

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

17th May 2011

Present: Karen Duncan (Vice President)
Vera Lamont
Rocky Magnoli
Darryl Withnall
Geoff Handicott (CEO)

1. MEETING OPENING – Cr. Karen Duncan declared the meeting open at 7pm

1.1 APOLOGIES: Trish McIntyre
Peter Clee

Resolution No. 2011/24
That the apology of Crs McIntyre and Clee be accepted.
Moved: Cr Rocky Magnoli
Seconded: Cr Vera Lamont
Vote: 4-0

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 2011/25
That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 19 April 2011 be confirmed.
Moved: Cr Darryl Whitnall
Seconded: Cr Rocky Magnoli
Vote:

3.1 Matters Arising from the April Minutes:

3.1.1 CEO Probation – Council indicated that the CEO probationary period was served satisfactorily. CEO contract is to drawn up and confirmed.

4. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence April 2011.)

4.1 Local Government Asset and Financial Planning Session to be held on 26th May at 6pm. This session is for Councillors. Cr. Duncan is not available due to work commitments. Crs Lamont and Whitnall will attend.

4.2 Tony Tapsell (LGANT) re: Transfer stations and waste management. Meeting Friday 20th May at 9.30am. CEO to attend. Cr. Lamont may be able to attend.

4.3. Cathy Whinslow (CEO, Belyuen) re: Recycling proposal. She has applied for a grant for containers, concrete slab etc. Which could be shared by both Belyuen and Wagait. This will provide support for both Communities.

4.4 David Barry re: Library. CEO to draft letter thanking him for his comments and advising that Council will try to source grant for new library accommodation.

5. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Outwards Correspondence April 2011.)

More detailed information on inwards and outwards correspondence will be provided at the Council meeting.

Resolution No. 2011/26

That the incoming and outgoing correspondence be accepted as information.

Moved: Cr Vera Lamont

Seconded: Cr Darryl Whitnall

Vote: 4-0

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

1. ANZAC Day

The Commemoration service was well attended. Unfortunately, the Cadets pulled out at the last minute, leaving us without a Flag-raising party. Two members of the community stepped forward on the day.

2. Budget for 2011-2012

The budget is currently being prepared. This is proving difficult without an accurate record of the Grants monies received, and Council's current financial status.

3. Grants Update

a. RLCIP Round 3 – Bicycle Path extension

Again I was unaware this funding had been received, and outstanding. I have not been able to find any paperwork regarding this Grant and have applied for an extension of time for this Grant to be acquitted.

b. Sport & Recreation Grant for exercise stations at sports ground has now been acquitted.

5. Weeds and Seeds

With the rains finished, major works are being carried out in the community on road verges and surrounds. Weeds have gained the upper hand and created major problems. In Wagait, along with most parts of regional areas, control of weeds has been lost, leaving major work ahead for the remainder of the dry season.

6. HR Update

All staff are working well and morale is good.

Kelly Murphy will commence as Sport & Recreation Officer next week.

CEO probation review was due on 27th April. Nothing has happened in this area yet.

7. Road Repairs

Road repairs along Cox Peninsular Drive are required after water damage during the past wet season. These works will commence as soon as time permits.

8. Recycling

Recycling is still a major issue. A large amount of labor is required for little or no return.

Currently exploring a recycling partnership with Beluyen and the Government.

9. Foreshore Committee

Council has received a request to provide a quote for provisions of bins and service to the Jetty area

10. Walk to School Day, Friday 20th May 2011

Councillors are invited to assist with breakfast on the day.

MATTERS ARISING FROM CEO REPORT

1. Anzac Day – Letter of thanks to be written to Flag-raising party. Council also acknowledged the work put in by Geoff and Shelley in organizing the Ceremony.

2. Budget – Council Assets, including Buildings and plant, are currently under-insured.

Resolution No. 2011/27

That an updated evaluation to be done on all Council Buildings and assets.

Moved: Cr Darryl Whitnall

Seconded: Cr Karen Duncan

Vote: 4-0

3. Bicycle path – Councilors to provide CEO with background information so that this project can be commenced.

4. Weed and Seed – Some privately owned blocks are also posing a problem in weed control, and are also a fire hazard during the Dry season. There are no by-laws to enforce land-owners to act responsibly in this area. Council is currently exploring other options.

5. The Foreshore Committee meeting will be held at Mandorah Hotel on 25th May.

6. 'Walk to School Day' – Rocky, Geoff and Vera will help out on the day. Other Councillors are encouraged to help out with breakfast if they can.

Resolution No. 2011/27

That the Officers' reports be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr Darryl Whitnall

Seconded: Cr Karen Duncan

Vote: 4-0

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 Financial Reports

Merrit Partners have supplied a financial report for this meeting. CEO sought advice from Council regarding the format and layout of the report. Those Councillors present felt the layout was acceptable.

MYOB accounting package has been purchased, and once installed, Merrit Partners will assist in the change-over from Synergy.

Resolution No 2011/28

That the March/April Financial Reports be accepted.

Moved: Cr Rocky Magnoli

Seconded: Cr Vera Lamont

Vote: 4-0

8. AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 Budget 2011-2012: Work on the budget is progressing. Insurance (as per CEO report) needs to be updated. CEO requested Councillors to have some input into the budget. The CEO also warned that he would be preparing a fairly tight budget, until a clear financial picture of Council's current state can be achieved.

8.2 Amalgamation update: CEO reports that GDH has completed the survey. The final report will be presented at a meeting on 26th May 2011 at Darwin City Council.

8.9 Rates 2011-2012: Deferred until next Council Meeting, when all Councillors will be present for this discussion.

9. LATE ITEMS and GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. Memorial Garden – CEO reports that Fred is not willing to oversee the project, but is happy to be involved. The CEO has offered to oversee the project if no-one else is available.

2. Seniors Ball – Grant for \$1,000 has been received. CEO has consulted with the Seniors group, who requested that attendance should be open to all ages. The Seniors are currently thinking about a theme for the ball, and the date will be set soon.

3. Kids Playground equipment – CEO is currently investigating costs and availability.

4. Next Vet visit 4th June

5. Water tanks.- CEO to obtain quotes for the large tank required at Sportsground, and another tank to replace the old tank at the Council building, which has started to leak.

10 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

11. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Cr. Duncan closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

The **next monthly Council Meeting** is to be held on **21 June 2011** at 7.00pm.

Signed by.....date.....
President of Wagait Shire Council

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Chief Executive Officer