

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

15 JUNE 2010

Karen Duncan	Deputy President
Trish McIntrye	Councillor
Rocco Magnoli	Councillor
Vera Lamont	Councillor
John Keenan	CEO

1. MEETING OPENING

Deputy President Duncan opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

1.1 APOLOGIES

Peter Clee, Matt Proust, Darryl Withnall.

Resolution No. 2010/025

That the apology of Cr Peter Clee be accepted.
Matt Prouse
Darryl Withnall

Moved: Cr Trish McIntrye

Seconded: Cr Vera Lamont

Vote: Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 2010/026

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 15th MAY 2010 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Rocky Magnoli

Seconded: Cr Trish McIntyre

Vote: Carried.

3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

4. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence May 2010)

4.1 Matters Arising from the correspondence.

a) MVR – Registration paid on Lancer vehicle

b) Walga – Survey completed and returned.

c) Submission on Shire Plan.

There was one written submission received during the month making comment on the Wagait Shire Plan 2010/2011 and promising suggestions on the improvement of the plan.

This comment has been received as a submission on the Shire Plan as requested in notices in the Shire over the past three weeks and will be taken into account in the review of the plan.

d) Australian Bureau of statistic – Survey of weekly earnings listed 4th June.

5. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Outward Correspondence May 2010)

5.1 Matters Arising from the correspondence.

a) To Minister of Essential Services.

Letter written in accordance with resolution-2010/025 at the May council meeting in regards to the ongoing water supply issue at Wagait Beach.

This letter to the Minister of Essential Services highlighted the water supply situation and requested that the Minister give consideration to:

1) Commissioning an independent report on a permanent water supply at Wagait Beach

2) Varying the water license for Wagait from 'Restricted Service Area' to 'Minor urban Area'. Letter tabled at council meeting.

(CEO advised meeting that letter was awaiting the signature of the President before being sent out)

Resolution No. 2010/027

That the incoming and outgoing correspondence be accepted as information.

Moved: Cr Karen Duncan

Seconded: Cr Rocky Magnoli

Vote: Carried

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Incorporating Work Supervisors Report & Sports and Recreation Officers report)

1) Review of Shire Plan 2010/11

As required by the NT Local Government Act, it is necessary for council to review its annual plan in consultation with the community each year. For the past three weeks council has requested the community through posters in the shire and advertisements in The Wagaitear to put forward submissions on the plan, and changes and amendments that the community may require to the plan.

At the time of closure for these submissions on 31st May only one submission had been received. This submission and other considerations are to be taken into account in a review of the plan by council to be approved at a special meeting of council on 22nd June 2010.

A draft Shire Plan will be available to all councillors by 15th June.

2) Shire Budget for 2010/11

The preliminary meeting of council in the consideration of the budget for Wagait Beach Shire Council for 2010/11 was held on 1st June with all councillors present, discussing the draft budget which had been prepared by the CEO based on:-

- a) Results achieved in 2009/10 to April 2010, and estimated for the year to 30th June 2010.
- b) The services and projects that the council has determined should be delivered in the community in 2010/11 and their associated costs and income earned where applicable.
- c) Submissions from the community in response to a review of the Shire Plan 2010/11.
- d) Grants and other funding available to the council for completion of approved projects in the Shire.

The outcome of the preliminary budget largely determines the level of rates to be approved by council. **The Council decided at this meeting, not to increase the Rates levy for 2010/11**

3) Fun and Fitness Trail

As previously reported, an order has been given for a 12 station exercise system which is due to be delivered within six weeks and installed in six locations around the sports ground.

It is expected that this project will be completed in two months and within the amount of the grant funding of \$30,000. The first report on this project has been lodged with further reports due until 31st October 2010 when the project is expected to be finished.

A draft of the proposed fun and fitness trail is tabled for review of the council.

4) Recycling Operation at the Rubbish Tip

It is proposed to have the recycling bins installed at the rubbish tip as soon as possible. The recycling bins and signs are available to be set up at the tip and thanks to Darryl Withnall for the fine work he has done with the signs.

The recycling operation and how it is intended to work will be announced through a letter which will go out with the rate advices sent at the end of this month. It will also be posted on notices in the community and advertisements in The Wagaitear.

The success of Recycling used cans, bottles and other material will depend largely on the response of the community to reduce the level of beverage container litter (bottles and cans) and help to reduce the amount of waste going into the tip.

The recycling operation will be a voluntary one with residents urged to deposit drink bottles and cans as well as other used containers in the appropriate containers at the rubbish tip.

5) NT Containers Deposit Legislation

The NT Government in May this year, announced proposed legislation for recycling of bottles and cans in the Territory. This “Cash for Containers” scheme would involve placing a deposit of 10 cents on each drink container which can be redeemed by returning empty containers to collections points in regional and remote locations across the Territory.

This scheme will be implemented in late 2011 with the appropriate new legislation to be in place by late 2010. To ensure that this scheme is the most efficient and effective scheme for the NT, the government plans extensive consultation with all stakeholders concerned, including this community.

6) Acquittal of Grants

There are four grants as at March 2010 that require acquitting. These grants were special purpose grants from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services in 2007 and 2008:

- 19th June 2007 - Additional repairs to cyclone/community centre: \$30,000
- 20th June 2007 - Additional construction for cyclone/community centre: \$80,000
- 20th June 2008 – Assistance to outsource accounting and rate functions: \$30,000
- 20th June 2008 – Assistance to council and shire in election awareness campaign on October 2008: \$10,000

These grants have been fully expended in accordance with the terms of the grants and the completed acquittal forms are attached.

It is required that council sight and confirm these acquittals prior to forwarding them to the department.

7) Wagait Beach Sportsground Master Plan.

A report on the preparation of the proposed master plan for Wagait Beach Sportsground from BTO Pty Ltd was presented at the May council meeting.

This report included the conducting of a survey to obtain information about the community of Wagait Shire and its participation in sports and recreation activities, and assist in the formation of the master plan. The survey questionnaire form has been modified in size, and was made available to the residents of Wagait Beach, through providing copies of the survey questionnaire and boxes for the return of the questionnaires at the Council Offices, Community Centre and Wagait Supermarket. The survey commenced on 7th June, and is for 14 days before returning the replies to BTO Pty Ltd.

8) Wagait Tower Road Upgrade Project.

The upgrade of Wagait Tower Road under the federal government's Black Spot program has commenced with filling of the open unlined drainage system in the vicinity of the Wagait Beach Supermarket and replacing it with an underground drainage system. The road will also be widened to provide slip lanes for right and left hand lanes into the supermarket/service station and kerbing and lane markings will be provided.

This project is expected to be completed by mid- July.

9) Meeting with Belyuen Community

During the month, I had a meeting with Kathy Winsley and Bill Stuchbery from Belyuen Shire Council to discuss matters of common interest to both councils. Whilst no decisions were made at the meeting, it was agreed that the councils communicate with one another more openly, to the benefit of the communities concerned, and that Belyuen Shire council and Wagait Shire Council have regular meetings to this end. Our discussion included the current garbage collection operation at Belyuen and the utilisation of their mechanic.

WORKS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – MAY 2010

1) Fire Breaks and Fire Access Trails on Foreshore and Beach Access Signs.

Sharon Hinton, Chief Project Officer, Land Administration, Department of Planning and Infrastructure in conjunction with the CEO, Gary Carrington and Phillip Adams, inspected the fire access trails on the foreshore at Erickson Crescent on the 21st May, and indicated work required to complete the fire access trails and fire breaks at the rear of properties in Erickson Crescent. Sharon indicated which trees and shrubs should be cleared or kept and approved council to proceed with our proposal to complete these works.

At the same time the location and setting up of new beach access signs that were previously delivered to council was authorised. Council has ordered posts for the new

shire signs which are larger than the existing signs. These signs will be installed by the 18th June after Gary Carrington returns from leave.

2) ZTrack Mower Repairs

Problems continued with the mowing deck on the ZTraK mower, with the deck being in an advanced state of wear. Plates have been welded to maintain its strength and prolong its life. We have been advised this wear is normal under the condition it is used.

Inquiries as to a replacement deck has resulted only being advised that a new deck is unavailable in Australia and a second hand deck for our model tractor difficult to find. At a cost of approximately \$4000 for a new deck, the repair to the existing deck for approximately \$400 has been carried out. Council should be looking at replacing the tractor before the end of 2010/2011 to prevent the need for increasing maintenance work.

3) Dog Problems

The issue with reports of dog bites and aggressive dogs in the community. Owners of dogs, where known, are required to ensure their dogs are adequately kept within the fencing of the owner's address. All complaints on dog bites are noted and people bitten requested to contact the police on the matter.

4) Maintenance of Fitness Tracks

The tracks as part of the Fun and Fitness Trails in the vicinity of the Sportground are being kept maintained, with the Fun and Fitness Trail expected to commence in July or August.

5) Six Exercise Stations for Fun and Fitness Trail are to be erected on six 3m² sand squares, which council will be involved in building, as well as erecting the equipment and signs,.

6) Other Contractual Obligations

The cleaning of the Jetty and Power and Water Contract work has been continuing, with casual staff employed in absence of Garry Carrington and Gary Zikan on leave at different times during the month..

SPORTS AND RECREATION REPORT.- MAY 2010

A good number of young people turning up at sports sessions during the month, with between 10-15 in attendance at each session, held twice a week. Each session involved a number of alternating activities.

It is expected that the number of after school sports sessions will be less over the next month with increased football activities.

Matters discussed:

- 1. CEO reported on the survey on Sports Masterplan Project, and that it was not commenced as planned on 7th June, but will commence next week when survey forms and questionnaire collection boxes will be**

completed for use.

2. CEO reported on situation with John Deere Tractor mower and the repair cost, and difficulty in obtaining parts for the tractor, and the need to consider replacing it next year.

3. The situation with the signs to be erected at the Tip was discussed. CEO advised that it is expected that the signs will be erected, in conjunction with the opening of the Recycling facility at the Tip.

4. The issue of the accessing from Wagait Tower road into Wagait supermarket/Service Station was discussed, and the concern that it may make entry of buses and larger vehicles to the fuel pumps difficult. It was agreed that this matter be addressed to the project managers.

Resolution No.2010/028

That the Officers' reports be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr Vera Lamont.

Seconded: Cr Trish McIntrye

Vote: Carried

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 Financial Reports

Resolution No 2010/029

That the May Monthly Financial Reports be accepted.

Moved: Cr Trish McIntrye

Seconded: Cr Vera Lamont

Vote: Carried

Resolution No.2010/030

That pursuant to Section 155 of the Local Government Act 2008, the Council declares:

1. That there will be no increase in the level of general rates for the 2010/11 financial year.

2. The general rates are to be raised by way of a fixed charge of \$430 per allotment of rateable land within the Wagait Shire.

3. The due date for the payment of rates shall be 1 September 2010.

4. If by due date, 1 September 2010, the rates are paid in full, the ratepayer shall receive a \$50.00 rebate.

5. The payment of general rates will be accepted by quarterly instalments due on the 1 September 2010, 1 December 2010, 1 March 2011, and 1 June 2011.

6. A penalty of 17% per annum will be imposed on all rates and charges not paid by the due date for payment thereof.

Moved: Cr. Trish McIntrye

Seconded: Cr. Rocky Magnoli

Vote: Carried.

Resolution No.2010/031

That the acquittals of grants as presented in Council ,

Additional repairs to Cyclone Centre/Community Centre \$30,000

Additional construction costs of Cyclone Centre/Community Centre

\$80,000
Assistance to outsource accounting and rate functions \$30,000
Assistance to Council and Shire in election awareness campaign in
October 2008. \$10,000,
are accepted by Council.

8. AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

9. GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Monthly Council business papers.

The timetable for completing and delivering monthly Council business papers to Councillors was discussed, and current various requirements for the forwarding of different documents.

It was agreed that the CEO deliver all Council meeting documents and business papers to the Wagait Store for all Councillors, Thursday prior to the meeting

Resolution No 2010/032

That CEO review Council policy 12, Meeting Procedures-operational, and submit recommendations for amending the timetable for submission of meeting business papers to Councillors prior to each Monthly Council meeting.

Moved: Cr Karen Duncan

Seconded: Cr Rocky Magnoli

Vote: Carried

2. Councillor Duncan raised the issue of a viscous assault against a woman At the jetty, and queried the possibility of working with the Belyuen community to achieve funding for a safe house and sobering up shelter

It was agreed that the matter be addressed when more information on the safe housing for women was available.

3. The need for greater police presence in the Shire and their role in controlling alcohol coming from the Ferry was discussed.

It was agreed that Council should continue to support increased Police presence at the Jetty.

4. Councillor Duncan queried the employment of an extra council worker and the CEO advised it was a casual replacement covering the leave on a regular staff member. The need for casual staff to have an ABN number was again raised, and CEO requested to clarify the matter.

It was agreed that CEO clarify this position and report back to next meeting of Council.

10. LATE ITEMS.

Nil

11 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

Nil

12. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Vice- President Duncan closed the meeting at 8.25 pm. .

The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on 20th July 2010 at 7.00pm.

PRESIDENT: _____ **DATE:** _____

CEO: _____ **DATE:** _____
