigate the sports field.

Council had the conditions and covenants varied on the Crown Lease to allow extraction of water and a licence was issued by Natural Resource Management Division to allow to drill a bore.

Correspondence from the Natural Resource Management dated 14 May 2004 indicated it was unlikely that water would be found and if it was the case yields would be seasonal and low.

Two companies were approached for advice and costs to equip the bore and reticulate to the Community Hall.

Initial quote from Southern Cross to equip the bore was \$2,257 this would depend on the availability of water and the depth of the bore which they did question.

Discussions with further bore drilling companies regarding water supply questioned the viability and sustainability of a bore on lot 110 Forsyth Road.

An Executive member of the Association who worked for Power and Water offered to assist in the research using his networks in the industry. Following report was provided. (Ref Attachment Pg No 7)

In summary evidence obtain from various sources question the availability of under ground water and the sustainability and reliability of the quality of potable water from lot 110 Forsyth Road.

The operational costs given the limited supply would be prohibitive in supplying the quantity of water required.

If Council decides to proceed estimated cost of the total project is \$90,400.

Mr McLinden added that PowerWater have expressed concern over the quality and quantity of water available at the Sportsground.

It was suggested that should it not be possible to continue with the bore, it may be appropriate to increase onsite storage capacity.

Mr McLinden advised that he would seek further information on behalf of the Council.

Resolution No 08/32

That the Consulting Engineers Report on the Sportsground / Community Centre Bore be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Stow
Seconded: Cr Murphy
Vote: Carried 6-0

Resolution No. 08/33

That Mr Don Wagner be thanked for his advice and work put in on the proposed Sportsground bore.

Moved: Cr Stow
Seconded: Vice President Duncan
Vote: Carried 6-0

2. Blackspot Program
Attached at (Attachment Pg No 9) is a copy of the guidelines applicable to the Blackspot Program.

Mr McLinden has presented the following report to Council:

What is the main issue?

To report to council on the Auslink Roads to Recovery Program being administered by the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory

What is it about?

On the 15 November 2005 the Cox Peninsula Community Government Council (Council) resolved that the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (the Association) would manage the Councils Auslink Roads to Recovery Program (the Program). Project management fee is 5% of project costs.

Allocation from the program to the council is \$75,879, over four years which equates to annual allocation of \$18,970.

There was an additional supplementary grant made available by the Australian Government to all councils in Australia.

The grant was equivalent to the annual payment under the Auslink Roads to Recovery Program. Council allocation was an additional \$18,970. This was paid in June 2006.

Guidelines and eligibility for projects under the Supplementary Program are similar to the Auslink Roads to Recovery Program, but reporting and audit were treated separately.

Total amount available to the Council from both programs was \$98,849 Excl GST.

Projects completed under Auslink Roads to Recovery Program and supplementary program are:

Drainage work and seal entrance to workshop access. \$9,579
Wagait Tower Road and Cox Road intersection Reseal / drainage. \$3,661
Reseal of De lissa Road. \$20,312
Supermarket access and drainage. \$13,695
Erickson Road boat ramp access sealing. \$14,558
Upgrade sealing / culverts of the access to Imaluk Springs community water supply \$62,303 (R2R \$25,464 Supplementary \$7,580 P&W \$30,259).

Both program funding allocations have been fully expended.

Financial reports are being correlated by the Association for the audit that has to be submitted to DoTaRS before October 31 2008

One project that was identified for consideration under the Auslink Roads to Recovery Program was the piping of the open U drain (OUD) that runs beside Wagait Tower road from the Council Office to the intersection with Cox Drive.

This project was costly and was dependent on further funds from the Federal Road Safety Black Spot Program submission. This has been unsuccessful. Lesson from this process is to stage the project and resubmit for the 2009/2010 round of grants.

The other strategy and option for council is to pursue with the Northern Territory Government under the Local Area Traffic Management Program funds on a 50/50 basis to do the work. (attached)

Will the decision impact upon Wagait Shire Council budget?

There is no impact on the Cox Peninsula Community Government Council budget.

The Auslink Roads to Recovery funds were additional tied funds separate from the Federal Assistance Grants received by the Cox Peninsula Community Government Council which are untied.

What decision are members being asked to make?

Resolution No. 08/34

That the Council receive and note the Auslink Roads to Recovery report.

Moved: Vice President Duncan
Seconded: Cr Murphy
Vote: Carried 6-0

3. LATM Program

Investigations are currently being undertaken on the possibility of closing in the open drain along Wagait Tower Road.

The Local Area Traffic Management Program is an option for funding.

Investigations are being undertaken on providing box culverts and covering them over. The total cost of the work is estimated at \$1.2 million. It is proposed to undertake the work in stages of 80mtr lengths.

It may be possible to fund the works from the LTAM Program and R2R funds which should become available again in 2010.

Mr McLinden indicated that he would proceed to cost the project.

Resolution No. 08/35

That the Council thank Mr McLinden for the work he puts in when undertaking Council projects.

Moved: Cr Stow
Seconded: Cr Vice President Duncan
Vote: Carried 6-0

Resolution No 08/36

That Standing Orders be resumed.

Moved: Cr Murphy
Seconded: Cr Stow
Vote: Carried 6-0

2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Monthly Council Meeting - 15 July 2008

Resolution No 08/37

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 15 July 2008 be accepted and confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Cr Stow
Seconded: Vice President Duncan
Vote: Carried 6-0

2.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Nil

3. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Advising that arrangements are being made for a public meeting to discuss the management of the Cox Peninsula Restricted Use Area. (RUA)

The meeting aims to provide information regarding significance, history and management of the RUA as well as to give residents the opportunity to voice their ideas and concerns regarding the future management of the RUA. The proposed date of the meeting is Wednesday 10 September 2008 at 7.00pm.

"The planning committee would like to request that Council give permission for the public meeting to be held at the Wagait Beach Sportsground and ask that the Council provides seats and a public address system for the event," (N4.4.1)

Resolution No. 08/38

That Council makes available all requested facilities at no cost to the RUA Planning Committee for the public meeting to be held on the 10 September 2008.

Moved: Cr Murphy
Seconded: Cr Magnoli
Vote: Carried 6-0

3.2 Attorney - General

Advising that applications for funding in 2008-09 under the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program have opened.

The Australian Government will offer \$18.6 million nationally under the program in 2008-09 for measures that contribute to safer, sustainable communities better able to withstand the effects of floods, storms, cyclones, bushfires and natural disasters.

Eligible projects include natural disaster risk management studies, early warning systems, community awareness measures and structural works to protect against damage.

Tabled and Noted

3.3 Advisor to Minister for Indigenous Affairs

Responding to Council's correspondence about the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) intervention and drunkenness. (Refer Attachment Page No.1)

"The measures of the intervention were introduced to protect Aboriginal children from abuse and build the basis for a better future. A major contributing factor recognised is the abuse of alcohol and the restrictions have been implemented in a bid to reduce the incidence and impact of such behaviour.

In addition to the restrictions, recipients of Income Support Payments at Belyuen have 50 per cent of their income managed.

Determining police presence within the Northern Territory is a matter for the NT Commissioner of Police and I suggest that you also raise your concerns in relation to policing capability in the Cox peninsula area with that agency. Your concerns have been raised with the relevant areas of the NT Police by the Darwin Office of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs."

As suggested, a copy of Councils representations have been forwarded to the Government's Review Board.

In addition, the Council at its last meeting deferred consideration of correspondence from The Hon Warren Snowdon MP pending the receipt of a response from the Minister. In his correspondence, Mr Snowdon identified the following possible solutions:

- It may be best for the Council, Belyuen representatives, the police and other agencies of the NT Government to discuss what measures may best deal with behaviour on the ferry.
- You would be aware of the different alcohol strategies that are now in place in Nhulunbuy, Katherine and elsewhere.
- Look at implementing rehabilitation and abuse prevention programs.
- Submit a response to Review process. (B 2)

Resolution No. 08/39

That Councils concerns and the response from the Minister for Indigenous Affairs over Aboriginal drunkenness be drawn to the attention of the Chief Minister and Commissioner of Police

Moved: Cr Stow
Seconded: Cr Magnoli
Vote: Carried 5-1 (Cr Pittman against)

3.4 Jane Carrigan

Expressing concern over potential Councillor conflict of interest in dealing with matters before the Council and referring in particular to the consideration of the Blyth Planning proposal considered by the Council at its last meeting. (Refer Attachment Page No 2) (C 17.4)

Subsequent to this correspondence Ms Carrigan was contacted by the President and in response she has requested that the following comments from and to the President be tabled:

Presidents Comments:

"In order for me to answer these allegations at the next council meeting, could you please indicate exact nature of my conflict of interest?"

I advise I have no conflict of interest, and therefore had no reason to abstain from the vote

I take great offence to your inference"

Ms Carrigan's Reply:

"I have not made an allegation. If you read it carefully I have pointed out that Councillors leave themselves exposed to potential of allegations when they are involved in votes, where their constituents may perceive their to be an issue of bias; classic conflict of interest issues. As a growing area, and as a Council in our own right, it is incumbent on us to ensure that we do not allow this to happen. Its about evolving, and while all parties are acting in a volunteering capacity, in the best interest of the community, have sound protocols around any issue of good governance has to be a bonus.

It is disappointing that you are offended because I would have thought, setting aside the example in this case – yourself, that you would have supported and ascribed to the principles of good governance.

I am going to ask Wally to include my answer to your concern in correspondence to the Council. While your ‘offence’ may have clouded your judgement, I do not believe that it is appropriate that you respond to a validly raised issue in the manner you have.”

Resolution No 08/40

That Ms Carrigan be advised that the matter of an individual Councillors pecuniary interest is a matter for the individual Councillor and not a matter in which the Council as a whole can have any jurisdiction over.

Moved: Cr Stow
Seconded: Vice President Duncan
Vote: Carried 6-0

3.5 Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Forwarding notice of consent to the proposal to use and develop 11 DeLissa Drive for the purpose of single dwelling with a reduced side setback and a building height in excess of 8.5 metres and a garage with a reduced side setback.

The reason given for the determination is that the dwelling will be adequately screened by existing native vegetation along the front, rear and side boundaries and will raise the ground floor above the estimated Primary Storm Surge Zone.

Although the decision has been made, should the Council not be satisfied with the decision, an opportunity exists for the Council to appeal the decision.

Received and Noted

3.6 Northern Territory Library

Responding to Council’s inquiry regarding public library funding for Wagait Beach.

“Northern Territory Library is not able to provide funding or support for a library service at this time.

Northern Territory Library is well aware that this is a huge issue for many communities in the territory and we are endeavouring to address it. The new local government arrangements have provided an opportunity to review library services, and the Public Library Co-Ordination Committee is addressing this issue.

Meanwhile, there are a number of services that we can offer:”

- *Box of Books Service* – This service provides for an initial donation of 100 books of various types. The books do not have to be returned and borrowers are normally asked to exchange a book when borrowing. The service is available up to four times a year.

- *On Line Services* – A list of online services is available, http://www.nt.gov.au/online_resources These services provide for interactive communication with learning aids and have numerous data bases of information resources.

- *Northern Territory libraries iPortal* – allows you to search the shared libraries catalogue for more than a million items held in over 50 different libraries across the Northern Territory.

- *Country Borrowers* – it is possible to have books mailed to you on loan. Postage is paid by the NT Library with books being available from the Taminmin Community Library.

A book exchange currently operates from the Wagait Beach Supermarket, however there is no room to expand to accommodate additional books.

The acceptance of the “Box of Books Service” could be the first step in having a library. Accommodation could be provided within the Community Centre or Council Office.

Resolution No 08/41

That Council agree to make the “Box of Books Service” available to the community with books being available from the Council office and that Ms Chris Ellis be thanked for her offer of bookshelves.

Moved: Vice President Duncan

Seconded: Cr Pittman

Vote: Carried 6-0

The President adjourned the meeting at 7.51pm

The meeting resumed at 8.08pm

3.7 Young Endeavour Youth Scheme

Applications are currently being called for expressions of interest from persons desiring to participate in the Young Endeavour Scheme for voyages departing in the first half of 2009.

Participation in the Scheme is available to persons aged between 16 – 23.

The cost of an 11 day trip is \$1,450.

Resolution No 08/42

That Council offer sponsorship on a \$ for \$ basis up to \$1,000 for any member of the community desiring to participate in the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme on the basis the sponsorship is to be a total value of \$1000 regardless of how many apply ie if one applies the max they would be eligible for would be \$720 but if two applied then the max would be \$500 each our total outlay was to be a maximum of \$1000

Moved: Vice President Duncan
Seconded: Cr Stow
Vote: Carried 6-0

3.8 Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee

Forwarding a copy of the Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee Report on the Review of the Darwin Harbour Regional Plan of Management and a new draft Strategic Framework for Managing the Darwin harbour Region 2009 – 2013.

A copy of the documents have been tabled and are available for viewing by Councillors.

Tabled and Noted

4. REPORTS:

4.1 CEO's Report

4.1.1 Local Government Reform Issues

4.1.1.1 2008 Elections

As previously advised, Shire elections will be held on Saturday 25 October 2008. Belyuen Shire Council is to remain under administration.

Notices inviting persons to nominate for Council elections are expected to be published by 12 September 2008. The close of the electoral roll is expected to be advised by 23 September 2008. Nominations will then close on 2 October 2008 and be declared on 3 October 2008.

Tabled and Noted

4.1.1.2 Authorised Officers

The following report was presented to the Council at its last meeting:

Prior to any officer being able to act or institute any proceedings under the new Local Government Act, it is necessary to obtain Council authorisation.

The authorisation is mainly required to allow officers to enter upon property and ascertain the identity of persons.

Resolution No.

That pursuant to Section 112 of the Local Government Act the Council appoints Mr Wally Lenyszyn and Mr Gary Zikan as authorised officers of the Wagait Shire Council for the purpose of exercising the powers confirmed upon the Council in the Local Government Act 2008."

The Council requested that additional information be provided.

- The Act provides for the Council to appoint authorised officers to exercise powers under the Act under any limitations or conditions the Council may wish to impose.
- An authorised person has the power to ask a persons name and address or provide further evidence of a specified kind of identity, and to enter upon lands or premises with the consent of the owner or where a warrant has been issued or in an emergency with the CEO's approval.
- An authorised purpose is to investigate a suspected offence against the Act,

In an emergency to protect the health of or prevent injury to a person or animal or to relieve the suffering of an animal or to seize or destroy a savage, diseased or injured animal

Destroying a dog that has, within the preceding 24 hours, attacked and injured a person in a public place.

Exercising any other power conferred on an authorised person by the Act.

- The provision of the new Act are similar to the provisions of the old Act. If anything, the old Act was more regulatory as it provided for the seizure of goods.

The Council requested that a further report be presented to the next meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that until such time as the authorisation is in place Council Officers will not be in a position to act on matters contained within the Local government Act.

4.1.2 Monthly Status Report

Please find attached (Attachment. Pg 4) the current Status Report detailing action taken by Council staff on decisions made by the Council.

The report is open for any questions from Councillors.

Tabled and Noted

4.1.3 Drainage Issue Lot 136 Erickson Crescent

Council at its last meeting considered a proposal from Ms A Blyth of Lot 136 Erickson Crescent Wagait Beach to construct a dwelling upon the allotment including potential drainage works. At the time it was considered that the adjoining owner was aware of the proposal as Ms Blyth indicated in her correspondence that she had spoken to her neighbour Ms Jane Carrigan. It now appears that the discussions were of a general nature and Ms Carrigan is concerned that she does not have a proper understanding of what is proposed. (Refer Attachment Pg No 5)

Not wanting to delay any potential works that may be in the planning phase, it has been necessary to contact Ms Blyth and advise her that she is not to undertake any works on her property or adjoining land that may interfere with the natural flow of water. If there is a need, detailed plans and specifications need to be presented to the Council for endorsement.

Tabled and Noted

4.1.4 Member for Daly

With the redistribution of NT Electoral boundaries and subsequent election our new Electorate of Daly will be represented by Mr Robert Knight.

Given that Mr Knight is new to our part of the electorate, there are a number of issues that the Council needs to bring the local member up to date on.

These issues include:

- The imposition of an 80km/hr speed restriction on the Charles Point Road between the jetty and the Cox Peninsula Road.
- The introduction of 5km / 10km distance markers on the Cox Peninsula Road between the Stuart Highway and Wagait Beach.
- The need to upgrade the Mandorah Boatramp.
- Access to land for future community amenities.
- Financial support for the expansion of the Wagait Beach Medical Clinic. Including the status of the Clinic and incentive payment for a doctor.
- Placement of prominent signage depicting Wagait Beach at the Stuart Highway / Cox Peninsula Road intersection.
- The possibility of access to funds for the establishment of a school.
- Commitment to embracing the communities position on local government restructuring.

- Support for the Council in seeking increased funding from the Government's Operational Grants Fund.
- Commitment of support for future Council projects.

It would be expected that Mr Knight would take the issues up on our behalf and obtain satisfactory responses.

Resolution 08/43

That the Council invite Mr Robert Knight to the next Council Meeting for the purpose of providing him with a briefing on issues that are currently of concern to the Council.

Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Cr Stow
Vote:

4.1.5 Sportsground Damage

Council will recall that some two months ago there was considerable damage caused to various parts of the Sportsground Complex.

The cost of repairs / reinstatement is in excess of \$6,000.

The persons who caused the damage have been apprehended by the Police. The offenders are both young children with no previous police history. It is understood that the offenders will be placing a notice of apology at the Wagait Beach Supermarket and are prepared to undertake some community work.

Resolution 08/44

That the Council complaint in relation to damage at the Wagait Beach Sportsground be dealt with by the Police in the normal course of their duties.

Moved: Cr Stow
Seconded: Cr Pittman
Vote: Carried 5-0 (Cr Magnoli against)

4.1.6 Elected Member Training

Information has been received from LGANT that they will be providing Shire Council Elected Member training.

The course, "Elected Member – Your Role" has the following content:

- **The Local Govt Act** what it contains and what you need to do
- **Role and Responsibilities** of local government elected members
- **Role and Responsibilities** of Principal Member and CEO

- **Conduct** for Council and Staff
- **How to work out if you have a Conflict of Interest**

The workshop aims to achieve learning outcomes associated with the above content by giving persons an understanding of key matters.

The workshop is available, to be conducted at Wagait Beach, on Sunday 28 September commencing at 9.30am.

Resolution 08/45

That the matter of elected member training be deferred until after the October Council election.

Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Vice President Duncan
Vote: Carried 6-0

Works Report:

4.2.1 General Matters

4.2.1.1 Mr Peter McLinden, Consulting Engineer

Considered at beginning of meeting.

4.2.2 Works Supervisor's Report

Mr Zikan has submitted the following report: for July / August

4.2.2.1 Dogs

No reports of cross-bred Dingoes or Feral Cats have been received.

4.2.2.2 Dump

All green waste has been pushed up by Council and has been burned by persons unknown.

Raking of the disposal area continues to be undertaken three times per week and burning of the hole is undertaken four days per week.

We will shortly need to clear another area at the back of the dump for building waste.

On the list of upcoming duties is the maintenance of the tip entrance road before the onset of any rains.

Cr Pittman requested that Council obtain a cost for the removal of the builder's rubble etc from the dump site.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he would arrange for a costing.

4.2.2.3 Water

The bores are still being operated manually due to a malfunction somewhere in the system. As has been previously reported by the Works Dept., we have notified PowerWater and they have indicated their desire to rectify the problem and bring things back to normal as soon as possible. Powerwater have indicated they will be repairing all of these problems within the next 2 weeks.

Work has been completed on the repair to the 1mega litre water storage tank. Instead of a new bladder being installed, PowerWater have coated the inside of the tank with a spray on product and the tank has been re-commissioned and is back to it's usable state.

The fence repair job in conjunction with the recommissioning of Imulak Spring has been completed.

We continued to receive a number of callouts during the period for which Powerwater have been billed.

4.2.2.4 Jetty

Graffiti was again painted over.
More barnacles were removed.
Regular washing down and removal of litter undertaken

There continues to be an increase in the amount of litter in the carpark, particularly under the large tree.

4.2.2.5 Community Centre

Community Centre Genset continues to be started on a fortnightly basis and run for 1.5hrs. We are currently looking for a back-up power supply for the battery. In the process of fitting an exhaust to stop gasses from entering the complex.

4.2.2.6 Sportsground

The relocation of the Caretakers caravan has taken place and has been secured to the ground by way of steel supports and concreted into the ground. The accompanying verandah is yet to be transported to the site, however it shall be within the next 2 weeks

4.2.2.7 Works Program

Other specific works/projects to be undertaken when time permits include as follows. Please note that these projects are additional to routine works undertaken on a daily basis.

JOB	EST START	EST COMP	COMPLETED
Landscaping at rear of Community Centre	May 08	Subject to finance	
Genset protective cage	April 08	July 08	
Concrete tables & chairs	May 08	Aug.08	
Paint Road Barriers	June 08	September	

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Gravel Dump Entrance Road	June 08	July 08	
Road Barrier Erickson Cres	May 08	May 08	Yes
Clean up Milady plane wreck site	June 08	June 08	yes
Cage Sportsground water bubbler	May 08	July 08	yes
Replace Carpark chain	June 08	June 08	yes
Repair office pressure pump	June 08	June 08	yes
Repair finishing deck	July 08	July 08	
Repair Pressure Cleaner	(report to Cnl)		
Sportsground Fencing Caravan	August 08	September 08	
Install Hand Towel Dispensers	June 08	June 08	yes

Tabled and Noted

4.2.2.8 Pressure Cleaner

Last month it was reported that water was discovered in the oil reservoir of the pressure cleaner.

Inquiries to a local mechanic and the company 'Thinkwater' leaves us with the need to replace the Water Blasting unit. The Honda engine which drives the Water Blaster is still in good condition. The replacement cost is estimated at \$1,500.

A subsequent assessment has been undertaken by HD Pump Sales & Service with a recommendation that repair would not be warranted. The Company has quoted \$1273.16 for a replacement pump, hose and nozzle.

Resolution No.08/46

That the Council accept the quotation of H.D. Pump Sales & Service for the replacement of the existing pressure pump.

Moved: Cr Stow
Seconded: President Clee
Vote: Carried 6-0

Sport & Recreation Report:

4.3.1 General Matters

4.3.1.1 Recreation Officer

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the Recreation Officer position had recently been readvertised and that there had been some interest shown in the position.

4.3.1.2 Grant Funding

The Chief executive Officer reported that he had received confirmation that the council will receive no less in funding to what we received last year.

4.3.2 Recreation Officer's Report

No Report submitted

OFFICERS REPORTS

Resolution No 08/47

That the Officers' reports be received and accepted.

**Moved: President Cleo
Seconded: Vice President Duncan
Vote: Carried 6-0**

5. OTHER OR LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Monthly Mail List – Inward Correspondence: (Refer Att. Pg 7)

Monthly Mail List – Outward Correspondence: (Refer Att. Pg 8)

Late Correspondence:

Cr Cleo expressed concern over the correspondence forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment in relation to the Larrakia Development Corporation development on Charles Point Road.

Resolution No 08/48

That Council express concern about the letter written to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure in relation to the Charles Point Road development as the matter should have been referred to the Council prior to the letter being written.

**Moved: President Cleo
Seconded: Cr Pittman
Vote: Carried 5-1 (Cr Stow against)**

Resolution No 08/49

That the Inwards Correspondence be received and the Outwards correspondence be confirmed.

**Moved: President Cleo
Seconded: Vice President Duncan
Vote: Carried 6-0**

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Financial Report:

- 6.1.1 Program Report by Account S 13 LG (Acc) Regs: (Ref Att, Pg 18)
- 6.1.2 Bank Reconciliation Statements (Refer Attachment Pg 42)
- 6.1.3 Invoices Paid May (Refer Attachment Pg 45)

Resolution No 08/50

That the July Monthly Financial Reports be accepted.

Moved: Cr Stow
Seconded: Cr Murphy
Vote: Carried 6-0

6.2 Annual Report and Accounts

(This item is presented in anticipation that documentation will be available for distribution prior to the Council Meeting. At the time of writing the report the information was not available)

The 2007/08 Annual Financial Statement has been completed and audited. (Included with agenda as part of the Annual Report)

The Annual Report has also been completed and is attached to the Agenda.

The Local Government Accounting Regulations require that the Financial Statement be placed before the Council.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he is awaiting the President's Report prior to being able to submit the documentation.

6.3 Shire Plan

The Wagait Shire, Shire Plan 2008 – 2011 has been advertised for public inspection as required by the Local Government Act.

There were no submissions received during the public inspection period.

Resolution No. 08/51

That Council adopts 2008 – 2011 Wagait Shire Plan and that a copy of the Plan be forwarded to the Local Government Department.

Moved: Cr Magnoli
Seconded: Cr Murphy
Vote: Carried 6-0

6.4 Trailer Tender

Cr Magnoli expressed an interest in the matter and left the room.

The following tenders were received:

- R Magnoli \$500.00
- M Vincent \$310.00
- P White \$212.00
- G Carrington \$200.00
- P Parker \$275.00

Resolution No. 08/52

That Council accept the tender of R Magnoli for the purchase of the Council trailer.

Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Vice President Duncan
Vote: Carried 6-0

Cr Magnoli returned to the meeting.

7. AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 8.1 Cr Stow advised that arrangements were being made to complete the painting of kerbing along Wagait Tower Road.

Once again the community will be invited to participate on Sunday 31 August commencing at 8.00am and concluding with a BBQ lunch.

All Councillors are encouraged to attend.

- 8.2 Cr Magnoli expressed concern over children boarding and departing from the Ferry during rough weather.

Resolution No. 08/53

That Council write to the Minister for Education and Minister for Transport drawing to their attention over the inadequate support available to children boarding and departing the Ferry during rough weather.

Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Vice President Duncan
Vote: Carried 6-0

- 8.3 Cr Pittman asked if the downpipe at the Council office had been repaired.

The Chief executive Officer advised that it had not.

- 8.4 Cr Duncan advised that there was a need to provide additional water storage at the Sportsground.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he would obtain the cost of additional storage.

- 8.5 **The Council agreed that new doors be placed on the public toilet block at the Sportsground without awaiting the outcome of the insurance claim.**

8.6 Cr Duncan requested that signs be placed at the shower/toilets at the Sportsground advising that the water supply is not reticulated and therefore should be used sparingly.

8.7 **The Council agreed that investigations should be undertaken into Council accepting agency roles on behalf of Agencies.**

9. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

Nil

10. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

President Clee closed the meeting at 9.44pm .

The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 16 September 2008 at 7.00pm.

PRESIDENT: _____

DATE: _____

CEO: _____

DATE: _____