

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING – TUESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2009

MINUTES

Present:	Peter Clee	- President
	Karen Duncan	- Deputy President
	Rocco Magnoli	- Councillor
	Jane Carrigan	- Councillor
	Trish McIntyre	- Councillor
	Vera Lamont	- Councillor
	Darryl Withnall	- Councillor
	Wally Lenyszyn	- Chief Executive Officer

Apologies:

1. MEETING OPENING

President Clee opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

1(a) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cr Carrigan raised a number of issues concerning areas of the minutes that in her opinion the comments in the minutes did not reflect the conversation that took place and the conversation was much broader.

Monthly Council Meeting - 16 December 2008

Resolution No. 08/144

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 16 December 2008 be accepted subject to the insertion of the word "Council" after "That" in item No. 4.1.6.3.

Moved: President Clee

Seconded: Cr McIntyre

Vote: Carried 6 – 1 Cr Carrigan against

2.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

2.1.1` Cr Carrigan, referring to Item 7.1 advised that she would like to see the minutes provide anonymity where a person makes a complaint against another person. She suggested that these matters be treated generically as reflected by the discussion in this matter noting that many blocks contain material that would be dangerous in a cyclone.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that individuals have the right for their concerns to be dealt with in open Council. If they wish they can request that the

matter be dealt with "In-Camera" or alternatively the Council can move to have the matter dealt with "In-Camera".

3. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Forwarding details of proposals to amend the NT Planning Scheme to clarify the building setback rules. Changes include:

- exempting sheds that are ancillary to a residential building from planning approval in some circumstances.
- Garages and sheds have the same meaning.
- Introduction of pergola definition

- Minimum setback from Primary Street is 10m or 7.5m for lots with areas less than 1 ha.
- Minimum setback from Secondary Street is 10m or 5m for lots with areas less than 1 ha.
- Minimum setback from side and rear boundary is 10m or 5m for lots with areas less than 1 ha.
- Minimum setbacks for pergolas, carports is 5m from all boundaries.
- Buildings other than single dwellings that are longer than 18m shall require an additional 0.5m setback for each additional 3.0m.

The proposals are on exhibition until the 13 February 2009. (N 4.6.1)

Cr Carrigan requested in matters where a resolution is to be made, Councillors be provided with a Business Paper setting out all the issues, so decisions made can be fully informed.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that there is ample time from the time the Agenda is issued to the time of the meeting for Councillors to seek additional information from himself or other Council staff.

Resolution No. 08/145

That Council advise the Department of Planning and Infrastructure that Council does not favour the proposed amendments to the planing Scheme in relation to setbacks in that the Council is of the opinion that each application should be dealt with on a case by case basis.

Moved: President Cleo
Seconded: Cr Magnoli
Vote: Carried 7-0

3.2 Minister for Information, Communications and Technology Policy

Advising that the Chief Minister has asked him to respond to Council's correspondence regarding high speed broadband access.(Refer Attachment Pg No 1)

"The Wagait exchange does not currently have the necessary hardware to allow for high speed broadband terrestrial services. Mr Stewart Lines, Business Development Specialist, Telstra Country Wide has advised that he has submitted a business case to Telstra for the upgrade of the Wagait Exchange to enable full ADSL services"

"It would appear that all avenues to facilitate high speed internet access for Wagait are being pursued and I am hopeful that these activities will culminate in high speed broadband access for the community." (T 2)

Resolution No. 08/146

That Council requests the services of its local members Federal and Territory to make further representations on behalf of the Council for an upgrade of infrastructure to introduce high speed broadband service to Wagait Beach.

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

3.3 Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Responding to Council's correspondence requesting a public toilet to be installed in the vicinity of the Mandorah Jetty.

"This Department is keen to assist in addressing this problem and is currently examining the potential construction of a public toilet facility adjacent to the Mandorah Jetty, preferably within the existing road reserve. Any proposed facility would need to first be designed and costed and then subjected to public and other stakeholder comment.

This Department would be looking at potentially including such a facility on the capital works program as soon as an acceptable design, suitable location and funding could be identified." (J 1.1)

Resolution No. 08/147

- 1. That Council thank the Department for its foresight in identifying the need for a public toilet within the Mandorah Jetty precinct.**
- 2. That the Council seek to be represented on a working party to develop the public toilet facility.**
- 3. If acceptable to the Department the Council seek the availability of Federal Government indigenous program funding to meet part of the cost of construction.**

**Moved: Vice President Duncan
Seconded: President Cleo
Vote: Carried 7-0**

3.4 Australian Refrigeration Council Ltd

Advising that local councils have a role to play to ensure fluorocarbon refrigerant in end of life appliances is not vented into the atmosphere before recycling or allowed to leak over time in landfill.

Refrigerant Reclaim Australia (RRA) is an industry product stewardship organisation that provides a rebate for contractors who recover and return refrigerant.” (C 14.8)

Resolution No. 08/148

That the matter of refrigerant be considered in conjunction with the Council’s Waste Management review

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

3.5 Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Federal Minister for Local Government

Providing formal advice that the Council is eligible to receive a grant of \$100,000 under the new Regional and Community Infrastructure Program. (RLCIP)

The Council is required to provide details of project/s on which it intends to spend RLCIP funding by 30 January 2009 at the latest. The project/s must be completed by the 30 September 2009.

From Council’s last meeting, the preferred project is the completion of the Wagait Tower Road Bicycle Path. Should this continue to be the case, I have obtained additional information to assist with the development of our funding application including design and estimated cost. (Refer Attachment Pg No 2)

For the project to be undertaken, the following matters need to be addressed:

1. The path will occupy land that is subject to the Kenbi Land Claim.

I have written to the Larrakia Development Corporation seeking their support to Council gaining access to the land.

2. I have obtained an estimated cost of the works. The estimate is \$194,875, well short of the available \$100,000.

I have put a proposal to Departmental Officers that they should provide the matching funds of \$100,000.

A contribution from the Government may require political intervention.

It has also been suggested that the Council should become involved in the Tendering process and to personally approach Contractors to get the best deal we can.

Several people have commented on the Cycle Path Project, however we have received only one formal communication. That being from Ms Maureen Newman:

“Personally I disagree with \$100,000 being spent on Bike Path – would prefer the council spent this money on something that benefits all residents.

I know the Council also realise the problem exists – but something really does need to be done with the Tip and I would have preferred the \$100,000 being used to dig a very big hole or at least trying to eliminate this huge problem”

Since writing the above, we have received confirmation that the Northern Territory Government will provide the extra funding to enable the project to be completed by September 2009. Subject to the Council’s confirmation and the finalisation of the design work, the project may now proceed without the need for a contribution from our revenue account.

Resolution No. 08/149

That Council submit the construction of the Wagait Tower Road Bicycle Path as its project for funding from the Regional and Community Infrastructure Program.

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

Resolution No. 08/150

That Council thank the NT Government for contributing the shortfall in funding to enable the completion of the Wagait Tower Road Bicycle Path.

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

Resolution No. 08/151

That Council acknowledge the concerns of Ms Newman and recognise that her issues are relevant however due to the limited time imposed by the Government in submitting a project for funding it would not have been possible to submit any other project due to the time required to undertake designs, specifications etc.

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

Cr Carrigan requested that any letters from/to Ministers ought to form part of the papers.

The Chief Executive Officer explained the procedure in dealing with correspondence

3.6 Hon Rob Knight, Minister for Local Government

Responding to Council's representations seeking a commitment for ongoing Operational Subsidy funding. (Refer Attachment Pg 8)

"Your issues and concerns are noted and I understand that the Department of Local Government and Housing will review the NT Operational Grants distribution model in March 2009, taking into consideration these concerns."

"Given the impending local government reform agenda commenced in 2005 the NT Grants Commission believed that there was an imperative to review the Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants methodology. It was always the Department's intention that once the review was completed there would be changes to the NT Operational Subsidy Program to align it closely with the Grant Commission's revised methodology".

"The Operational Subsidy was also refined to more closely reflect the funding principles in the new grants Commission methodology. As there had already been extensive consultation with Councils and LGANT over changes to the Grants Commission methodology, it was felt that further consultation to align the Operational Subsidy methodology with the Commission's new methodology was unnecessary." (G 1.6)

Tabled and Noted

3.7 Hon Chris Burns, Acting Minister for Planning and Lands

Responding to the Council's representations to gain possession rights to Sections 45 and 103 Hundred of Bray.

Council sought tenure over S 103 for the purpose of developing the Picnic Cove Beach recreational area. S 45 was required for future community amenities. The Acting Minister has responded:

"As you may be aware, negotiations on detriment and other issues relating to the Kenbie Land Claim are close to finalisation. Due to the sensitivities that surround the negotiations, I am not prepared at this time to consider alienation of the above Sections."

"It is recognised that there will be some need for community facilities in the future and it is best to consider these in the context of the final outcome of the Kenbi Land Claim discussions." (C 14.7)

What the Acting Minister has failed to identify is that the two subject Sections are excluded from the Kenbi land Claim.

Resolution No. 08/152

That Council make personal representations to the Minister for Planning and Lands pointing out that he has been incorrectly advised as the land being Sections 45 and 103 are not subject to the Kenbi Land Claim and under the circumstances the Minister reconsider the decision not to make the available to the Council.

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

3.8 Mr Max Tate

Asking the Council to consider providing a small bush airstrip for sport flyers.

"I have a two seater Gyroplane, and am a member of the Aust. Sport Rotorcraft Assn.. the craft is registered, and I have an instructors rating and would like to instruct in the Cox Peninsula area.

At the same time I and many others at Wagait Beach believe the craft would have many other uses in the area of lifesaving. The problem at the moment is the lack of an airstrip.

At the present time I am forced to taxi to the Cox Peninsula Road for take-off and land on Forsyth Road and taxi home.

A small bush airstrip in the area would not only solve the problem, but attract sports flyers from the Noonamah area."

"No to mention the usefulness of the craft when someone is reported missing on the Peninsular". (R 4)

Resolution No. 08/153

That Council object to any of its roads being use for the purpose of an aircraft landing area unless in an emergency.

Moved: President Cleo
Seconded: Cr Magnoli
Vote: Carried 7-0

Resolution No. 08/154

That the matter of providing a small bush airstrip be referred to the Future Directions List to enable further discussion to be undertaken at the forthcoming community meeting.

Moved: President Cleo
Seconded: Cr Withnall
Vote: Carried 7-0

3.9 Local Government Managers Australia

Advising that registrations are now open for the 2009 LGMA National Congress and Business Expo to be held at the Darwin Convention Centre from 24 – 27 May 2009.

The Congress and business Expo is widely regarded as Australia's leading forum for local government professionals. It provides delegates with a truly unique working experience to learn and seek solutions to our sector's greatest challenges.

Local Government: creating our future...messages with solutions is the theme for the 2009 Congress. Keynote presenters include Natasha Stott Despoja, former leader of the Australian Democrats; Bernard Salt, renowned

commentator and advisor on consumer, culture and demographic trends; Elliot McAdam, former NT Minister for Local Government; Peter Sheahan, Australia's expert in workforce trends and generational change; and Trish Broadbridge, 2004 Tsunami survivor and 2006 Young Australian of the Year. (HR 6)

Resolution No. 08/155

That Council grant approval to the CEO to attend the 2009 LGMA National Congress and to any other Councillor desiring to attend individual sessions.

Moved: Cr McIntyre

Seconded: Cr Withnall

Vote: Carried 6-1 Cr Carrigan against – request for reason to be recorded - On the grounds that before coming to the vote the request to attend the conference should have been accompanied by a business paper with additional details including costings and benefits to the community.

3.10 Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Seeking Council's views on a development application submitted by R & M Newman to erect a water tank two meters from the side boundary and three meters from the rear boundary and a shed three meters from the rear boundary of Lot 203 Erickson Crescent. (Refer Attachment Pg No. 10) (N 4.6)

Resolution No. 08/156

That Council offer no objection to the proposal to erect a water tank two meters from the side boundary and three meters from the rear boundary and a shed three meters from the rear boundary of Lot 203 Erickson Crescent Wagait Beach.

Moved: Vice President Duncan

Seconded: Cr Magnoli

Vote: Carried 6-1 Cr Carrigan against

3.11 Department of Local Government

Advising that approval has been granted to utilise the unexpended portion of the Special Purpose Grant for election expenses to be utilised to assist with the establishment of the new Wagait Shire. (G 1.10)

Resolution No. 08/157

That Council thank the Minister for Local Government for his efforts in allowing the balance of the election Special Purpose Grant to be used for assistance in the establishment of the new Wagait Shire.

Moved: President Cleo

Seconded: Vice President Duncan

Vote: Carried 7-0

3.12 Ministerial Assistant, Minister for Justice and Attorney-General

Acknowledging receipt of Council's correspondence regarding Correctional Services Work release program at Wagait Beach.

"Your correspondence will be brought to the attention of the Minister at the earliest opportunity." (C 7)

Tabled and noted.

President Clee invited Ms Debbie Wolstenholme to address the meeting.

Ms Wolstenholme was in attendance at the meeting with her mother Ms Jean Jelley and addressed the Council on the matter of the Correctional Services Department withdrawing their seniors property cleaning program. Ms Wolstenholme advised that she had attempted to contact the Minister but he was on leave. She was told that the program was withdrawn from properties that were larger than 5 acres.

Ms Wolstenholme also requested that in the interim could Council undertake some mowing and rubbish removal from the property.

President Clee advised that the council shared the concerns of seniors that the program had ceased and that the Council has communicated with the responsible Minister seeking an immediate reinstatement.

President Clee assured that the matter will continue to be followed up by the Council and her request will be dealt with at the next Council Meeting.

Cr Carrigan noted, that in matters such as these, we ought to try and resolve them at the Departmental level, rather than spending months waiting on a response from the Minister.

No further action taken on Cr Carrigan's notation.

3.13 Jill Mumme

Requesting the Council to consider purchasing a cat trap.

"I have had a problem with feral cats for the past six months. I have tried home made cat traps and possum traps to try and catch these cats but not much luck. I need a real sturdy, heavy duty trap.

Would it be possible to invest in one for the Council. I know of a few other residents that have had similar problems. I think it would be a good investment for the Community to have one available at the Council Office," (A 2)

Resolution No. 08/158

That Council purchase a cat trap for use by the community at a fee of \$2 per day plus a deposit of \$40.00.

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

3.14 Larrakia Land and Sea Rangers

Requesting a meeting with the Council to discuss land management issues and opportunities. (K 1)

It was agreed that as interim measure the President and Chief Executive Officer should meet with the group and report back to the Council.

4. REPORTS:

4.1 CEO's Report

4.1.1 Monthly Status Report

Please find attached (Attachment. Pg 11) 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 Future Directions Meeting

The Council recently agreed to hold a community meeting for the purpose of discussing potential projects that would benefit the community in the future.

The proposition of the meeting was advertised and there have been a number of suggestions forthcoming. The feedback has been good with a number of residents looking forward to the meeting.

Council is now asked to set a date for the meeting to enable arrangements to be made.

It was agreed that arrangements be made for the Wagait Shire Future Directions Meeting to be held in the Wagait Beach Community Centre commencing at 7.00pm on a Tuesday in March at a date to be determined.

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. The Council is progressively updating and introducing new policy.

Councillors should bring with them the following documents submitted to the last meeting:

- The information provided by Cr Carrigan in relation to LGANT procedures. (Yellow Pages)
- The information titled Refer Agenda Item, 4.1.3 with the heading “New Policies”
- Documentation included with this Agenda.

Other Policies

Included with the Council documentation are draft Council Policies Numbered 1 – 16.

The Council is asked to review the policies as to their applicability to today’s environment.

Meeting Procedure – Policy No 12

Following an indication at the last Council meeting that the Council would favor the adoption of the LGANT Meeting Procedure template, I have prepared a document that would be more relevant to the Wagait Shire. The document has been prepared using the LGANT template and adjusted for compliance with the new Local Government Act and local procedures. (The document has been included as a separate attachment on Green Paper)

Agenda and Minutes Policy

At the Council’s last 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.”

The Council requested that we obtain copies of other Council’s Agendas and Minutes.

I have enclosed with the Agenda a copy of Agendas and Minutes from other Councils. Councillors already have a copy of the LGANT documents. Councillors will note that the majority of the Councils adopt a procedure similar to ours. Not one of the Councils adopts the LGANT Model.

I am sure that the Council will agree that for the purpose of public disclosure, the manner in which our Agendas and Minutes are being prepared provide a more accurate and comprehensive account of how a matter is dealt with.

With the LGANT model being driven by a reporting template the eventual outcome is that the reader of the final Minutes will not be able to understand how a decision is arrived at without access to the Agenda. Both documents will have to be read in conjunction with each other.

It was agreed that Cr Carrigan and the Chief Executive Officer should prepare a Policy Implementation Program for the Council.

Resolution No 08/159

That consideration of Council Policy implementation be deferred to a date to be fixed after the Policy Implementation Program has been completed.

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

4.1.4 Issues from Last Council Meeting

4.1.4.1 Cyclone Shelter Manager

The following report to the Council's December Meeting was deferred to this meeting:

"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."

It was agreed that the matter lay on the table until a volunteer was forthcoming.

4.1.4.2 Waste Management Plans

The following report to the Council's December Meeting was deferred to this meeting:

"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.”

In addition, the Council was informed that LGANT was offering to coordinate a waste audit for the Shire.

Cr Carrigan reminded the CEO that a member of the community had highlighted Dundee Community Association as having a good Waste Management plan, and the CEO will get advice from them.

No further action taken on Cr Carrigan’s reminder.

Resolution No. 08/160

That Council extend an invitation to a representative from LGANT to attend the Future Directions Meeting for the purpose of discussing the need for a Waste Management Plan and waste audit for the Shire.

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

4.1.4.3 Peter McLinden – Outstanding Issues

Community Centre Additional Water Supply

No further action has been taken on this matter at this time.

The project involves the sinking of a bore at the sportsground and piping the water to additional storage facilities at the Community Centre.

Our previous estimate to undertake the works was well beyond the funds available.

Should the Council desire for this project to go ahead, it may be possible to undertake it in stages as funds become available. The initial stage would be to sink the bore and provide additional storage at the Sportsground.

Resolution No. 08/161

That Councils Consulting Engineer be asked to provide an updated cost of sinking a bore and providing additional storage facilities at the Sportsground.

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

Piping Wagait Tower Road Open Drain

Costs are still being gathered for the works to be undertaken.

There are other issues that will need to be taken into account, as the treatment of run off and drainage. Whether we go sheet flow risk for

residents or kerb and guttering with side entry pits, preferred more costly treatment. I would make kerbing mountable as this would save on property crossovers.

Stop Signs at Road Intersections

The Council will recall having received a request for the placement of a Stop Sign on Baluria Road at the intersection with Cox Drive.

The Council's Road Safety Audit in 2005 recommended that a Give Way sign be placed at the intersection.

It is up to the Council to determine if a sign is warranted. Just because there is a low traffic flow does not mean that the intersection does not warrant a sign.

Should the Council agree, we have to be careful that we are not setting a precedent. We could however rely upon the recommendations of the Road Audit should there be any further requests.

Resolution No. 08/162

That Council undertake to provide Give Way line marking on Baluria Road at the intersection with Cox Drive.

**Moved Cr: Carrigan
Seconded: Cr Withnall**

An Amendment

That Council undertake to provide Give Way signs on Baluria Road at the intersection with Cox Drive, on Wagait Tower Road at the intersection with Cox Drive, and on Erickson Crescent at the intersection of Cox Drive.

**Moved Cr: McIntyre
Seconded: Vice President Duncan**

The Amendment was put and Carried 7-0

Becoming the motion was put and Carried 7-0

Memorial Wall Garden

Mr McLinden has indicated that he is prepared to assist with the technical aspects of the memorial wall project.

Received and Noted

4.1.5 Australia Day Activities

Councillors are reminded that we will be conducting Australia Day activities on the 26 January.

Attached hereto at Attachment Page No is a copy of the program for the day.

Received and Noted

4.1.6 Inquiry into the Investment of Commonwealth and State Funds in Passenger Transport Infrastructure and Services

The Commonwealth Government is in the process of conducting an inquiry into passenger transport infrastructure. The Australian Local Government Association will be placing a submission to the Committee undertaking the inquiry and would be prepared to include individual Council submissions.

The Committee's Terms of Reference are:

- an audit of the state of public passenger transport in Australia;
- current and historical levels of public investment in private vehicle and public passenger transport services and infrastructure;
- an assessment of the benefits of public passenger transport, including integration with bicycle and pedestrian initiatives;
- measures by which the Commonwealth government could facilitate improvement in public passenger transport services and infrastructure;
- the role of Commonwealth Government legislation, taxation, subsidies, policies, and other mechanisms that either discourage or encourage public passenger transport; and
- best practice international examples of public transport services and infrastructure.

The matter is raised as the Council may desire to make a submission in respect of the need to upgrade the Mandorah Jetty and/or a bridge from Darwin.

Should this be the case, input is sought from the Council on the matters to be included in the submission.

Resolution No. 08/163

That Council make a submission to the Inquiry into investment of Commonwealth and State funds in public passenger transport infrastructure and services highlighting the need to provide an upgraded ferry terminal at Mandorah and the potential of a bridge crossing from Darwin pointing out the following matters

- The ferry should be funded as public transport
- The need for an upgraded Terminal at both ends.
- Growth will eventually command a bridge.

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

Works Report:

5.1.1 General Matters

5.1.2 Council Property Maintenance Works

I wish to draw to Council's attention the following works required to be undertaken to Council buildings:

Council Office

The Septic Tank at the Council Office has completely broken down with tanks and pipes being infiltrated with tree roots. The system was inspected by a plumber last year and some remedial works were undertaken. These works have now failed and every time it rains the tank fills up and overflows onto the ground. From a health point of view this is totally unacceptable.

Council House

The Sloar Hot Water Service at the council house has broken down. Remedial works were undertaken by a plumber some two months ago. The system has now broken down completely and requires the booster switch to be kept on 24 hrs a day.

Resolution No. 08/164

That Council seek two quotations for the replacement of the Council House Solar Hot Water Service and that the President and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to accept the most favourable quotation.

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

5.2.0 Works Supervisor's Report

Mr Zikan has submitted the following report: for December 2008/ January 2009

5.2.1 Picnic Tables

Another picnic table / seat has been completed.

Council is asked to offer a suggestion for its placement. If no suggestions are forthcoming we will look at the area in the vicinity of the Jetty carpark.

It was agreed that the next picnic table / seat be placed at the Sportsground adjacent to the Playground area.

5.2.2 Dump

If funds are available, another 20 metres of dirt for the entrance road would finish the job to a satisfactory level. The initial 10 metres of dirt has settled well, however the amount of dirt needed was underestimated.

Raking of the disposal area continues to be undertaken three times per week and burning of the hole is undertaken three days per week. It was necessary to use the services of Mick Keim to push rubbish back from within the hole.

We will shortly need to clear another area at the back of the dump for building waste.

Much of the mesh fencing around the tip hole has been replaced or repaired because of damage and theft.

5.2.3 Water

This time of year when the Water Facility is hardly used, chlorine levels drop, because the chlorine is added when the top tanks fill. Manual chlorination is undertaken regularly during the wet season along with frequent testing. PowerWater are currently looking at installing new telemetry equipment that will improve the efficiency of the unit.

5.2.4 Jetty

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. We have the problem that it does not take long for the bin to fill. When it is full the liner bag is removed and the bin itself then filled. This makes it difficult to empty when you consider that the waste often contains facias.

Our new contract provides for an additional day to empty bins. This will now be undertaken on Wednesdays and provide some relief to the problem.

5.2.5 Mowing

Mowing of the estate is continuing as is the poisoning program.

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

5.2.6 Stray Animals

Concerns have been expressed by a number of people regarding feral cats moving onto their premises and having kittens, killing wildlife, spreading germs and doing all sorts of cat things. Council does not own cat traps and are therefore very restricted in regard to helping with this problem.

5.2.7 .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
Genset protective cage/flue	April 08		
Concrete tables & chairs	May 08		
Paint Road Barriers	June 08		
Gravel Dump Entrance Road	June 08		
Footings for Sportsground Container	January 09		

Tabled and Noted

Sport & Recreation Report:

6.3.1 General Matters

6.3.1.1 Sport & Recreation Grant

We have finally received confirmation by way of an agreement that we will be receiving \$18,500 for the ongoing employment of the Sport and Recreation Officer up to the 30 June 2009.

The funding is also conditional upon the development of a Sport and Physical Activity Plan. Work on the Plan will commence in the next month.

The funding comes from the Active Remote Communities – Sport and Recreation Grant. This program replaces the previous program from which the Council received sport & recreation funding.

The Council will receive a total grant of \$18,500 to which the Council contributes \$7,700.

Resolution No. 08/165

That Council Sign and Seal the 2008 – 09 funding agreement with the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport for the provision of sport and recreation activities within the Shire.

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

6.3.2 Recreation Officer's Report

Mr Joshua Chaplin has presented the following report:

The second month of the sport and recreation program has slowed down over the School and Christmas holidays due to low numbers of kids attending, but after New Year there has been a slow increase as kids come back from holidays and joining back into the program. The days and times of the Sport and Recreation program has been unstable, when the numbers return to full there will be a three month program put in place.

On Friday the 9th of January there was a successful toad bust; it started at the shop at 7:45pm. There was a good turn out of people so there were two groups heading out. One group went through the community and the other went to the jetty. All up there was a total of 114 toads caught. (59 females and 55 males)

The Chief Executive Officer gave me a budget of \$2,500 to buy and transport a shipping container for storage of sporting equipment. I have been in contact with a shipping container company Royal Wolf and I got a quote for a container and transport to fit the budget. I just have to organise the location and the base for the container and then it will be delivered.

Stuart Watt from Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport has sent me an email advising that there is a grant to promote anti smoking and drug use. I will be trying submit an application to receive a grant for sporting equipment so there would be an anti smoking and drug use tournament.

Recently I have done a stock take of the sporting and other equipment that is in the shed at the sports grounds. (Refer Attachment Page No 13) In addition, there was sporting equipment that needed to be updated prior to Australia Day, eg: cricket bat grips, a soft cricket ball and an outdoors first aid pack that has since been updated.

Cr Carrigan requested that both the CEO and Sports Officer provide monthly stats of community issues raised through the CEO and the Sports Officer stats from his sessions with the local youth.

No further action was taken on Cr Carrigans request.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Resolution No. 08/166

That the Officer's reports be received and accepted.

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

7. **OTHER OR LATE CORRESPONDENCE:**

Monthly Mail List – Inward Correspondence: (Refer Att. Pg 15)

Monthly Mail List – Outward Correspondence: (Refer Att. Pg 17)

Late Correspondence:

1. Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Advising that the Department is undertaking a project to develop a strategic plan for the growth of the Greater Darwin Region, looking forward over the next 15 years.

An invitation has been extended to the President or nominee to participate in the Project Advisory Group.

A copy of the Terms of Reference are attached.

The next meeting of the Project Advisory Group is on 30 January 2009.

Resolution No 08/167

That Council appoint President Clee as its representative and Cr Carrigan as proxy to the Greater Darwin Region Planning Control Group.

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

2. Department of Local Government

Forwarding information on a Conference to be held in Melbourne on 27 February titled "Board Builder Conference 2009"

Attached hereto are the Conference details.

The President has expressed a desire to attend.

Resolution No. 08/168

That Council agree to President Clee attending the Board Builder Conference 2009 on the basis that he attend at his own cost with the exception of registration fees.

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

Resolution No.08/169

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

Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Cr Lamont
Vote: Carried 7-0

President Clee adjourned the meeting at 9.35pm.

The meeting resumed at 9.40pm.

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 43)
- 8.1.3 Invoices Paid December (Refer Attachment Pg 46)
- 8.1.4 Outstanding Rates (Tabled)

Resolution No. 08/170

That the December Monthly Financial Reports be accepted.

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

8.2 Sport and Recreation Facility Development Fund

I have received information on the 2009/2010 Sport and Recreation Facility Development Fund.

The major problem we have is that we are still short of funds to repair the court surface at the Sportsground. With another wet upon us, the need to have the repairs undertaken is becoming more urgent.

Resolution No. 08/171

That Council submit an application for funding from the 2009/10 Sport & Recreation Facility Development Fund for the purpose of repairing the court surface at the Wagait Beach Sportsground.

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

9. AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 10.1 Cr Carrigan expressed her appreciation to Council staff and the shop for the organisation of the Council Christmas Party.
- 10.2 Cr Carrigan noted that works staff do not appear to be wearing the long sleeve high viz shirts that are provided in compliance with OH&S standards and requested that the CEO move to ensure this uniform be worn as it affects our OH&S compliance and our Worker's Compensation insurance.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he would inform employees of the need to purchase high visibility clothing.

- 10.3 Cr Withnall expressed concern over the condition of the surrounds of the Sportsground Caretaker's premises.

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

11. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

12. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

President Clee closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on 17 February 2009 at 7.00pm.

PRESIDENT: _____

DATE: _____

CEO: _____

DATE: _____