

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
18 MAY 2010

Present:

Peter Clee	- President
Karen Duncan	- Deputy President
Matt Prouse	- Councillor
Trish McIntyre	- Councillor
Rocco Magnoli	- Councillor
Vera Lamont	- Councillor
Darryl Withnall	- Councillor
John Keenan	- CEO.

1. MEETING OPENING

President Clee opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

1.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 2010/021
That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 20 APRIL 2010 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Rocky Magnoli
Seconded: Cr Karen Duncan
Vote: Carried

3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

4. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

21/04 a. Australian Local Gov Association Advising of National
General Assembly of Local
Govt 14-17 June 2010

19/04 b. NT Electoral Commission Annual Return

27/04 c. LGANT Local Govt Emergency
Management Planning
Template

23/04 .d Australian All – Energy
2010 Exhibition

Display of clean energy
solutions – 6-7 th Oct 2010

**4.1 Matters Arising from the correspondence.
Nil**

5. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. Regional and Local Govt Community Signed funding agreement
Infrastructure Program Fun & Fitness grant \$30,000

**5.1 Matters Arising from the correspondence.
Nil**

**Resolution No. 2010/022
That the incoming and outgoing correspondence be accepted as
information.**

**Moved: Cr Karen Duncan
Seconded: Cr Vera Lamont
Vote: Carried.**

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1 Wagait Tower Road Upgrade.

The successful tender for this project is RMS Engineering And Construction Pty. Ltd. The process for this tender selection was carried out by BTO Pty .Ltd., Project Consultants, who are the project managers.

An order for concrete piping for this project was placed by Council on 6th April, and after earlier concerns about the delivery time of this pipes, it is now planned for these pipes to be delivered before the end of May, with work commencing immediately thereafter..

.2 Walk to School Safely.

The Walk to School Safely program was successfully completed on Friday 7th May, with 21 school children from Wagait and helpers and staff, enjoying toast, fruit, and fruit drinks , and hot drinks, on the Jetty before catching the ferry to school.

Thanks goes to all involved in organizing this event, in particular Jill Munne, the two Gary's, and Josh Chaplin and Darryl Withnall , who accompanied the kids to the Jetty , with other parents, and Rocky Magnoli who picked the kids early in the morning. Also Woolworths who donated the fruit..

3. Memorial Garden.

A meeting was held on Tuesday 4th May at the Council office to discuss the completion of the Memorial Garden project. This meeting was attended by David Barry, Jill Munne, Jill Formby and the CEO.

David Barry tended an excellent review of the project to date, and which highlighted and clarified the main issues to be resolved on the project. Previous reports prepared by Jill Formby, including the latest draft plans of the Garden were discussed at the meeting, and a number key action points to complete the Garden discussed. They were:

1. That the water structure of the garden be NOT proceeded with.
2. That the interment of ashes in the garden be an essential component of the garden.
3. That Peter McLinden be contacted to obtain his assistance in completing the garden.
4. Michael Gabriel, who Peter Mc Linden suggested could assist in completing the design and plans of the Garden, be contacted, to arrange for a visit, and plans for the Garden completed ASAP.

Jill Formby agreed to follow on the project, and contact Peter McLinden and Michael Gabriel to expedite the project.. CEO to also follow up on this matter as required to ensure it's completion as planned with minimal delay.

Both Peter and Michael have been contacted on the project, and Michael has been asked to submit a likely cost and time of his services.

It was confirmed that a Grant for \$25,000 had been approved for the , and \$20,000 approved to be spent from Council Capital funds .The CEO was requested to confirm the status of this Capital funding, and to seek an extension of six months for the grant funds to be expended .It was agreed that a further meeting may be necessary in the next month to ensure that the project is finalized without further holdups.

4. Meeting with Minister of Local Government.

Approximately 20 residents, and Council staff and Councillors attended a meeting with the Minister of Local Government, Malarndirri McCarthy at the Community Centre on 20th April. A sausage sizzle was put on for those attending.. The Minister held quite open discussions with many of those present on a number of issues , in particular the future of the current position regards possible future amalgamations of Councils in the region, and the future state funding of Shire Councils in NT.

The Minister expressed a good understanding of the attitude of the various Councils concerned on the issue of potential amalgamations and heard a good response from many of those present. The Minister indicated that there would be no quick decision on the issue , and it would not be made until the position of Councils concerned had been fully consulted.

5. Alcohol Abuse Meeting .

A meeting of residents, police, residents of Belyuen ,and other interested persons was held at the Community Centre on 23rd April. The Council was represented by CEO John Keenan, and Councillors Vera Lamont and Rocky Magnoli.

The meeting was called by Rob Knight MLA to discuss various issues concerning the excessive consumption of alcohol in the area of the Jetty in particular, by principally indigenous persons. The Jetty was identified as the main area of concern with increasing numbers of indigenous persons, mostly from the Belyuen community drinking to excess in the vicinity of the Jetty.

Various speakers, including the police representatives, Nick di Candilo from the Mandorah Hotel, community service providers and the Belyuen community representatives stated their view of the situation, and possible solutions, and generally the subject was well covered without arriving at any action that may be taken to resolve the problem. It was disappointing that there were so few contributors to the issue on the night

The police illustrated their position in this matter, and the efforts they have undertaken in minimizing the illegal consumption and movement of alcohol, both at the jetty and in other places, and the limitation to their ability to reduce the excessive use of alcohol near the jetty. The meeting discussed many of the issues regarding the problem with alcohol abuse in the area, without coming to any positive solution to the problem. Rob. Knight thanked those persons for coming to and participating in the meeting.

5.Replacement of Administration Officer. .

With our Administration officer, finishing in her position by the end of the month, the Council has been seeking a replacement for her position , and will have by the time of this meeting appointed a suitable person or persons to her position. At the time of this report, Council had received several good applications for this position

It is my recommendation that the Council appoint a replacement to this position for 5 days a week, instead of 3 days, as has been previously worked . The need for this became obvious in my short time in my position. The arrangement in which the Administration officer is only working 3 days a week is not a good ongoing situation, if Council is to maintain and update it's records, as well as providing the level of service the community requires from Council. Preferably Council will be appointing two persons to this position, on a job share basis , with each person working 3 or 2 days a week or a required from time to time on a flexible work arrangement, to see that this position is effectively filled throughout the week to the benefit of the Shire., and adequate trained staff available to ensure the responsibilities of the position are maintained in times of staff illness, leave and other personal reasons.

This position can be filled this way , within the Council's budget is stated in my separate report to the Council. With savings indicated in this report, and restructuring the hours worked in this position, this position can be filled for 5 days a week with minimal extra cost over the current expenditure, and will ensure Council will have staff trained in all Council administrative functions in this position throughout the week, even when I am absent on leave or Council business. In our previous arrangement, Council would to close the office when neither myself or the Administration officer is not at work for any reason.

6. Additional barriers around car park at boat access near Imaluk Beach.

Following a request from Rob Knight MLA, in a submission to the April Monthly Council meeting, requesting additional barriers be erected around the Car park area to restrict the number of 4 WD and other vehicles accessing the beach area, and

Council considered that such barriers were not necessary at this time and requested that I prepare a report on the situation. After a close review of the situation, I agree that there is no evidence to suggest that extra barriers will achieve a significant reduction in the level of damage to the beach area by these vehicles, particularly in view of the number of other access's to the beach in the vicinity that they may use.

I recommend that Council monitor the situation, to assess the need for extra barriers in the future. I have informed Mr. Knight of the decision made by Council at the last meeting, and that Council will keep the situation under review.

7. Fun and Fitness Trail.

A grant of \$30,000 for the construction of the Fun and Fitness Trail in the vicinity of the Sports ground has been approved, and it due to be paid by 15th May. In addition, an up to date quote of \$24999 has been received from for the supply of the program equipment. This price will vary depending up the equipment package selected, but not significantly. This equipment is designed to be located around the Sports ground area, and could be installed by Council Staff within the balance of grant funds. It is expected that there will also be work involved in ensuring the trail is in a sound and safe condition for those using the trail..

Upon approval to acquire this equipment, the Trail can be completed within 4 weeks, at cost to the amount of the grant received, depending on delivery time of the equipment. It is anticipated that Jack Ellis who has been closely involved in the program to date will be involved in the choice of the best system, and where the trail will be built. A copy of the chosen system will be circulated to all Councillors and made available to the community as soon as the final trail and equipment is selected and delivery date confirmed.

8. Report on development of Wagait Beach Sportsground Master Plan and Survey in the vicinity of the Sports Ground.

I have spoken to Neville Jones from BTO Pty. Ltd, who is handling this proposed Report on the Sports ground Master Plan, and Survey which Council accepted a quote of \$17,000 for in August 2009. He has undertaken to provide a written report by 12th May, which I will table at the Council meeting. I will follow up on this report, and will ensure Council remains fully informed on the process of the Report.

9. Anzac Day

Wagait held a great Anzac Day with over 50 residents and visitors, including the Bushfire Brigade and Emergency Services plus the

Tri-Service cadets and their officers attending the morning service. The services was conducted by Chaplain Major Peter Wright, who has done so on many previous occasions . Major Wright also lead the march , along with the Tri-Service Cadets and their officers and residents to the Cox Country Club, where a refreshing Lunch with drinks was enjoyed. . Thanks to all who participated in making this day so successful.

10. Shire Plan and Budget compilation

With the Review of the Shire Plan and the compilation of the Shire Budget for 2010/11 due for completion by the ended of June , for submission to the public and final adoption by Council at it's July meeting, a special budget/plan meeting of Councillors is be the held on 22nd May, at a time to be determined.. Councillors should closely review the Shire Plan for any changes they want to make to it, in conjunction with the Shire Budget for 2010/11.(This will be discussed with all Councillors on 22nd May.)

The financial statements to 30th April 2010 are included in the Financial report submitted to this Council meeting for Councillors to consider when reviewing the Budget for 2010/11. Prior to the meeting on 22nd May, I will be forwarding to all Councillors a Report on draft income and expenditure of the Council for next year to consider prior to the meeting.

Notice has been given to the residents of the Shire in the May Wagaitear requesting any submissions that they may have on the Plan to be forwarded to Council . These will be taken account when reviewing the Plan and the Budget. Notices has also being placed at the Supermarket, The Ferry and at the Council office asking for residents input to the Plan

11. Upgrading of the Rubbish Tip.

It is planned to have the directional signs erected at the Rubbish Tip by the end of May. The signs are ready, and the cages are available to be installed on the concrete pad inside the entrance to the Tip. The Tip will be cleaned of weeds and overgrown grass at the front of the Tip in the area of the trees recently planted at the Tip, and around the perimeters of the access to the Tip areas and the signs.

CEO submitted an **Action Report** on items detailed in his report to Council. A report on the employment of Administration Officers was also tendered to the meeting. The issues highlighted in the report were discussed with decision made on a number of matters.

1) CEO tabled correspondence from BTO Pty Ltd on the **Sportsground Master Plan and Survey**. This correspondence consisted principally of the forms required to produce a community survey through a questionnaire to obtain information. on the extent of sports and recreation activities carried out by the Wagait Shire Community and the possible uses to be made of the Wagait Sportsground. BTO Pty Ltd sought endorsement of this survey from the Council.

2) . P Clee to follow up on the **proposed Sportsground Master Plan** and Survey with BTO Pty Ltd.

3) The meeting held on the **Memorial Garden** was discussed and CEO outlined the outcome of meeting and follow up on the construction of the garden. Council urged that the CEO follow up on the process for the. design of the garden to be completed.

4) Fun and Fitness Trail

CEO outlined the make up of the twelve station fitness system ordered for the Fun and Fitness Trail and how it was to be located.

5) Shire Plan and Budget Compilation

Council agreed to have a meeting on the Budget on 1st of June at 6.30pm, after the deadline of 31st May, for all submissions from the community on the Shire Plan had expired.

7. WORKS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Dog incidents

It has been reported that a tan coloured Pit Bull type dog, on a few occasions has menaced and attempted to attack a member of this community and his wife whilst they have been out riding their bikes . These incidences occurred at the same location, on the corner of Dalmeny and Baluria Road. This dog has not been identified.

Council Grounds

The Community Centre Genset continues to be started on a Fortnightly basis for two hours. It is also run under load every two months for the same duration.

The pressure switch on the Administration Building water pump was found to be faulty and has been replaced.

Dump

The Recyclers have once again been and gone, leaving the tip, this time, in a manageable state. A plan of attack is being devised and with the implementation of the Recycling Program, the tip should become a more user friendly area to visit. This, of course, can only happen if members of the community and others observe planned signage and dump refuge in it's appropriate place.

Estate and Surrounds

Mowing of the Estate continues. One more lap of the Estate and we're almost done till the rains once again arrive.

Jetty

The post and horizontal fence type structure off which the Jetty Gate is hinged is in a fair state of disrepair [rusted] and should very soon fall to

pieces. Our Jetty contact within Government has been notified and it's repair shouldn't be too far away.

Restricted Use Area

We are on the brink of fulfilling our obligations in regard to the poisoning and firebreak contract within the RUA. New signage has arrived and will be put in place very shortly.

The reference to "Dogs Incident" in the report was discussed, and that all reports of dog assaults should be reported to police. The growing number of reports on dogs biting was highlighted by the CEO. Council considered that all future reports to Council on Works Supervisor's activities be prepared by the CEO. The same also has to apply to the Sports and Recreation Report.

8. SPORT & RECREATION OFFICER'S REPORT.

This year I have signed with northern territory football club, (thunder) I have a high commitment with the football club and it has restricted my time for involving in sports activities with the kids after school and on the weekends. At the moment I am doing 2 sporting sessions a week and when I was injured it was 3 sessions a week .

During the sports there has been a steady number of kids attending the after school sports, during the session the games that have been play are dodge ball, golden child, spot light and over the first school term break there was movie night. It is the intention to have more Movie nights whenever time permits

In May I will be participating in the smile-a-mile which is coming back to visit Wagait Beach .Also I will involved in the Walk to school safely day on the 7th May, in which the children going to school were picked up from home as usual and dropped off along Charles Point Road and I will accompany them to the jetty.

Schedule of Participating Children during April 2010.

Date	Place	Number of kids
Wednesday 7 th	Community centre	19
Friday 9 th	Sports grounds	11
Wednesday 14 th	Sports grounds	15
Saturday 17 th	Sports grounds	22
Wednesday 21 st	Sports grounds	13
Wednesday 28 th	Sports grounds	16

Joshua Chaplin
Sport and Recreation Officer

The Sports Activity Program conducted by Josh Chaplin, was discussed, and the relatively good attendance at some of his sports activities. CEO suggested that Council arrange letters to be given to each child attending, to be taken home, requesting greater support by parents at their activity sessions. Also greater publicity of the activity timetable in the Wagait area and posters in the community. CEO confirmed that Josh was currently only averaging 15 hours a fortnight on the Sport and Rec Program, and that he will be reviewing his contract in June 2010.

9. OFFICERS REPORTS

<p>Resolution No. 2010/023 That the Officers' reports be received and accepted.</p> <p>Moved: Cr Trish McIntyre Seconded: Cr Rocky Magnoli Vote: Carried</p>

10. FINANCIAL REPORTS

See Attachment D

10.1 Financial Reports

<p>Resolution No 2010/024 That the March and April Monthly Financial Reports be accepted.</p> <p>Moved: Cr Trish McIntyre Seconded: Cr Karen Duncan Vote: Carried</p>
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11. AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

12. LATE ITEMS

Requested by Darryl Whitnall for inclusion in this meeting.

Resolution No 2010/025

The Council request the Minister for Essential Services to vary the water licence for Wagait Beach from "Restricted Service Area" to "Minor Urban Area".

Moved: Cr Darryl Whitnall
Seconded: Cr Vera Lamont
Vote: Carried

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

1) Rubbish Tip.

The burn at the Rubbish Tip was raised by Cr Vera Lamont, and the destruction or damage to the trees planted by Council at the Tip. CEO recognised this damage and confirmed it was a planned fire burn off with a fire permit, and that the trees concerned would receive extra watering. The issue of the dumping of concrete at the Tip was discussed and the need to put signs at the tip advising that such dumping is prohibited. CEO indicated that he had spoken to a number of concrete suppliers on this issue.

2) Recycling Operation.

The issue of recycling in the community was discussed with the CEO stating that the recycling cages are ready for installation at the Rubbish Tip, in conjunction with signs at the Tip, within the next month. The recycling operation at Alice Springs was raised as an example of a current recycling program in NT. The CEO was requested to obtain more information on the Container Deposit Legislation in NT as this may now apply to Wagait.

3) Tip Truck

Cr Rocky Magnoli drew Council's attention to the tip trucks previously owned by Darwin City Council, available for sale in Darwin. He believed the price was \$40,000 or less. However, the specifications of the truck were uncertain. He was asked by Council to check on trucks available and report back to CEO.

14. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

15. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

President Clee closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.

The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on 15 June 2010 at 7.00pm.

PRESIDENT: _____

DATE: _____

CEO: _____

DATE: _____

