

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

28th August 2012

Present: Trish McIntyre (President)
Lisa-Marie Stones (Vice President)
Matt Prouse
Lil Prouse
Peter Clee
Ian Crawshaw
Geoff Handicott (CEO)
Shenagh Gamble (arrived 7.30pm)

Visitors: Lorraine Gardiner
Ray Nicholls

1. MEETING OPENING & Welcome
Meeting opened at 7.03pm, by President McIntyre, who welcomed everyone present.

1.1 APOLOGIES - Nil

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 2012/53
That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 17 July 2012 be confirmed.
Moved: Cr Ian Crawshaw
Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones
Vote: AIF

3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes: - Nil

Standing Orders suspended at 7.05pm

Lorraine Gardiner addressed Council on her proposal to name the Sportsground 'Cloppenburg Park' after George Cloppenburg, who was the original owner of the land, having purchased it in 1884.

It was agreed that an ad be placed in the Wagaitear, seeking comment from the Community before the next meeting. Community members can contact Council with feedback.

Resumption of Standing Orders – moved Peter Clee, 2nd: Lil Prouse.

Peter Clee foreshadowed a motion to name the Sportsground ‘Cloppenburg Park’ and invite public feedback.

4. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence July 2012)

5. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Outwards Correspondence July 2012.)

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

<p>Resolution No. 2012/54 That the Correspondence for the Month of July 2012 be confirmed. Moved: Cr Peter Clee Seconded: Cr Matt Prouse Vote: AIF</p>

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

HR – Sasha has chosen a very busy time to commence as admin officer, with rates being the biggest event on our calendar. She is coping with difficulties and is finding the position requires a very steep learning curve, having been thrown in with very little prior assistance. She will require some MYOB training, which is already under way.

Sickness has struck all Council staff this past month, with sick leave being taken, and has had a large impact, as we lost 50% of our staff during this time.

Rates – To 16th August we recovered 30% of rates, which is not a bad result, and it is an improvement on last year.

RUA – The RUA had it's final inspection of this contract. The reporting structure has been changed and requires more input from the Works Dept. The Dept. was happy with the overall result of the contract. Neem trees are still being pulled from this area and the Dept. is concerned with the amount of private blocks with Neem and Mission Grass on them.

Rubbish Dump – A continuous task to keep the tip in check, with the public still unable to tell the difference between green waste and domestic waste. I'm not sure what the

solution to this is, as there is signage indicating where different wastes should be dropped.

Wild Dog issues – Wild dogs still remain a major issue within the Estate. Two specimens have been caught and removed. Another pet dog has been taken in the last week.

A local resident has spoken to the Department of Wildlife with reference to our methods of control. Pascale Taplin will address Council on this matter later in the evening.

Bike Track update – Mick Kiem hopes to get started on this shortly.

Senior's Ball - Preparations for this event are well under way. It should be a good night with plenty of music, food and prizes to be given on the night. Also, I have heard that we are being watched by some outside our universe.... We may get a visit.

<p>Resolution No. 2012/55 That the Officers' reports be received and accepted. Moved: Cr Peter Clee Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble Vote: AIF</p>
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7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 Financial Reports

Due to major hiccups in the MYOB system, the initial finance reports circulated to all Councillors prior to this meeting are now defunct.

An accountant from Barry Hansen's has spent the day at Council today, resolving the issues, and current, accurate, up-to-date financials have been issued to all Councillors this evening.

Resolution No 2012/56

Peter Clee proposed the following motion:

Financial Reports for July 2012 contain missing, incomplete and incorrect information. Council accepts the CEO's explanation that whilst the accounting system transition has been ongoing for over 12 months it is still incomplete and that action is being taken to resolve the issues.

Council instructs the CEO to take all appropriate measures to expedite and to finalise the financial reports for the FYE 30 June 2012 and to prepare detailed and accurate financial reports for July 2012. Such reports to be made available to council as soon as possible.

Council is unable to accept incomplete and inaccurate reports as tabled and defers acceptance and approval of the July 2012 financial reports.

Moved: Peter Clee
Seconded: Lisa-Marie Stones
Vote: All in Favour

Standing Orders Suspended 7.50pm:

Ray Nicholls, Rural Fire Brigade, addressed Council.

Ray has received a call from Terry Mills, informing him that the Brigade will be receiving \$50,000 towards the cost of a shed to house fire vehicles. Official confirmation will arrive in about 3 weeks.

The Brigade currently has 1 x Heavy Duty Truck, 1 x Grass Fire Truck, and a 30,000 litre trailer.

Ray is retiring due to ill health, and is seeking a site to erect the shed.

After discussion by Council, it was decided that the CEO will liaise with Ray regarding shed size and other requirements, and report back to Council at next meeting.

Standing Orders Resumed 8.00pm.

8. AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 Naming of Sports Oval (Lorraine Gardiner) – covered earlier in the evening.

8.1 Budget

CEO reported that the draft budget, circulated to Councillors for consideration, was a fairly tight one.

At the Planning Day, held in June, it was decided to replace the Mower, and \$18,000 has been allocated for this purchase. 4 Quotes have been sought, and Shenagh will contact Geoff with another supplier worth approaching.

It was decided that in order for Council to approve the draft budget, they would need a copy of last year's budget, along with the Profit & Loss Statement for the whole of the prior year.

Resolution No 2012/57

Peter Clee proposed the following motion:

Council notes that the Financial Reports for July 2012 contain missing, incomplete and incorrect information. Council is unable to accept the 2012/13 budget as presented and defers acceptance and approval thereof.

Council accepts the CEO's explanation that whilst the accounting system transition has been ongoing for over 12 months it is still incomplete and accurate information to support the budget is not yet available.

Council instructs the CEO to prepare detailed and accurate comparative budget reports for the proposed Budget for the financial year 2012/13.

Such detailed comparative Budget Report to be made available to council as soon as possible.

Moved: Peter Clee

Seconded: Lil Prouse

Vote: All in favor

8.2 Shire Plan 2012-2013

Draft Shire Plan is awaiting the approved Budget figures for 2012-13. CEO reported that the Department is waiting for this Plan to be lodged, so it is important that decisions are made sooner rather than later.

- Deferred to September meeting.

8.3 Bike Ride Report

- Ian Crawshaw reported that the Ride was a great success. The ten Wagait volunteers were not needed on the day. Plans are afoot to make the event even larger next year.

8.4 Community Centre Usage for Church Services

- Peter Clee has been approached by a community member regarding the use of the Community Centre for a church service at Christmas. While the Council is generally in favour, the CEO is to follow up with more information at the September meeting.

8.5 Seniors Ball Report

- Geoff thanked Councillors and staff for their assistance on the day. There were 47 attendees, plus 2. Everyone who attended enjoyed the evening. Trish thanked everyone who assisted with the donations and planning. A letter of thanks will go out to all sponsors.

Geoff also made mention of an incident which occurred, overshadowing the evening, and on which he is currently seeking legal advice, prior to raising before the full Council.

9. LATE ITEMS and GENERAL BUSINESS.

9.1 Tourism TopEnd Subscription Invoice for \$210.00 received.

After Council discussions, it was decided to discontinue this membership.

Resolution No 2012/58

Council has decided to discontinue membership of Tourism TopEnd.

Moved: Peter Clee

Seconded: Shenagh Gamble

Vote: 6 in Favor – Cr. Crawshaw abstained.

9.2. Invitation to commission a public sculpture

Council has been approached regarding the commissioning of a public sculpture, with prices ranging upwards of \$50,000. - Tabled

9.3 Australia Day Council

The Australia Day Council is currently seeking delegates for the Australia Day Conference to be held in October.

Wagait Shire Council is currently seeking nominations for the Australia Day Awards, and will advertise in the October edition of the Wagaitear, seeking nominations.

9.4 Peter Clee suggested letters be written to the new Minister for Local Government, and the new Local Member, asking them to meet with Council to discuss the needs of Wagait Beach. Peter circulated a draft of a letter he has written and will send out electronic copies to councillors for comment.

10 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

NIL

11. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

President McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 18 September 2012 at 7.00pm.

PRESIDENT: _____

DATE: _____

CEO: _____

DATE: _____