

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
21st February 2012

1. MEETING OPENING at 7.00pm,

Present:- **President Peter Clee**
 Councillor Trish McIntyre
 Councillor Rocky Magnoli
 Councillor Darryl Withnall
 Councillor Ian Crawshaw

1.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 212/06
That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 17 January 2012 be confirmed.
Moved: Cr Trish McIntyre
Seconded: Cr Rocky Magnoli
Vote: Carried

3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Nil

4. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence January 2012)

4.1 Letter from Department of Local Government relating to the pending settlement and resolution of Kenbi Land Claim in August 2012. The NTG are looking for WSC to meet to discuss options relating to a short term or long term lease over the Landfill Dump. It was the general feeling of the meeting that the landfill dump is unsuitable and that a transfer station is the only suitable option.

It was resolved that our approach would be as follows:-

- The dump is not / nor ever has been the “property” of the Wagait Shire (WSC).
- The water table is too high during the wet season so the land fill dump is unsuitable in both the short term and long term
- The landfill has always been on NTG (crown) land.
- It has always been maintained for an on behalf of the NTG by way of SP grants
- Use of the landfill dump has always been widespread and not limited to shire residents.
- If council was to consider entering in to a short term lease, then the landfill dump would need to be upgraded by NTG to an acceptable level.
- Facilities to cater for re-cycling which were commenced by WSC need to be upgraded and expanded.
- Annual SPG would need to increase commensurate with expected levels of use.
- NTG should find suitable land and negotiate with the KENBI TRUST to establish a TRANSFER station. There is no suitable land inside Wagait Shire

5. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Outwards Correspondence January 2012.)

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

<p>Resolution No. 212/07 That the Correspondence for the Month of January 2012 be confirmed. Moved: Cr Darryl Withnall Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw Vote: Carried</p>

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

Australia Day – Local celebrations were cancelled due to inclement weather. This decision was made by the Councillors on the Wednesday prior. It is of some concern that some events still went ahead, although they were not covered by any insurance, so thankfully there were no serious incidents on the day.

Australia Day Awards – a presentation of awards to the 2012 recipients was made at a community BBQ on Tuesday 7th February. Although there was only a few people in attendance the evening was enjoyed by all.

The **Jetty tender** was lodged on the 23rd January, and we are still waiting to see who the successful tenderer is. An announcement is expected soon.

CAL Certification renewal is due at the end of March, and the renewal application has been submitted.

The new water tank has arrived and been installed at the Council Office, replacing the two smaller tanks which had developed leaks. We are just waiting for the rain to fill the tank now.

The **NT Election Packs** have arrived at Council, for those members of the Community interested in nominating. – refer Item 8.6 on Agenda

Kate Wheen, DHLGS, is willing to provide an information session in Wagait Beach for those people interesting in nomination for Council, and unable to travel to Coomalie for the LGANT information session.

HR – Gary and Robbo will be attending training in Darwin on 1st March, to obtain their White Card. This card is now becoming a requirement of most Government tenders, including the Jetty contract.

Peter Clee has ordered a **new computer system** for the Council office. It should arrive in the near future. He has also changed the Council Internet service to ADSL. We still need to obtain an updated list of the settings and passwords etc to be retained in the Safe, in case they are required.

Resolution No. 212/08

That the Chief Executive Officers reports be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr Rocky Magnoli

Seconded: Cr Trish McIntyre

Vote: Carried

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was noted that council still has not received monthly updated Trial Balances Report and budgetary reports since the transition to the MYOB accounting system. CEO to expedite and have full financial reports emailed to councillors well ahead of the March meeting.

Resolution No 212/09
That the January 2012 Financial Reports be accepted.
Moved: Cr Trish McIntyre
Seconded: Cr Darryl Withnall
Vote: Carried

8 AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 Jetty signage – Update

No information available, CEO to report by email to councillors by EOM

8.2 Australia Day

It was noted that the weather events leading up to Australia day had forced the cancellation of proposed celebrations. Other factors that were considered included:-

- Forecast severe inclement weather conditions for 26th
- Possible bad conditions for jetty use
- Condition of the sports ground
- The proposed visit by the cadets was cancelled
- Cancelled similar events in Darwin and Palmerston
- Lack of Coverage by public liability insurance (safety)
- Cancellation by other participants

Resolution No 212/10
That this meeting endorse the decision to cancel the proposed Australia day celebrations on 26 January 2012.
Moved: Cr Ian Crawshaw
Seconded: Cr Trish McIntyre
Vote: Carried

8.3 Amalgamation DCC meeting 2nd Feb 2012 – Update

No information available, CEO to report by email to councillors by EOM

8.4 Sport & Recreation Officer update

President Clee reported that the position had been advertised in conjunction with Belyuen Council. No information available, CEO to report by email to councillors by EOM

8.5 Cash for Cans email – Wagait Supermarket

WAGAIT Beach Supermarket has advised that they have investigated the possibility of establishing a depot, but it proved to be uneconomic. WSC and Belyuen have both come to the same conclusion. CEO WSC and CEO Belyuen will continue to investigate possible options

It may be possible for the Cox Country Club / SES / BFB to operate a depot as a revenue raising exercise. It would seem that only the use of volunteer labour would make the venture viable in small communities like Wagait Beach.

8.6 Upcoming Council Elections

Elections to be held on 24 March.
President Peter Clee encouraged members of the community to nominate for council. Dept of LG have offered to run an information session for candidates

9. LATE ITEMS and GENERAL BUSINESS.

- 9.1 Beach access on Delissa is overgrown and needs clearing IC
- 9.2 CEO to advise NTG that about half of Jetty Lights and Carpark lights are not working. IC

10 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

Nil

11. MEETING CLOSE

The President advised that the next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on 20 March 2012 at 7.00pm.

The president closed the meeting at 7.32pm

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

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Chief Executive Officer