

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING – TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2008

MINUTES

Present:

Peter Clee	- President
Karen Duncan	- Deputy President
Rocco Magnoli	- Councillor
Jane Carrigan	- Councillor
Trish McIntyre	- Councillor
Vera Lamont	- Councillor
Darryl Withnall	- Councillor (from 6.13pm)
Wally Lenyszyn	- Chief Executive Officer

Apologies: Nil

1. MEETING OPENING

President Clee opened the meeting at 6.05pm.

1(a) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Monthly Council Meeting - 13 November 2008

Resolution No. 08/124

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 13 November 2008 be accepted subject to the following amendments:

(a) Resolution No. 08/109 being allocated the item no. 8.8;

(b) The précis correspondence from “My principal to Ms Carrigan,s threats” in Inward Correspondence Item 8.7 being deleted from the minutes.

Moved: Vice President Duncan

Seconded: Cr McIntyre

Vote: Carried 6-0

Cr Withnall arrived at the meeting at 6.13pm.

2.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Nil

3. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 LGANT

Forwarding notice of the Annual General Meeting to be held at Darwin City Council on 26-27 March 2009.

The Association is calling for nominations to the Executive. The Executive comprises an Association President, two vice Presidents and five Executive members. Nominations close on the 15 January 2008. (L 1)

Received and Noted

3.2 Firearms Unit NT Police

Forwarding firearms licence renewal for animal control within the Shire.

The licence is valid to the 12 October 2009. (N 10.2)

Received and Noted

3.3 Minister for Local Government

Advising that Council's application for a change in use of part of its 2008 Election Special Purpose Grant has been forwarded to the Executive Director for consideration.

Council is to be contacted shortly in relation to the Executive Director's response. (G 1.1)

Received and Noted

3.4 Territory Tidy Towns

Extending an invitation to Council to enter the 2009 Tidy Town program. (C 18.6)

Resolution No. 08/125

That Council agrees to participate in the 2009 Tidy Towns activities and that support be given to the local Committee in undertaking activities.

Moved: Cr Lamont
Seconded: Cr Magnoli
Vote: Carried 7-0

3.5 Office of the Chief Minister

Acknowledging receipt of Council's correspondence regarding the Mandorah Ferry Service.

"Your correspondence is being actioned and you will receive an answer in the near future" (N 4.7)

Received and Noted

3.6 Litchfield Council

Seeking the Council's support to a funding application to upgrade the Thorak Regional Cemetery.

"The concept plan this council will submit to the Australian Government includes two components:

- 1. A new cremator facility to replace the existing slow processing unit. The new unit will be a modern, efficient and environmentally friendly cremator meeting the highest operational guidelines required in this industry.*
- 2. Will see the replacement of the existing chapel facilities with a more appropriately sized and designed building. The chapel design will allow for multiple usages and cater for larger attendance. In addition there will be facilities for catering and other functions associated with the services provided at the cemetery.*

Litchfield Council needs to be able to convince the Australian Government that the concept submitted has strong community support. (G.1)

Resolution No. 08/126

That Council provide a letter of support to the Litchfield Council for their grant application to upgrade facilities at the Thorak Regional Cemetery.

Moved: Cr Lamont
Seconded: Vice President Duncan
Vote: 7-0

4. REPORTS:

4.1 CEO's Report

4.1.1 Monthly Status Report

Please find attached (Attachment. Pg 1) 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.

Received and Noted

4.1.2 LGANT General Conference

I recently attended the LGANT General Conference along with Deputy President Duncan and Cr Carrigan. The Conference was held in Darwin over a period of two days. This was the first Conference held by LGANT since the number of Councils was reduced from 63 to 16.

Items of interest from the Conference included:

Major General David Chalmers, Federal Intervention Taskforce

- The next 12 months will be a period of stabilisation with a community development focus.
- There will be 63 Business Managers in place to oversee progress on the intervention. Will be recruiting local people who will be trained in the position. There are currently 29 employed.
- Since the intervention there have been 18 temporary police stations established, and extra 51 officers employed and 63 night patrols established.
- 12,263 children have had health checks of which 60% required referrals.
- There are 2,500 houses to be refurbished over the next 4 years.
- There are app. 15,600 people under income management.
- There have been 1,500 people previously on CDEP now in full time employment.
- There will be another review of the program mid next year.

Hon Rob Knight, Minister for Local Government

- All Councils have had to be able to adapt to change whether large or small.
- There needs to be more work done on electoral awareness.
- There is a need to have fairer conditions of employment for employees. Although it is a matter for the Shires the Government would like to see employees treated fairly.
- The current structure of local government makes it better in working together.
- More work needs to be done on the Business System. The Government will fill the gaps in providing any support. The system was to be operating by the 30/7. This is not the case and all Shires are disappointed.
- There is a need to have better housing for indigenous people in remote areas.
- Would like to see indigenous banking. This will be resourced in the near future.
- It is the intention of the Government to fully incorporate the Territory. There are currently moves afoot to have unincorporated land incorporated. Coomalie and Belyuen have expressed a desire to expand their boundaries. The Government will be supporting the Councils.
- The Minister made it clear that there would be no new money to the new Shires in years 2 to 3.

In relation to the incorporation issue, the Minister has previously offered the services of personnel within the Department to assist the Council in developing proposals.

Given that Coomalie has already made a move, the Council should at least have a position on whether it wishes to get involved in extending its boundaries to include unincorporated land.

Resolution No. 08/127

That Council request the Minister for Local Government to provide the necessary resources to undertake an assessment of the implications of Council taking over the control of unincorporated land on the Cox Peninsula.

Moved: Cr Lamont
Seconded: Cr Withnall
Vote: Carried 7-0

Dale Chapman, WALGA

- Spoke on cooperative purchasing arrangements operating in Western Australia.
- Last year produced \$15 million in savings from a total outlay of \$80 million.
- Western Australian legislation provides for an exemption from the tender regulations where Councils purchase from the cooperative.

The next day saw the meeting resolve to seek a similar exemption from territory legislation.

Owen Harvey-Beavis, MAV

- Spoke on the effectiveness of rate impact statements in conveying information to residents.
- Rates are often influenced by special interest groups.
- Councils face a greater financial risk if rate capping is introduced with Council amalgamations. Not immediately but a few years down the track.

Bob Beadman, Chairman NT Grants Commission

- There has been a need to come up with a new funding formula.
- There has been a need to approach things differently as a result of the number of Councils being reduced from 63 to 16.
- It was necessary to do something because of shifts in the focus of local government in the territory.
- Funding has always focused on the aboriginal community. Are we appropriately reflecting our way of attending to aboriginal needs.
- Every council is entitled to a minimum grant that is then subject to cost adjusters.
- The Commission previously worked on six cost adjusters, now there will only be three; Location, Aboriginality and Dispersion.
- The Commonwealth adopts the following principles for distributing grants:
 - Horizontal Equalisation
 - Effort Neutrality
 - Minimum Grant
 - Other Grant Support
 - Aboriginality & TSI
 - Council Amalgamations

Mr Beadman was quite adamant that the Commission would not entertain grant allocations being based on the previous years allocation and adjusted by movements in the CPI.

Adrian Beresford-Wylie, ALGA

- Environment faced by Government and Government Departments
 - Global financial crisis
 - Reducing Budget surplus
 - Politically popular
 - Resource constraints
- Australian Council of Local Governments
 - The new organisation has the support of the PM
 - Will have a similar membership group to ALGA.
 - The Minister will be making an announcement next week as to the size of the group and what they will be expected to do.
 - Have to work out how the new structure will work.
 - Good opportunity to have a national meeting of Mayors and Presidents.
- Infrastructure & Urban Policy
 - Regional and community infrastructure fund established.
 - Immediate funding of \$300 million.
 - The future will depend upon proper asset management.
 - Need to look closely at Major Cities Unit and Housing Affordability Fund.
- Regional Development and Climate Change
 - A greenpaper on carbon reduction and pollution is in the process of being prepared.
 - There is a challenge for local government to participate in carbon reduction.
 - Program reform is required for climate change and the impact on natural disasters.

The rest of the conference was devoted to the general meeting for which there was formal agenda.

There were two issues considered at the meeting that require the council's attention:

Membership Fees

Various scenarios were put forward (Refer Attachment Pg No. 2)

The favoured option provides for an increase in the number of votes to the 8 new Shires.

The favoured option is the one proposed by LGANT providing for payment of 1.35% fags and op subs plus 60 cents per head.

Under this arrangement the Council's membership fee would be \$2,832 compared to the current fee of \$2,789

Resolution No 08/128

That Council express its support to LGANT for membership fees to be based on 1.35% fags and op subs plus 60 cents per head.

Moved: Cr Carrigan
Seconded: Cr McIntyre
Vote: Carried 7-0

Membership Voting Entitlements

With the change to local government in the Territory, there is a need to review the voting rights of member Councils at LGANT meetings.

A number of proposals have been put forward (Ref Attachment Pg No. 7)

The favoured option provides for an increase in the number of votes to the 8 new Shires.

Resolution No 08/129

That Council supports the following voting structure for voting at LGANT meetings:

- Darwin City Council **3 votes**
- Other Municipal Councils **2 votes**
- Amalgamated Shires **2 votes**
- Other Shires **1 vote**

Moved: Cr Carrigan
Seconded: Cr Withnall
Vote: Carried 7-0

4.1.3 Policy Development

The Local Government Act provides for the Council to have policies on various matters. Council's own policies can also be adopted by the Council from time to time as required.

Enclosed with the Agenda is the commencement of the Council's Policy Manual in draft form containing a number of policies requiring the Council's endorsement. Note that there are two examples of Meeting Procedures. All policies are subject to review and change at any time.

In addition, Cr Carrigan has provided a report to the Council that she would like dealt with separately. The report proposes the adoption of the LGANT Model Procedures for Council Meetings and LGANT Rules for Debate. (Refer to yellow pages included with the Agenda)

It was agreed that the matter be deferred to later in the meeting.

4.1.4 Grants Commission Methodology

At the September 08 Council meeting the Council requested support from LGANT to its position on the proposed new methodology being considered by the NT Grants Commission for the future allocation of grant funds.

The Council made it clear that under the proposal being considered by the Grants Commission that we would be seriously disadvantaged. We pointed out that the proposed formula was heavily biased towards the new super shires and that no regard was had to the existing Councils not involved in the reform Council amalgamations etc.

The only response the Council has received from LGANT to date is a copy of their submission to the Grants Commission. (refer Attachment No. 15) It would appear that this document was prepared prior to LGANT receiving the Council's request. The LGANT submission would not provide any additional benefits to the proposed Grants Commission formula. I would suggest the LGANT has overlooked the impact the new formula will have upon the smaller shires like Wagait Beach.

Resolution No. 08/130

That Council request LGANT as a matter of urgency to consider providing an addendum to their submission in relation to the NT Grants Commission proposed methodology discussion paper to take into account that smaller shires not part of the Government's reform agenda should not be disadvantaged in future Grants Commission allocations by way of a minimum grant assurance.

**Moved: Cr Lamont
Seconded: Cr Carrigan
Vote: Carried 7-0**

4.1.5 Memorial Garden

The November issue of the Wagaitear sought community comments on the proposal to establish a Memorial Garden.

No comments were received.

Although there were no formal comments, there has been considerable interest within the community with the subject being raised at various venues. I have not heard of any negative comments.

Accordingly we are now at the stage that Council needs to make a decision on the matter and consider funding opportunities.

Resolution No. 08/131

That the development of the Memorial Garden be undertaken by way of a Council Committee with membership open to the public and that the Committee have its first meeting in February 2009.

Moved: Cr Withnall
Seconded: Cr Carrigan
Vote: Carried 7-0

4.1.6 Issues from Last Council Meeting

4.1.6.1 Cyclone Shelter Manager

I understand that the Council sought details of the duties undertaken by the Cyclone Shelter Manager. A summary of the duties is provided at Attachment Pg No. 18.

There currently exists a position for a Deputy Cyclone Shelter Manager. To date there has been no interest shown. Suggestions are welcome.

It was agreed that the appointment of a Deputy Cyclone Shelter Manager be further considered at the next meeting.

4.1.6.2 Waste Management Plans

The Council at its last meeting sought information on Waste Management Plans.

At this point in time I have not been able to source a small Council that has a formal plan in place. I have however obtained documentation on work in progress by LGANT in developing a Plan.

A copy of the documentation is included separately with the Agenda.

It was agreed that this matter be further considered at the next meeting.

4.1.6.3 Shop Noticeboard

Discussions were held with the proprietor of the shop requesting space for the placement of a Council Noticeboard.

The proprietor indicated that he would need to consider the request and he would get back to the Council at a later time.

Received and Noted

Resolution No. 08/132

That support the idea of a further notice board at the shop and that Council staff proceed to have the construction of the board costed.

Moved: Cr Carrigan
Seconded: Cr Lamont
Vote: Carried 7-0

4.1.7 Electoral Commission Debriefing

On the 25 November I attended a meeting at the NT Electoral Commission at which there was a debriefing on the conduct of the 2008 Shire Council elections.

The issues raised were mainly of an operational nature with the exception of why there was such a poor turnout in many of the Shires.

Some of the major issues discussed included:

- Effect of publicity leading up to the election.
- Whether people should be fined for not voting.
- The 5.00pm cut off for nominations.
- Different ways in which the election deposit was treated by different Councils.
- Tighten up contact personnel.
- Whether voting was required to be undertaken for the full 8.00am – 6.00pm period
- Advertising in local papers.
- Could be problems with future bi-elections.

The Council has the say if people are to be fined for not voting. In our case we had an 86% turnout in the number of people who did not vote, which means that approximately 30 people did not vote. Of these I am aware of a number who were overseas at the time.

Resolution No. 08/133

That Council take no action against people who failed to vote at the 2008 Shire Council election.

Moved: Cr Magnoli

Seconded: Vice President Duncan

Vote:

4.1.8 Christmas Greetings

I wish to extend a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Councillors, staff and their families.

Received and Noted

4.1.9 Christmas Lights

President Clee and Cr Withnall offered to undertake the judging of the Christmas lights competition.

Works Report:

5.1.1 General Matters

Mr Zikan will be away on leave from the 17 December 2008 to 5 January 2009.

5.2.0 Works Supervisor's Report

Mr Zikan has submitted the following report: for October / November:

5.2.1 Dump

The waste oil facility is in place and is being used.

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.

The entrance to the tip road has had 10 metres of dirt spread and compacted on it as part of its upgrade.

5.2.2 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.

The repair job on Tank no. 2 seems to have been a success as no leaks have been detected over the past couple of weeks. The tank is being used in its normal fashion and no problems have arisen.

5.2.3 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.

A rubbish bin has been placed under this tree, once again.

5.2.4 Mowing

Mowing of the estate has begun, as has the poisoning program.

Our mowing obligations in regard to the Jetty and PowerWater contract will also take up a considerable amount of the Works Department's time.

5.2.5 Community Centre and Council Buildings

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.

The chain has been fitted at the Council Carpark boundary extension along the access road to the Community Centre.

Two concrete tables have been made, with one in place at the Sportsground and the other outside the Council office. Two more concrete tables will be constructed after Christmas.

5.2.6 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	yes
Genset protective cage	April 08	July 08	
Concrete tables & chairs	May 08	Aug.08	Part
Paint Road Barriers	June 08	September 08	
Gravel Dump Entrance Road	June 08	July 08	

Received and Noted

Sport & Recreation Report:

6.3.1 General Matters

6.3.1.1 Sport & Recreation Officer

Mr Joshua Chaplin commenced duties as Sport and Recreation Officer on the 1 December 2008.

The following is an initial program aimed at providing children with a diverse option of taking part in structured sports programs. The sessions will be kept under review and may change depending upon the participation rates of children.

Monday	5.30pm – 6.30pm	Sportsground
Tuesday	10.00am – 12.00 noon	Seniors Activities
Thursday	4.30pm – 6.30pm	Sportsground
Saturday	4.30pm – 7.00pm	Sportsground
Sunday	4.30pm – 7.00pm	Sportsground

Received and Noted

6.3.2 Recreation Officer's Report

Mr Joshua Chaplin has presented the following report:

This is the first month of the new sport and recreation program; I have started off with two days during the week for after school activities Mondays and Thursdays, with seniors group on Tuesday mornings and sports on both days of the weekend.

With the sports activities during the week there has been a successful amount of kids attending and that is the same case for the weekend sporting activities. The seniors group on Tuesday there has only been six or five seniors attending but that is a good number of people.

Since I have started I have been in contact with Graeme Sawyer from Frog Watch to try to conduct a 'Toad Bust', but I' am still waiting for a reply from my emails I have sent to him with the dates I have suggested (Saturday 20th December, Saturday 13th December) as these dates are closing in I highly doubt that there is enough time to organise a toad bust. I will be re contacting him in the New Year to organise a date. I have also organised a movie night for the kids Friday the 12th of December at the community centre as it's the last day of school for them.

I have been in contact with the department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport to find out about Facility Development Grants for updating the facility at the sports grounds eg: redoing the cricket pitch and patching up the tennis courts.

In conclusion the New Year will bring lots on new activities and maybe some construction.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Resolution No. 08/134

That the Officer's reports be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr Carrigan

Seconded: Cr McIntyre

Vote: Carried 7-0

7. **OTHER OR LATE CORRESPONDENCE:**

Monthly Mail List – Inward Correspondence: (Refer Att. Pg 19)

Monthly Mail List – Outward Correspondence: (Refer Att. Pg 21)

Late Correspondence:

1. David & Liz Barry

Expressing concern that the collapsed water tank and collapsing caravan and cover on unoccupied Lot 2 DeLissa Drive will pose a serious risk during a cyclone.

“This is the lot across and slightly down from us and next door to Councillor Magnoli.

Perhaps the council can contact the owner and obtain permission/agreement to have it cleaned up.” (C 14.5)

Resolution No. 08/135

That Council contact the owner of Lot 2 DeLissa Drive and request that the owner either secure or remove the caravan and water tank on the property to avoid potential damage to neighboring properties in the event of a Cyclone.

**Moved: Cr McIntyre
Seconded: Magnoli
Vote: Carried 7-0**

Resolution No. 08/136

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

**Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Cr Withnall
Vote: Carried 7-0**

8. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

8.1 Financial Report:

8.1.1 Program Report by Account S 13 LG (Acc) Regs: (Ref Att, Pg 23)

8.1.2 Bank Reconciliation Statements (Refer Attachment Pg 47)

8.1.3 Invoices Paid November (Refer Attachment Pg 50)

8.1.4 Outstanding Rates (Tabled)

Resolution No 08/137

That the November Monthly Financial Reports be accepted.

**Moved: Cr McIntyre
Seconded: Cr Magnoli
Vote: Carried**

8.2 Jetty Contract

The Council has previously authorised the President and myself to submit a tender for the forthcoming Jetty Contract.

In perusing the current Contract it was observed that it contained an option clause for renewal without the need for the Department to call tenders. This was drawn to the attention of the Department who subsequently agreed that the Council exercise the option subject to Council being reasonable in submitting new rates.

The Council has subsequently submitted a new rate schedule based on an increase in rates equal to the CPI increase and an increase in the amount of litter collection from twice per week to three times per week.

Subject to agreement by the Department, the value of the Contract will be \$53,156. (GST Inclusive)

Received and Noted

8.3 National Youth Week Grant

In conjunction with the Wagait Beach Fishing Club I provided support in preparing a funding application for a National Youth Week Grant. Should the application be successful, the Club will use the funds to provide a drug and alcohol free Fishing Workshop and Fishing Competition for the younger members of our community. The function will take place in April next year.

Eligibility for funding from the fund requires an organisation to be incorporated. In the case of the Fishing Club, they are not. It was therefore necessary to submit the application on the basis that the Council would be the sponsor body.

Resolution No 08/138

That Council agree to act as sponsor for the Wagait Beach Fishing Club's National Youth Week Grant application.

Moved: Cr Withnall
Seconded: Cr Lamont
Vote: Carried 7-0

8.4 Grass Roots Development Grant

Advice has been received that the Council's application for funding from the Grass Roots Development Fund has been successful.

Council's application was for the purchase of a container to be located at the Sportsground and used for the storage of sporting equipment.

Arrangements will now be made to purchase the container.

Resolution No 08/139

That Council sign the Grass Roots Development Fund agreement providing for the purchase of a container to be used for the storage of sporting equipment at the Sportsground.

Moved: Vice President Duncan
Seconded: Magnoli
Vote: Carried 7-0

8.5 Audit Committee

The Local Government Accounting Regulations require the Council to establish an Audit Committee.

The role of the Audit Committee is to monitor compliance by the Council with proper standards of financial management and compliance by the Council with the Accounting Regulations and Accounting Standards.

Resolution No 08/140

That Council appoint the whole of the Council as the Audit Committee and that conduct of the Committee be at the time the Council considers the financial reports at each Council meeting.

Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Vice President Duncan
Vote: Carried 7-0

8.6 Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program

As Council is aware, the Prime Minister the Hon Kevin Rudd MP announced that the Australian Government will contribute \$300 million to local councils and shires and their communities in 2008-09 to stimulate growth and economic activity across Australia.

In our case, we are to receive \$100,000.

The funding is available for new construction and major renovations or refurbishment of assets, ranging from access facilities such as walkways and boat ramps; through to social and cultural spaces; facilities for recreation, tourism, children, youth and seniors; environmental initiatives.

Funding is for ready-to-proceed community infrastructure projects.

Critical dates that accompany the grant are:

30 January 2009	Project Submitted and Agreement signed with Commonwealth
30 May 2009	Progress Report
30 September 2009	Funding to be expended
30 November 2009	Provide final report

The Council is asked to give consideration to which project/s it would like to submit for funding. Possibilities are:

1. Extension of Bicycle Path along Wagait Tower Road.

2. Sportsground Water Supply
3. Grass Sportsground Oval
4. Build Clubhouse at Sportsground
5. Establish Memorial Garden
6. Part pipe Wagait Tower Road Open Drain
7. Talk to Country Club with view to re-establishing Golf Course
8. Provide kitchen facilities at Cox Country Club.
9. Provide infrastructure and upgrade facilities at Picnic Cove Beach.
10. Upgrade Refuse Dump by the removal of hard waste and introduce recycling.
11. Any Other project

Cr Lamont has advised that the following projects have been put to her from members of the community:

- Steel barrier along Wagait Tower Rd. (I believe some costings were done in the past for this?)
- Boat ramp improvements (as much for local boaties as for the emergency services people who would likely be needing to use it in bad weather)
- Jetty car park sealing
- Landscaping a picnic area/table and chairs/auto toilet at the jetty area.
- I would personally like to see that Josh is equipped with whatever sporting gear he needs in order to step off on the right foot with the sports and rec job.

With any project/s to be submitted, the Council needs to be conscious of the timelines.

Cr Carrigan suggested a helipad at the Sportsground..

Cr Duncan suggested that the project should be one that has not previously been considered by the Council.

Resolution No 08/141

That Council submit the bicycle path extension along Wagait Tower Road as its project/s to be funded from the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program and that financial data be presented to the next meeting.

Moved: Cr McIntyre

Seconded: Cr Withnall

Vote: Carried 6-1 Cr Duncan against.

Cr Duncan requested that it be recorded that her negative vote was because she felt that the community would be better served with a new project.

9. AGENDA ITEMS

Cr Lamont

1. It's been brought to my attention that the prison service used to come over once a month and do basic yard clean up and maintenance and mowing for half a dozen elderly and or infirm residents over here. This service has been stopped and is no longer available. I would like to find out why (I've heard hearsay that it's because they're too busy in town and we're too far away). Is it possible to get this service reinstated as I understand it is causing some people stress with the wet season coming and they are unable to mow etc.

If we cant get this service back and as the numbers are small, perhaps I could organise a working group of a few locals prepared to donate time and tools, with the Council perhaps covering the cost of fuel.

Resolution No 08/142

That Council seek information from the Minister responsible for Correctional Services as to why the prison garden service for seniors was no longer provided at Wagait Beach.

Moved: Cr Lamont
Seconded: Vice President Duncan
Vote: Carried 7-0

2. I would also like to see a one day a week or even fortnight doctor's service at the clinic. I understand the Council is seeking funding for a doctor's residence but I feel this will end up being a long time into the future as I don't reckon we currently require a full time service. In view of this I would like to see something up and running sooner. I believe there is a doctor who lives rural and currently works from Batchelor who does clinics in Adelaide River one day a week. Would it be possible to tap into this service? Who provides the day service doctor for Belyuen and would this be available to us? Is there some umbrella organisation for rural health that we could approach?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he would provide further information to the Council at the next meeting.

Cr Carrigan

Cr Carrigan has presented a report on attendance at the Department of Local Government and Housing & Local Government Association of NT Conference "Joint Local Government Workforce Training Needs Workshop" (Refer Attachment Pg. 53)

Received and Noted

CEO's Comment

The reason the CEO did not attend was that it conflicted with Electoral Commission debriefing held on the same day.

Although Cr Carrigan is right that we need to keep abreast of developments and keep up with changes, our circumstances of having limited staff, in a lot of cases makes it impossible to be able to attend all functions. With the amount of seminars and conferences on, if I wanted to I could be at one every week.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

It was agreed that further consideration to the development of policies be undertaken at the next meeting and that copies of other Council policies and agendas and minutes be tabled at the meeting.

Cr Carrigan foreshadowed the following motion;

“That the members adopt the LGANT Meeting Model and the LGANT Rules for debate and run our meetings in accordance with those models; the accompanying General Procedure becomes a Council Policy, to ensure transparency and consistency in the processes attached to preparing prior and post work associated with the running of the meeting.”

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Vice President Duncan suggested that councillors should have name badges.

Resolution No 08/143
That arrangements be made for procurement of Councillor and staff name badges.

Moved: Vice President Duncan
Seconded: Cr Lamont
Vote: Carried 6-1, Cr Magnoli against

10.2 Cr Carrigan requested that the Community Centre sliding doors be marked in such a way that people will not walk into them.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he would attend to the matter.

11. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

CEO's Performance Review

12. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

President Clee closed the meeting at 8.20pm

The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on 20 January 2009 at 7.00pm.

PRESIDENT: _____ **DATE:** _____

CEO: _____ **DATE:** _____