

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

22nd FEBRUARY 2011

Present: Karen Duncan Vice President
Vera Lamont Councillor
Darryl Withnall Councillor
Rocky Magnoli Councillor
Trish McIntyre Councillor
Matt Prouse Councillor
Geoff Handicott CEO

1. MEETING OPENING - Vice President Karen Duncan opened the meeting at 7.00pm

1.1 APOLOGIES

Peter Clee President

Resolution No. 2011/06

That the apology of Cr Peter Clee be accepted.

Moved: Cr Vera Lamont

Seconded: Cr Trish McIntyre

Vote: 6-0

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Vice President, Karen Duncan – Letter received from Ken Pittman to be discussed. VP Karen Duncan offered to leave the table during discussion of that item listed under Correspondence.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 2011/07

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 18th January 2011 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Trish McIntyre

Seconded: Cr Darryl Withnall

Vote: 6-0

3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

1. Chris Chaplin – Letter of response to be written regarding Wagait Tower Road Upgrade Project.

2. Letter to Minister for Essential Services has been located and sent.

3. CEO to follow up on CAL Accreditation application.

4. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence February 2011.)

1. Letter of response to be written to Bob Napier.

5. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Outwards Correspondence February 2011.)

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

Resolution No. 2011/08

That the incoming and outgoing correspondence be accepted as information.

Moved: Cr Rocky Magnoli

Seconded: Cr Vera Lamont

Vote: 6-0

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

1. Wagait Tower Road Upgrade Project

This project is still not closed. Consultation between BTO, RMS & Wagait Shire Council. Site visit by BTO, Neville Jones, on 11th February to bring Wagait Shire Council up to date with project.

2. Memorial Garden

From the information available to myself at this time, I understand that the project has been 'stalled', due to the amounts on the quotes received being higher than expected.

3. Power & Water Sub-Contract (Goodline)

Works are continuing with ground maintenance, bore reading and water sampling. Additional works (income) have also been quoted for. (Bore line run maintenance)

4. Sport & Recreation Officer

Successful applicants now have the required Ochre card, and are prepared to start. Sport & Recreation Grant needs to be accepted by Council, and the Wagait Shire Council Seal applied.

5. Works Supervisor Report – Council Meeting 15/2/2011

- a. Maintaining estate verges, including spraying of weeds
- b. Australia Day – Clean up of function area, including sports ground.
- c. Continuing with Power & Water Sub-contract obligations.
- d. Recycling Depot – removal of recyclable glass from tip to workshop. Sorting of glass into colour groups is extremely time consuming.
- e. New tip hole preparation and spraying of poison to tip area.

- f. Apply a spread of gravel to entrance of Council and Clinic.
- g. Storm damage – cleanup after severe storm (27th Jan.). Clearing of estate roads and verges of tree debris.

6.1 Comments on CEO Report.

Item 5g. Casual staff may be employed as needed to fill in for Council Works staff who are on leave or other duties. Eg NTES Activities. Council has an OHS Duty of Care to ensure the safety of all employees.

Resolution No. 2011/09
That the Officers' reports be received and accepted.
Moved: Cr Trish McIntyre
Seconded: Cr Darryl Withnall
Vote: 6-0

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 Financial Reports – Tabled

Resolution No 2011/10
That the December Financial Reports be accepted.
Moved: Cr Rocky Magnoli
Seconded: Cr Matt Prouse
Vote: 6-0

8. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Local Government Week

President Peter Clee and CEO, Geoff Handicott, will be attending various Conferences and Local Government meetings in Alice Springs 29th March to 1st April (inclusive). All travel arrangements have been confirmed.

b. Emergency Recovery Plan Progress – The Wagait Shire Council Emergency Recovery Plan is currently under development. A draft copy of the plan to date was tabled.

c. Sportsground Toilets – CEO reported that the toilets at the Sportsground have been fixed.

d. Ken Pittman – Correspondence - tabled

9. LATE ITEMS and GENERAL BUSINESS.

9.1 Census – The Census is happening in August 2011. Council has been asked to assist. More information will be forthcoming.

9.2 Triple Zero call reminder - Council was reminded about the changes to the Emergency Phone Numbers. All phone calls to Emergency services must be made to Triple Zero (000). The old mobile number '112' will divert to '000' if dialled. A copy of this information briefing will be placed on the Community notice boards.

9.3 Z-track Mower Deck – Council is currently sourcing the new mower deck.

9.4 Pressure Wash – Council is currently having the pump replaced in the Pressure Washer.

9.5 Council Phone System – Following the power outage during Cyclone Carlos, the control box for Council's phone system failed, leaving Council with no telephone access for over a week. A technician to be called in to re-program the new control box on it's arrival. CEO to check with Insurance company re. viability of claiming this cost back.

9.6 Emergency power to Council office – CEO to investigate the cost to bring power from Community Centre to Council Office, or an alternative (for use during cyclones etc.)

9.7 Vinegar at Jetty – Cr Magnoli raised concern about the vinegar (positioned at the Jetty and beach entrances for jellyfish stings). People have been removing the vinegar. The CEO suggested colouring the vinegar to see if this acts as a deterrent. Council will also conduct regular checks to ensure that vinegar is available at all times.

9.8 Rubbish Dump – A large skip will be placed at the entrance to the tip for household rubbish only. CEO to follow this up, and arrange one.

9.10 Cr Darryl Withnall expressed concerns about changes made to outgoing correspondence.

9.11 Cr Lamont raised concerns regarding the extended length of time Wagait Community was without power and telephone services, during and immediately following Cyclone Carlos.

9.12 Repair of road surface, Cox Drive – Cr Lamont asked CEO to investigate having repairs done.

9.13 The Grants Commission visit – Tuesday 8/3/2011, 1.30pm at Council Chambers. All Councillors are asked to attend if possible.

9.14 Industrial Planning Board visit TBC

10 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

11. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Vice President Karen Duncan closed the meeting at 9.45pm .
The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on **15 March 2011** at **7.00pm**.

Signed by.....date.....
President of Wagait Shire Council

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Chief Executive Officer