

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

Draft Minutes

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

19 March 2013

Present: Trish McIntyre (President)
Lisa-Marie Stones (Vice President)
Ian Crawshaw
Matt Prouse
Shenagh Gamble
Geoff Handicott

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

1.1 **APOLOGIES – Cr Peter Clee**

Resolution No. 2013/13
That the apologies of Cr Peter Clee be accepted.
Moved: Cr Mat Prouse
Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stone
Vote: AIF

Councillors welcome Kate When from the Local Government Support Unit to the meeting.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - NIL**

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolution No. 2013/14
That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 19 February 2013, as amended, be confirmed.
Moved: Cr Ian Crawshaw
Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble
Vote: AIF

3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Nil

4. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence February 2013)

5. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

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

Resolution no. 2013/15

That the Correspondence for the Month of February 2013 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie stones

Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw

Vote: AIF

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

6.1 HR

All is quiet and stable within the Council staff at the moment.

6.2 CEO Recruitment

A lot of work has been required prior to the selection of a replacement CEO. As of this date, all interviews have been completed, with a face-to-face interview with the preferred applicant, last Saturday (9/3/13), who flew up from Alice Springs.

The decision to employ Michael Campaign was made after the interview, by Cr Trish McIntyre, Cr Lisa-Marie Stones and Geoff Handicott, CEO. A letter of offer was sent out on Monday 11 March and a signed acceptance has been received. Michael will commence on 8th April 2013.

6.3 Cloppenburg Park

As noted in the email forwarded to all council members in the naming of the Sportsground, the name "Cloppenburg Park" is now official. The sign type, size, etc should now be decided upon so that Council can order it to be manufactured. This is to be discussed further on the Agenda. Lorraine Gardner has been invited to share this with Council members.

6.4 Wagait Tip

The tip, as always is an issue with members of the community still unable to follow signage. This time a car body was placed in the Green Waste area, along with the other household rubbish which included a beautiful lounge suite in amongst the greenery. The current waste trench has limited life left, so arrangements for a new trench to be sited and excavated have been made.

6.5 Road Blockage

At about 8.30pm on Monday 11 March, a tree fell across Cox Peninsular Road near the entrance to the tip, blocking the road and verges. On inspection, Geoff deemed it a Safety issue and called out a local contractor with equipment large enough (Council's tractor was too small for the job) to clear the tree. The roadway was cleared and reopened at around 9.30pm. The Department of Infrastructure was notified the following day, and they have agreed to pay all costs associated with this incident, and they have thanked us for our quick response.

6.6 Reduction to Councillor numbers

This is a long drawn out process which Council will require assistance with, and is not just a simple matter making an "in house" decision. Geoff has notified the Department, and Kate Wheen gave Council some direction in this matter at the meeting. Geoff has spoken to Lee Farrell from Litchfield Council who have recently been through this process. Michael Campaign, as new CEO will get involved in this issue.

6.7 Memorial Garden

It is pleasing to see some progress on this project as it is long overdue. Geoff hopes the community gets behind it and help make it happen. Geoff has been informed progress has been made, ie, plans and drawings.

6.8 Future Events

Anzac Day – preparations have begun. The new CEO will be involved with this.

Walk to School – Preparations have begun. We will be notified of date closer to the event.

Territory Day – Plans are in place for this, again this will be held at the Sports Ground.

Seniors Months – an email has been received from the Government regarding Seniors day.

7.0 WORKS

- 7.1 Vandals have torn three bins from their mounts on the Jetty and tossed them into the water. The department has issued new bins, however these are causing some issues as they are not easy to empty.
- 7.2 We have begun tidying up the Police Grounds by way of poisoning, snipping, mowing and gardening. This work is being carried out only when the police are in the area of Wagait Beach. It is expected to take a few weeks to complete this job.

Duties performed during January

- Boreline slashed – Power Water contract extra
- Power Water Contractual obligations fulfilled
- Jetty Contractual obligations fulfilled
- RUA Contractual obligations fulfilled
- Poisoning and mowing estate continues
- Tractor serviced
- Snipers serviced
- Broken glass removed from playground and tennis court
- New belt fitted to mixer

Resolution No. 2013/16

That the Officers' reports be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr Shenagh Gamble

Seconded: Cr Mat Prouse

Vote: AIF

8.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Resolution No. 2013/17

That the resolution for the Financial report for the month February 2013 as tabled be accepted.

Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie Stone

Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw

Vote: AIF

- 8.1 There is an issue to have budget aligned with MYOB accounts. This can be done, however the time to do this is at the end of the financial year. The budget in past has been done to a budget template and this template does not marry up to MYOB. It would be easier to change the budget to match the MYOB list of accounts, so every line in MYOB will be related back to the budget.
- 8.2 The financial status as at 15/3/15 was handed to councillors for their information.

- 8.3 We still have not heard from Barry Hanson about correcting the error that is in our trial balance which has been there for 3 years now. This is one of the issues we are having in trying to finalise the financials.

9.0 AGENDA ITEMS

Resolution No. 2013/18

Trish moves to suspend the standing orders for a short time and welcome Lorraine Gardner and Rebecca James to the meeting.

Lorraine Gardner – Cloppenburg Park

Lorraine has notified the families of George Cloppenburg in NSW and England about the naming of the Park and they are delighted with this. It is suggested that the sign be set in a stone with an explanation as to why it was named Cloppenburg Park. Nic from the Mandorah Hotel is happy to donate a stone for this from his land. George Cloppenburg was the original owner of the land on which our local sports ground is now located. It has also been suggested that we have a link on the council website that shows the history of Wagait Beach. Lorraine to get prices and costs for the plaque.

Rebecca James – Wagait Artist Group Show

This is a get together for local artists to show their work. Rebecca is seeking to obtain a Arts NT grant if Council agrees to administer this. Council has requested that Rebecca give them a written notification outlining the request.

Looking for this to be held on 31 May which is to be held over a weekend starting Friday night and finishing Sunday afternoon.

Moved: Cr Ian Crawshaw

Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble

9.1 Councillors

Kate When from the Local Government Support Unit addressed the Councillors and gave an outline as to what is required if Councillors decide to reduce councillor numbers from 7 to 6 or if they decide to hold a Bi-Election after the resignation of one of the Council members last month. Kate suggested that Councillors also do an Electoral Review between now and end of this term.

Resolution No. 2013/19
That the Council proceed with a Bi-Election and notify the NT Electoral Commission of our decision.
Moved: Cr Trish McIntyre
Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stone
Vote: AIF

Move to resume agenda by Cr Trish McIntyre and seconded by Cr Shenagh Gamble.

9.2 Anzac Day

A list of participants (laying of wreath, reading of oath, flag raising, etc) needs to be addressed and Council need to decide who they would like to do this asap.

9.2 Sport & Recreation Officer

The partnership between Wagait Shire Council and Belyuen has now ceased as funding from the Government cannot be used in the way that was originally agreed. This cannot operate because of the regulation that the department has put on. Geoff has written to the Department to say that we have withdrawn from the partnership with Belyuen.

Robyn Presley has been selected as the new Sports and Recreation Officer for the Wagait Shire township. She will start her duties on Monday on a part time/permanent basis for a period of 3 months and she is keen on starting tennis and other activities with the children of Wagait as soon as possible.

9.3 CEO appointment

Michael Campaign from Alice Springs will begin his duties as CEO on Monday 8 April. We welcome Michael to the position of CEO for the Wagait Shire Council.

9.4 Shire Plan and Annual Report – this is to be carried over to next meeting

9.5 Memorial Garden

This is starting to take shape – this is to be carried over to the next meeting.

10.0 LATE ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

- 10.1** Lyn Lambert from Ocean Watch contacted council advising that the Darwin Harbour Clean-Up will now be held on Friday 12 July (changed from Thursday 18). Community involvement would be appreciated, so please contact Lyn on 89815194 if you are interested).

11. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

Nil

12. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

President Trish McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.30pm

The next Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 16 April at 7.00pm.