

**WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**16 August 2011**

**Present:** Vice President Cr. Karen Duncan  
Cr. Trish McIntyre  
Cr. Vera Lamont  
Cr. Darryl Withnall  
Cr. Rocky Magnoli  
CEO Geoff Handicott

**Visitor:** Ron Hutcheson, Team Leader – Compliance, Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services (DHLGRS)

1. **MEETING OPENING** at 7.00pm, by Cr. Duncan
- 1.1 **APOLOGIES** President Peter Clew  
Matt Prouse

**Resolution No. 211/40**  
**That the apology of Crs. Clew & Prouse be accepted.**  
**Moved: Cr Vera Lamont**  
**Seconded: Cr Trish McIntyre**  
**Vote: 3/1**

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - Nil**
3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution No. 211/41**  
**That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 19 July 2011 be confirmed.**  
**Moved: Cr Darryl Withnall**  
**Seconded: Cr Trish McIntyre**  
**Vote:**

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

- 3.1.1 Financial Report presented to the July meeting, and rejected, has been reviewed by DHLGRS Compliance Office, and meets all requirements.

Council members present proposed that this format be accepted for future reporting to Council. The format is more simplified and easier to understand.

**Resolution No. 211/42**

**That the format of the Financial report, presented to this meeting today, be the accepted format for future financial reporting to Council.**

**Moved: Cr Trish McIntyre**

**Seconded: Cr Vera Lamont**

**Vote: All in Favour**

**3.1.2 Rates 2011 – 2012** – rates notices have been sent out.

**3.1.3 Outstanding Rates** – not discussed

**4. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

**Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence July 2011.)**

**4.1 Bardia Bodaghi, Director, Strategic Projects and Initiatives** re Regional Waste Facility – Discussion on Governance Options. Meeting to be held Thurs. 25 August, 9am – 10.30am at DHLGRS-RCG Centre, 83-85 Smith Street, Darwin. CEO is looking for delegates to attend, as he is unavailable on the day.

**4.2 Chris Tyzack** re Final Recovery Plan for Council endorsement. Plan will be ready for submission to September meeting

**5. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

**Refer to Attached List ( Outwards Correspondence July 2011.)**

**More detailed information on inwards and outwards correspondence will be provided at the Council meeting.**

**Resolution No. 211/43**

**That the incoming and outgoing correspondence be accepted as information.**

**Moved: Cr Vera Lamont**

**Seconded: Cr Trish McIntyre**

**Vote: All in favour**

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

**1. Waste Management**

NTRS have agreed to accept our glass at \$44 per drum. Since the last meeting over a ton of glass has been placed in the ground. Previously the NTRS would take our aluminium, plastics and glass, at no cost or benefit to us.

The hard waste area has been tidied up, and I'm currently trying to organize to have the vehicle bodies removed.

**2. Road Repairs**

Work on the dip on Cox Drive has now been completed. Council was asked to put in an expression of interest to bitumise 2 road surfaces within the Belyuen

community. We have provided a quote and are waiting to hear back from them.

### **3. HR Update**

Sincere thanks to Shelley for the enormous effort she put in to get the Rates notices finished and dispatched. Shelley worked long hours to achieve this. Works staff are performing well. Russell is back off leave. Shelley is taking a short break this month.

**Administration** – MYOB transition has been still progressing at a slow rate. The accountant who is assisting is unable to come out for a few weeks.

### **4. Milady Plane Wreck Site**

The chain fence around the wreck site has been welded back into position. We are still trying to locate the information on the providers of the original signage.

### **5. RUA Fencing on foreshore.**

The RUA have met with a fencing contractor to discuss the possibility of fencing the site around the drums. Have not heard anything back regarding this.

### **6. Upcoming Community Events**

**Seniors Ball** – Theme is ‘Gangsters and Molls’ as suggested at last Council meeting. Invitations and Advertising has been prepared. Plans are progressing well. RSVP’s due by 19 August, so that adequate catering can be organized.

*Crs. ’ Duncan and Lamont will be attending.*

*RSVP’s received to date.*

*Concern has been expressed by some of the seniors who would like to attend but don’t want to be driving home at night. Cr. Rocky Magnoli will run a pickup service at 7pm, and a drop-off service at 11pm. Those Seniors requiring transport are to contact Council with address details.*

**Resolution No. 211/44**

**That the Officers’ reports be received and accepted.**

**Moved: Cr Rocky Magnoli**

**Seconded: Cr Darryl Whithnall**

**Vote: All in Favour**

## **7. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **7.1 Financial Reports**

**Resolution No 211/45**

**That the July Financial Reports be accepted.**

**Moved: Cr Darryl Withnall**

**Seconded: Cr Trish McIntyre**

**Vote: All in favour**

## 8. AGENDA ITEMS

- 8.1 Shire Business Plan** – Ron Hutcheson outlined the procedure for development of the Shire Plan. Council is to write to the Minister requesting an extension of time (end Oct, 2011). Shire plan needs a 3yr projection of financials, and must allow a 21 day public consultation.

Richard Munt (DHLGRS) will come out to assist CEO to prepare the plan, however, it needs input from Councilors, and perhaps outside assistance as well.

Cr. Trish McIntyre suggested setting extra meeting time aside, outside ordinary Council Meeting times to work on the preparation of the plan.

- 8.2 Budget 2011-2012** – Currently shows \$3,423 surplus, after allocating \$16,500 for purchase of capital equipment.

Ron Hutcheson reviewed the draft budget prior to the meeting and suggested Council accept this budget, with mention of a budget review in October, 2011, following allocation of the next round of State and Federal Government funding around September.

**Resolution No 211/46**

**That the Council adopt the Draft Budget as prepared by Geoff now, and this Budget to be reviewed in October 2011..**

**Moved: Cr Trish McIntyre**

**Seconded: Cr Karen Duncan**

**Vote: All in favour**

(Meeting suspended for 20 minutes)

- 8.3 Amalgamation update** – This issue is still dragging on. Bob Smilie, on behalf of GHD, sent an email to the CEO with a list of questions regarding the history of the Amalgamation issue. Geoff circulated this email to all Councilors for their comment.

Cr. Karen Duncan read out a response by President Peter Clee, in his absence. This response has also been emailed to Councilors, and they are asked to read it and provide feedback to CEO for an Official response.

- 8.4 TOPROC** – Council is not happy with the current plans proposed for Cox Peninsular, and has requested CEO to raise these concerns at the next TOPROC meeting.

- 8,5 Regional Waste Management** meeting, Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup>. CEO to forward information to Cr. Vera Lamont, who may be able to attend.

- 8.6 Dog Problem on the Estate** – Cr. Duncan read out a letter from Steve and Kiara, reporting a vicious dog attack on the Estate. Other Councilors contributed verbal reports on other incidents ranging from barking dogs, through to slaughter of chickens and ducks by uncontrolled dogs on the Estate.

After lengthy discussion around enforcing Regulatory Orders and introducing the first By-Law in the Shire, Council unanimously decided on the following actions:

- a. Letters to be written to dog owners, issuing a warning, and advising them that in the instance of personal injury, or injury to property, as a result of dogs, Council will advise the complainants to report the incident to the Police.
- b. A letter is to be written to Steve and Kiara, acknowledging their letter, and advising them of the actions to be taken by Council. The matter is now in the hands of the police.
- c. CEO is to look into procedures for adopting By-Laws, including providing costings.
- d. Article to be placed in the Wagaitear, regarding barking and roaming dogs, and expressing Council's views and intended actions.
- e. CEO to contact the Police to discuss options.
- f. CEO to contact RSPCA to discuss options for dogs who cause concerns on the Estate.

**8.7 Councillors' participation in decision-making** – Good discussion around the importance of all Councillors' participation in decision making, as they are the elected community representatives.

Cr. Duncan mentioned that the CEO is doing a good job, and Councillors' should pledge their support by remaining involved in the decision-making process.

**9. LATE ITEMS and GENERAL BUSINESS.**

**9.1** NTES Request for use of Council trailer to transport steel shelves from Darwin to Wagait Beach – CEO has offered to arrange for the Works staff to pick up the shelves for NTES, when the Shire truck is next in Darwin.

**9.2** Cr. Duncan asked for an update on the Jetty situation, as a number of constituents have been complaining about the current state of the Jetty. The CEO pointed out that Council has no authority, or responsibility, for the Jetty at the present time. The current contract in place is for 3 years, and while Council will re-tender then, all responsibility remains with the current Contractors.

The CEO will, however, contact the current contractors, expressing the Communities concerns.

The CEO also mentioned that Council had been approached to quote on pressure washing the boat ramp.

**10 IN-CAMERA ITEMS - Nil**

**11. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Cr. Duncan closed the meeting at 9.25pm .  
The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on 20 September 2011 at 7.00pm.

Signed by.....Date.....  
President – Wagait Shire Council

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CEO - Wagait Shire Council