

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

Draft Minutes

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

17th January 2012

Present: Peter Clee (President), Karen Duncan (Vice President), Crs Rocky Magnoli, Ian Crawshaw, Matt Prouse, Trish McIntyre, and Geoff Handicott (CEO)

1. MEETING OPENED: Pres. Clee opened the meeting at 7.01pm.

1.1 APOLOGIES – Cr Daryl Withnall

Resolution No. 212/01
That the apology of Cr Daryl Withnall be accepted.
Moved: Cr Peter Clee
Seconded: Cr Rocky Magnoli
Vote: AIF

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - NIL

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 212/02
That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 13 December 2011 be confirmed.
Moved: Cr Trish McIntyre
Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw
Vote: AIF

3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

NIL.

4. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence December 2011)

5. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Outwards Correspondence December 2011.)
More detailed information on inwards and outwards correspondence

will be provided at the Council meeting.

Resolution No. 212/03

That the Correspondence for the Month of December 2011 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Ian Crawshaw

Seconded: Cr Matt Prouse

Vote: AIF

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

CEO Report – 17 January Council Meeting

1. Christmas closure – Works staff worked to ensure services continued during the closure.

2. Cyclone Grant – although the cyclone didn't affect Wagait, it was a good opportunity to test our preparedness. Generators were tested, our cyclone plan revisited and a meeting was held between stakeholders to ensure that we were prepared.

3. Auditor Visit – Auditors visited prior to Christmas in order to assist in the preparation of the Annual Report. There is still some information 'buried' within Synergy, which is proving difficult to extract. Another visit is planned soon.

4. HR Update – All staff performing well. Robbo has commenced work, replacing Russell Thurston, and is going well. Shelley is quickly grasping MYOB. Attempts to employ some outdoor education students from CDU to run a school holiday program didn't eventuate, however with the start of a new year, we'll try again. Fred Murphy, Dept of Sport & Rec, is investigating the idea of sharing a Sport & Rec Officer with Belyuen. He has called a meeting for 20th January.

5. Deloitte visit – Local Gov't has employed Deloitte's to conduct a comprehensive survey regarding the viability of Councils. This survey requires a huge amount of information to be gathered, ranging from financials through to staff employed over the last 5 years. Deloitte's will be visiting later this week.

6. Council Computer System – CEO verbally addressed Council.

7. Council Office Water Tank – One of the tanks outside the Council building has developed a leak in the bottom of it, causing the loss of two tanks of water. I have ordered a replacement tank.

8. Australia Day – Preparations are under way for this event. Help from Councillors would be appreciated.

Works Report....

Estate – We are busy with mowing of estate verges, beach access tracks, council grounds and the water facility. We are also poisoning weeds in drains, roadside barriers. Mission grass, Gamba grass and Hyptus are our main targets.

Wildlife – the dog trap has once again been set after a disturbing occurrence down Delissa Drive way. According to an eye witness, one cross-bred dingo grabbed a kangaroo mum by the throat, while another cross-bred dingo tore the baby from her pouch and took off. The kangaroo mum was killed on the spot. Both dingos fled the scene.

PowerWater – We are in the process of slashing the boreline, which takes approximately 14 hours to complete. This does not include the 5 hours of poisoning around the air valves and scour valves. We usually undertake these jobs twice a year.

RUA – We have been busy carrying out our obligations in regard to the Weed Control Program within the Restricted Use Area.

Plant – All plant and equipment is operating as per design. The new wood chipper has been utilized on a fallen tree on Erikson Cres, and performed well. This was after instruction from the manufacturer, from Melbourne, who visited the workshop on Monday, 9 January.

Resolution No. 212/04

That the Officers' reports be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr Rocky Magnoli

Seconded: Cr Karen Duncan

Vote: AIF

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 Financial Reports – Copies to all Councillors

Resolution No 212/05

That the December 2011 Financial Reports be accepted.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Trish McIntyre

Vote: AIF

8. AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 Jetty signage

Cr Ian Crawshaw raised issues regarding the signage at the Jetty. 5 businesses are listed on the sign, but most don't exist any more. Cr Crawshaw has taken photos of the signage and will email them to CEO for him to follow up with Herb Backers. While it is unclear who paid for the original signage, Pres. Clee believes it was paid for by Government.

8.2 Australia Day – help wanted and Awards

Discussion around the type of assistance needed for Australia Day activities. Councillors also approved the recipients of the Australia Day Awards for 2012.

8.3 Amalgamation DCC meeting 2nd Feb 2012

Councillors were asked to consider the types of assistance we require from Darwin City Council. Suggestions included assistance with implementation of bylaws, Planning, Waste Disposal, and Dog Control.

CEO informed Council that DCC was happy to offer us use of their waste disposal facility at a tonnage price, but WSC would still have to transport the refuse to Darwin.

CEO will advise Councillors of the meeting time so that some Councillors can attend. Crs McIntyre and Crawshaw expressed interest in attending.

9. LATE ITEMS and GENERAL BUSINESS.

9.1 Letter from Minister has been received to inform Council that it is not viable to have a 2-year office term.

9.2 Cr Crawshaw spoke on behalf of a resident, enquiring if it would be possible to incorporate an historic website with Council's existing website. Council is keen but will have to investigate the technical aspects. Council could at least include a web link on their site.

9.3 Memorial Garden Update – Cr Duncan and CEO are currently negotiating with Cox Club.

9.4 Council elections are to be held in March. Council will place advert in next Wagaitear to encourage people to start thinking about standing for Council.

CEO informed Council that LGANT will host a meeting for intending candidates on 16 Feb 2012, at 2pm at Coomalie.

9.5 CEO informed Council that the Jetty Maintenance contract has come up for Tender. CEO is currently preparing the Tender, and will attend a compulsory pre-tender meeting in Palmerston tomorrow. The Tender is due on 25 January 2012.

10 IN-CAMERA ITEMS
1 item.

11. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Cr Clee closed the meeting at 8.00pm .
The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on 21 February 2012 at 7.00pm.