

**WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL**

**Draft Minutes**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**17 December 2013**

**PRESENT:** President Trish McIntyre  
Vice President Lisa-Marie Stones  
Cr Shenagh Gamble  
Cr Brad Irvine  
Cr Ian Crawshaw  
Michael Campaign (CEO)

**1. MEETING OPENING & WELCOME.**

President Trish McIntyre declared the meeting opened at 6.00am at the Council Conference Room and welcomes everyone.

**1.1 APOLOGIES – Cr Mat Prouse and Cr Peter Clee**

**Resolution No. 2013/70**

That the apology of Cr Prouse and Cr Clee be accepted and approved.

Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones

Seconded: Cr Brad Irvine

Vote: AIF

**2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil

**3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution No. 2013/71**

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 19 November 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 November 2013)

#### **5.0 OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

Refer to Attached List (Outwards Correspondence November 2013).

**Resolution No. 2013/72**

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

**Moved: Cr Brad Irvine**

**Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones**

**Vote: AIF**

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

- 6.1 HR** – Angie is back from leave, an excellent job on relief by Kenita. Three staff completed first aid training. One staff completed course on chemical handling. Staff Christmas party held on Friday 13/12/13. Good attendance and enjoyable.
- 6.2 IT** – System breakdown was reported at last meeting. Cr Peter Clee has spent some considerable time fixing hardware and updating software on all stations in office. Emergency Services advised to check their computer. Further talks held with Venjie re training and support. With come back next year with a much cheaper plan/quote.
- 6.3 Jetty Area** – CEO spoke with Police re use of jetty and surrounding areas for uncontrolled drinking parties and general misbehaviour. Police asked Council to see what can be done to turn this area into a no drinking zone. Council is not able to do anything about this, however under a section of the NT Local Government Act, Department of Infrastructure can apply for a “No Drinking Permit”. CEO has asked the Government to look into this.
- 6.4 Cyclone Alesia** – Coms with Shelter management group went well. Thank you email received from Shelter Management Group in Darwin HQ.
- 6.5 Rates** – Collections still being received. Arrangements made with Debt Collector re outstanding amounts long term.
- 6.6 Visits** – From 2 reps from Morrison Low re Waste Management. They will talk to Council meeting in February. Dump site visited. Two staff attended Belyuen Xmas party on 10/12.
- 6.7 Community Centre** – Used this month by Darwin Sea Scouts, Wagait Arts group, Anti Fracking movement, as well as usual monthly usage.

**6.8 TOPROC** – Meeting on 21/11/13.

**6.9 General Office** – Compliance issues worked on with Lee Farrell’s assistance. Grant’s return completed.

**6.10 Power and Water** – Many complaints received re P\$W bills backdated. Local member Gary Higgins contacted by CEO and has made enquiries on our behalf. He is speaking with Ministers Office who have contacted CEO and offered to arrange a community meeting in January with P&W.

### **Works Report**

**6.11** Lands and Planning Personnel, in the company of Council Works staff inspected the Gun Emplacements in regards to the maintenance conducted by Works Staff. Weed Control within the RUA was also discussed. All concerned are pleased with the progress achieved.

**6.12** The new hole at the tip is open, however people are gaining access to the cordoned off area and dumping along the complete length of the hole. Old, strange habits die hard as there are still those who feel that leaving unwanted items outside of the hole is acceptable. This tip is a tip, not a second hand dealership. This practice is a thorn in the side of Council Work Staff who have better things to do than to clean up after lazy tip users.

**6.13** This time of year, our time is taken up by mowing, snipping and poisoning the following areas:

- RUA
- Jetty Carpark
- Estate
- Sportsground
- Water Facility
- Boreline
- Bike Track
- Fitness tracks
- Council Grounds
- Liberator Plane Wreck Site
- Beach Access Tracks

**Resolution No. 2013/73**

**That the officers’ reports for the month of November be received and accepted.**

**Moved: Cr Ian Crawshaw**

**Seconded: Cr Brad Irvine**

**Vote: AIF**

## 7.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 7.1 A letter with a list of all overdue rate payers showing how many years they are in arrears and what is owed has been sent to the debt collectors for action. All fees and charges will be passed onto these rates payers.

**Resolution No. 2013/74**

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

**Moved: Cr Brad Irvine**

**Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble**

**Vote: AIF**

## 8.0 AGENDA ITEMS

- 8.1 **Tablets/Ipads** – CEO would like to issue all councillors either a Ipad or Tablet so that councillors can easily share the link to all relevant documents (reports, agenda's, minutes, financials, etc) when they attend meetings both for the Council and other functions on behalf of council. This will save on paper. Cr Ian Crawshaw does not think that this is a good idea as almost everyone already has an Ipad. For those that do not have the device, It was agreed that two Ipads are to be purchased and a third to be advised. Other councillors will use their own Ipads. Pam will arrange to share document links to all councillors who wish to use their own Ipads or tablets at meetings. Pam will arrange for all councillors to access council Wifi for meetings. Final decision was that Ipads be purchased for President, CEO and Admin Officer and any councillor who does not have an Ipad.
- 8.2 **Waste Management** – CEO had a visit from Morrison Low. They basically wanted to have a look around the area and will address Council in the coming months regarding Waste Management.
- 8.3 **Anti-Fracking Public Meeting** – This was well attended by locals and chaired by Cr Shenagh Gamble. Cr Gamble will prepare a more comprehensive report for the next meeting.

### Upcoming Events

- 8.13 **Staff Christmas Party** – This was held on 13 December and it was well attended.
- 8.14 **Councillors Christmas Party** – This will be held tonight after the meeting in the Community centre.
- 8.15 **Australia Day** – preparations are underway. The Cadets have once again been invited to attend and they have accepted our invitation. An advertisement inviting all to attend has been sent to the Wagaitear.

**9.0 LATE ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS**

**9.1 COUNCILLORS WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A VERY SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**



**10.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

Nil

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

**11.1** Cr Trish McIntyre hereby declares the meeting closed at 6.30pm

The next Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 21 January 2014 at 7.00pm