

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

Draft Minutes

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

15th May 2012

Present: Trish McIntyre
Matt Prouse
Lil Prouse
Shenagh Gamble
Lisa-Marie Stones
Peter Clee (arrived 7.10pm)
Geoff Handicott (CEO)

1. **MEETING OPENING & Welcome** – President Trish McIntyre opened the meeting at 7pm, and welcomed everyone.

1.1 **APOLOGIES**

Ian Crawshaw

Resolution No. 2012/28
That the apology of Cr Crawshaw be accepted.
Moved: Cr Matt Prouse
Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble
Vote: AIF

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

- NIL

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolution No. 2012/29
That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 11 April 2012 be confirmed.
Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones
Seconded: Cr Lil Prouse
Vote: AIF

3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

3.1.1 Councillor Allowances

Councillor Peter Clee proposed the following:

That this council set allowances and sitting fees for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 as follows:-

<i>Chair</i>	<i>\$700.00 per month which includes sitting fees</i>
<i>Deputy</i>	<i>\$250.00 per month which includes sitting fees</i>
<i>5 x Councillors</i>	<i>\$100.00 per ordinary meeting plus \$30.00 per additional meeting (if applicable)</i>

And that subject to annual confirmation and review these sitting fees shall be incremented annually on the following basis:-

- 15% per annum or***
- 2 x annual CPI increase, whichever is the highest.***

After general discussion on this matter, by all Councillors, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 2012/30
Council moved not to take an allowance at this time. To be reviewed in 12 months.
Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones
Seconded: Shenagh Gamble
Vote: AIF

3.1.2 Sub-Committees

At the last meeting, Councillors were asked to think about the various sub Committees of Council, and nominate their areas of interest. The Councillors expressed interest in the following:

Amalgamation	Trish McIntyre, CEO
RUA	Shenagh Gamble
Emergency Services	Lisa-Marie Stones, Matt Prouse
Community Projects	Lisa-Marie Stones, Lil Prouse
Community Events	Lisa-Marie Stones, Lil Prouse, Ian Crawshaw
Disaster Recovery	Trish McIntyre,
TOPROC	Trish McIntyre, Peter Clee
LGANT	Shenagh Gamble, Peter Clee
Shire Budget	All Councillors
Shire Planning	All Councillors

3.1.3 Bike Ride Update – Ian has spoken with representative from the Bike Race, who said the format for this year’s race is set, however there may be an opportunity for a smaller race to be held locally the day before. Ian will report further next month.

3.1.4 Training for Councillors – Shenagh attended all sessions. She reported that about 240 people attended. The focus was on being Leaders in the community. She also suggested that LGANT and other Council reps may be able to assist in training sessions for our Council to be held locally. Trish suggested Council utilise these training opportunities. Trish and Geoff to follow up with Kate Wheen.

4. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence April 2012)

Late item – Evaluation Forms for Good Governance Training

5. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Outwards Correspondence April 2012.)

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

Resolution No. 2012/31

That the Correspondence for the Month of April 2012 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Matt Prouse

Vote: AIF

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

HR Update – Shelley has had 3 days leave, and will be taking leave again in July. Robbo is attending his Corporate Gun Licence course this week. All staff are working well.

Jetty Contract – While we have carried out all of our responsibilities pertaining to this contract, it is disappointing that other external problems, eg. The broken chain on the pylon, are not being addressed by the Department in a timely manner.

ANZAC DAY - It was heartening to see so many of our Councillors in attendance on the day, and assisting where required. The ceremony and march were again well attended. Thanks to Gary and Robbo for assisting with the setup and pack up of seating etc on the day. Also a big thanks to Emergency Services for providing the Gazebo.

Waste Disposal Dump – Someone has placed a bus in the hard waste area. This tip is for domestic waste, and not for disposal of large vehicles. While we can sometimes get smaller vehicles cleared away, via a car crusher, there is no way a bus can be removed this way. It is disappointing that some residents are abusing this facility by dumping items that would not be accepted at any other waste disposal facility in the state.

Recycling – It is also disappointing that some residents are placing dog food cans etc in the aluminium can collection containers. Council struggles to have the recyclable waste cleared appropriately without having to take extra time to be sorting other people's household waste. I wonder if we have reached a stage where it is necessary to employ someone full time at the tip to ensure that waste is disposed of in the appropriate areas. The existing signage is being ignored.

(Matt & Lil spoke about Envirobank coming to Wagait to conduct Cash for Cans, at the invitation of Chris and Sue at the shop. Shenagh explained that Envirobank receives funding to cover transport etc, and was not entitled to charge the shop or Council for the extra costs incurred.)

Financials – I am currently awaiting an appointment with Barry Hansen, our Auditor, to get clarification on the opening balances for 1st July, 2011, as requested by Councillor Clee. Hopefully I can confirm these by the Council Meeting, 15th May.
(CEO reported to meeting that figures had not come through in time for the meeting)

WILDLIFE - One Cross bred Dingo has been trapped and disposed after being found showing some interest in a local Chicken Population. A couple of not yet pregnant Cross Dingo types have been sighted in the Estate. We are quite interested in apprehending these dogs

JETTY - On Sunday, May 6th, the Jetty Gate was found damaged, with the chain and padlock broken. We have supplied the relative Dept. with a quote in regard to repair and padlock replacement. Otherwise, all is well apart from the fact that repairs have not yet been carried out to the Rubbing Strips and Pole Retaining Chain.

ESTATE AND SURROUNDS - Mowing and Poisoning of the Estate, Sportsground, Jetty, and Beach access tracks, Powerwater Compound and Plane Wreck Site continues. The need for this will slow considerably with the onset of the Dry. Poisoning of the RUA continues in line with our Contractual Obligations.
The Cenotaph was repainted in preparation for Anzac Day.

POWERWATER - Damage was reported at the Water Facility on Sunday April 29th. The Works Supervisor attended and found an Ariel broken off from the top of the Card Reader Machine and what looked like Coke spilt over the Card Reader. A Valve was found turned off and the Standpipe hose was secured back in place by a Community Member. PowerWater were notified. Also, the fence surrounding Bore no. 33902 was found to be cut leaving a hole large enough for a person to gain entry. This was temporarily repaired by this Works Dept. after reporting this incident to PowerWater.

DUMP - A fair bit of time was spent clearing this site on Friday April 20th. Can people please stop Dumping Building Waste and old fridges etc. in the Car Bodies Area. The Large Building Waste Area has been free of water for some time. More and more time is being spent moving items to their proper resting place because of the sad dumping practices by some.

Resolution No. 2012/32
That the Officers' reports be received and accepted.
Moved: Cr Shenagh Gamble
Seconded: Cr Peter Clee
Vote: AIF

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS
7.1 Financial Reports

Resolution No 2012/33
That the April 2012 Financial Reports be accepted.
Moved: Cr Peter Clee
Seconded: Cr Lil Prouse
Vote: AIF

8. AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 Budget – There has been no indication as to the amount of funding for 2012-2013. CEO invited Councillors to submit items for inclusion in the Budget Draft. Shenagh suggested that a separate meeting be held prior to this to conduct a Shire Planning session to gain an indication of what needs to be included in the Budget. This session will be held on **Saturday 2nd June at 10am**

8.2 WSC Policy Manual – deferred until next meeting

8.3 Seniors Ball Update – To be held on 18th August. No news about the funding yet. Lil and Lisa-Marie will put together a plan to be presented at next meeting.

8.4 Walk To School day – Friday 18th May – Chris and Sue from the shop have donated everything for the breakfast. Shelley has contacted parents and the schools. All planning is in hand. Councillors are invited to participate.

8.5 Territory Day – CEO reported that paperwork has been received from Gov't Office, advising that one company will be responsible for conducting the fireworks display throughout the whole territory. Emergency Services will be invited to conduct the sausage sizzle.

8.6 TOPROC – Trish and Geoff attended. This was an introductory meeting for new Councillors. TOPROC will be seeking more publicity to ensure power-broking. Next meeting to be held at Wagait on Thursday 2nd August, 10am. Natasha Griggs will be attending.

8.7 Representation on LGANT Board

Resolution No 2012/34

That Council endorse Cr Peter Clee's nomination for positions on LGANT Board, representing Wagait Shire Council.

Moved: Cr Lil Prouse
Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones
Vote: AIF

Peter advised that he was unsuccessful at this time. Next elections are to be held in November.

9. LATE ITEMS and GENERAL BUSINESS.

Memorial Garden – Lil has examined plans and paperwork to date, and has reported that the design needs to be overhauled to be a 'no maintenance' design. Jo Best has offered to do up a design. Lisa-Marie agreed. Once Council receives the pro bono design, we could appeal to the Community for donations of plants, labour etc.

Good Governance Training – President Trish thanked Shenagh for her efforts in obtaining two passes for Councillors to attend this training.

10 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

1 Item

11. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Trish McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.40pm .

The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 19 June 2012 at 7.00pm.

PRESIDENT: _____

DATE: _____

CEO: _____

DATE: _____