

**WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL**

**Draft Minutes**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**16 July 2013**

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

**1. MEETING OPENING & WELCOME** - Cr Trish McIntyre declared the meeting open at 7.00pm, and welcomed everyone.

**1.1 APOLOGIES** – Cr Mat Prouse and Cr Shenagh Gamble

**Resolution No. 2013/37**

That the apology of Cr Mat Prouse and Cr Shenagh Gamble be accepted.

Moved: Cr Ian Crawshaw

Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones

Vote: AIF

**2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil

**3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution No. 2013/38**

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 18 June 2013, as amended be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Brad Irvine

Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw

Vote: AIF

**3.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

#### **4.0 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence June 2013)

#### **5.0 OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

Refer to Attached List (Outwards Correspondence June 2013). More detailed information on inwards and outwards correspondence will be provided at the Council Meeting – Passed.

**Resolution No. 2013/39**

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

**Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones**

**Seconded: Cr Peter Clee**

**Vote: AIF**

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

**6.1 HR** – Pam on leave from 2-15 July. The office was busy with one person only, especially at end of financial year reports, returns, budget preparations, etc.

**6.2 COTA – NBN Presentation** – We had a good turnout by both groups of seniors. Some 20 people turned up for the lunch and presentation.

**6.3 Sportsground:** Mawul Rom Project being held during July. The program during the school holidays was well planned and run by our Sports & Recreation Officer.

**6.4 Mawul Rom:** Being held. Liaison with Charles Darwin University held these weeks. Letter from Daryl Withnall regarding Sports Ground not available during the school holidays was discussed with him. We have also received from Tuesday Seniors group regarding their disappointment in this matter. Both parties advised that Council is concerned with this and I will be discussing dates for next year with Charles Darwin University after program finalisation.

**6.5 CEO Vehicle** – Triton 4 x 2 vehicle for CEO use has been purchased.

**6.6 Outstanding Audit Bill** – Barry Hansen's audit bill has been paid.

**6.7 Seniors Month** – Numbers obtained from both seniors second group. Arrangements finalised for August 27. Funding of \$1800.00 has been received and banked.

**6.8 TOPROC** – The meeting was attended by President Trish McIntyre and Michael Campaign (CEO) at Darwin on 16 July. The next meeting is to be held at Litchfield on 15 August.

**6.9 Draft Budget 2013/14** – Changes have been completed as requested and forwarded to all Councillors, to be discussed by Council at this meeting.

- 6.10 Rates** – We have received no replies regarding payments made after letters sent to all outstanding rate payers. Total amount outstanding is \$14,383.00. Letters of demand now to be forwarded to all concerned.
- 6.11 Letters**- Prepared for President’s signature to Chief Minister regarding inclusion in Government planning and to community re rate increase as requested at last meeting.
- 6.12 Fireworks Territory Day** – This went well. BBQ and drinks prepared by NTES. Preparation and set up at oval completed by Gary and Robbo. They also cleaned up next day. Meat, drinks purchased by Council. Bread for BBQ was donated by Chris and Sue from the Wagait Beach Supermarket.
- 6.13 Mandorah Ukulele Folk Festival** – This was very well attended at the Cox Country Club. Some difficulty was had with transport and supplies. Greater numbers than anticipated. Council assisted on day with chairs.

## **7.0 WORKS**

- 7.1** In regard to the undesirables who were camped at the Spring, we were asked by the CEO to check the site and can report that the vehicles are thankfully still in one piece. On the same topic, it seems every Long-Grasser and Backpacker from here to Timbuktu is converging on Wagait Beach and surrounds. The grapevine has told us this area has been doing the rounds on Facebook; “the nicest camping ground on Earth and it’s free”.
- 7.2** Unfortunately, some people are yet to improve their dumping practices at the tip. As is continually reported our time is much better spent elsewhere rather than cleaning up after uncaring persons who find it impossible to place their unwanted items in the correct place.

### **Duties performed during May:**

- Power Water Contractual obligations fulfilled
- Jetty Contract obligations fulfilled
- RUA Contract obligations fulfilled
- Mowing of estate verges ongoing
- Ready sportsground for fireworks display and Mawul Rom
- Clean up after fireworks
- Clear Delissa Drive drain
- Slab made from leftover concrete down at Workshop
- Destroy old council documents
- Concrete in “No Camping” signs

- Fit anti vandal tap at sportsground
- Remove graffiti from RUA bin and sign
- Replace termite damage logs at Sportsground Fitness Stations
- Accompany CEO to beach area to evict campers

**Resolution No. 2013/40**  
**That the officers' reports be received and accepted.**  
**Moved: Cr Peter Clee**  
**Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones**  
**Vote: AIF**

## 8.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 8.1 Reports – The Income and Expenditure reports and financial reports presented to council meetings are now a lot easier to follow and understand by all council members. This is now in compliance with the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations.

**Resolution No. 2013/41**  
**That the Financial report for the month of June 2013 be received and accepted.**  
**Moved: Cr Ian Crawshaw**  
**Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones**  
**Vote: AIF**

## 9.0 AGENDA ITEMS

- 9.3 **Draft Budget** – The draft budget for 2013/14 financial year is now complete and was presented to Councillors at the meeting. The budget has been presented in 3 columns on a spread sheet showing the proposed budget for 12/13, actual spending expenditure 12/13 and proposed budget for 13/14. A copy of this will be added to our website and copies for public comment left at the Wagait Beach shop.

**Resolution No. 2013/42**  
**That we receive and accept the draft budget for 2013/14 financial year.**  
**Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones**  
**Seconded: Cr Peter Clee**  
**Vote: AIF**

- 9.4 **Website** – CEO has asked that council has more control over the website and complete updates from the office. Council agreed that this should happen and Cr Peter Clee will assist CEO in this matter.

- 9.5 No Camping Signs** – The 3 ‘No Camping Signs’ given to us by the Department of Lands have now been cemented in at the 3 beach access entrances. Cr Ian Crawshaw has asked if it is possible to have a no camping sign erected at West Point. It was noted that this is a sacred Women’s site.
- 9.6 Memorial Garden** – Lil Prouse has arranged a meeting with Michael for next week to be held in the Council office to get the memorial garden going. Council has not received any response from the community after a notice was placed on the notice board at the shop and council office asking for information and help from the community. As part of the Sporting Activities, children of Wagait Beach have been involved with the clean up of the grounds around the community centre. This was assisted by some parents of the children involved. The children worked real hard and did a really good job. Thank you! The plants were donated by Jack’s nursery.
- 9.7 Territory Day Fireworks** – Howard and Sons Protechnics did an excellent job with their display of the fireworks on Territory day. We had many children attend this along with some parents. We would like to thank the volunteers of NTES for kindly donating their time to run our BBQ and drink stall. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.
- 9.8 Beach Clean up Day** – Lyn Lambert from Ocean Watch organised the Darwin Harbour Clean up day on July 12. Michael has received feedback from the organisers that our youth group did an excellent job and they thanked all that were involved.
- 9.9 MUWAL Rom Project** – This event ran for 10 days at the sportsground. Council has received some complaints from community members, however many people have been supportive of this event. The Muwal Rom project has also helped the local businesses in our community. CEO to reply to all letters received to acknowledge our thank you, and also to address all complaints. Charles Darwin University has written to council specifically thanking the community and all businesses involved for their support.
- 9.10 Sports and Recreation Grant** – Michael and Robyn (Sports and Rec Officer) received a visit from 2 officers from the Local Government last week to discuss the future of our sports and recreation funding. It wasn’t put in writing; however they gave verbal advice that the grant for the Sports and Recreation will continue for the 2013/14 financial year. CEO has applied for a small grant to buy some extra sporting equipment for the community.
- 9.11 Children’s activities school holidays** – We have received many comments from parents that they are very happy with the activities held over the school holidays. All children involved have been very well behaved. An excellent job by the Sports & Rec Officer.

**9.12 Seniors Letter – email from Daryl Whitnall** – This was in regards to the Mawul Rom Project and council website. CEO will respond to this letter.

**9.13 Public Toilets** – CEO has asked for permission to have a sign erected near the shop informing the public that toilets will be open during the day. Council agreed to this action. Unfortunately these have been closed at times, due to vandalism. Toilets will be locked at night.

**9.14 Referendum YES Vote – coming elections** – Council has received many correspondence in regards to this. One of the correspondence is asking to have a booth within council pushing a yes vote to the people if the referendum does go ahead. Anyone who is interested in participating to contact the CEO.

**9.15 Draft land use plan** – CEO stated that we look at land use within our shire. Further investigation to be made on this matter for the future.

## **10.0 UPCOMING EVENTS**

**10.1 Seniors Outing** – This event will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August and lunch will be provided for all seniors at the Butterfly Farm in Batchelor. Council has arranged for a 20 seater bus to transport seniors from Wagait Beach to Batchelor and back. The CEO has offered to use the Admin vehicle to transport those who have wheel chairs. All seniors of Wagait Beach are encouraged to attend. Notices for all those who are interested to attend have been put on the notice boards at the shop and the office. Cr Peter Clee has offered to drive the bus and suggested that a larger bus be hired if needed.

**10.2 Caravan Mural** – the painting of the sea containers will go ahead on 31 August at Cloppenburg Park. All children are invited to attend and there will be a sausage sizzle at the end.

## **11.0 LATE ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS**

**11.1 LAGANT** is calling for NT nominations to the NT grants commission. Nominations close on 17 August. CEO to forward email to all councillors.

**11.2 Business Sign** -The old sign at the front of the council office has been taken down and a new one has been erected. All businesses interested to advertise can contact CEO at the council office. At this stage we have 1 advertisement on the board. CEO to contact the Wagaitear re advertisement for all those interested.

## **12.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

Nil

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

**11.1** President Trish McIntyre closed the meeting 8.00pm

The next Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 20 August 2013