

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

Draft Minutes

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

21 May 2013

PRESENT: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones (Vice President)
Cr Ian Crawshaw
Cr Peter Clee
Cr Matt Prouse
Cr Shenagh Gamble
Michael Campaign (CEO)

1. MEETING OPENING & WELCOME - Cr Lisa-Marie Stones declared the meeting open at 7.00pm, and welcomed everyone.

1.1 APOLOGIES – Cr Trish McIntrye

Resolution No. 2013/26

That the apology of Cr Trish McIntrye be accepted

Moved: Cr Mat Prouse

Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw

Vote: AIF

2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 2013/27

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 16 April 2013, as amended be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Mat Prouse

Vote: AIF

3.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

4.0 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence April 2013)

5.0 OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

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

Resolution No. 2013/28

That the correspondence for the Month of April 2013 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble

Vote: AIF

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

6.1 HR – Robbo has been on recreation leave for 6 days. Harney Mick is working in the mornings only to assist Gary in duties during this period.

Discussions have been held with Sports and Recreation Officer re expanding program for children.

6.2 Anzac Day – We had an excellent turnout and a successful day. Great effort from Pam and all crew who helped out to make this a success.

6.3 Heritage Grants – Heritage Branch has provided funds for clean up at two sites – the Bomber and the 2 WW11 Gun emplacements on Wagait Beach. They are looking at providing further fundings.

6.4 Sports Ground – People have been collecting large amounts of water in drums from the shower blocks and the tap. The taps and shower doors are now locked.

6.5 Council Bi-Elections – Two nominations have been received for the elections which was held on Friday 17 and Saturday 18 May for one council position.

6.6 Other Events – Plans are in progress for the 'Walk to School Day' on Friday 24 May. Chris and Sue are providing breakfast foods and Woolworths are providing fruit for the day.

6.7 CEO Vehicle – The office vehicle was hit by another car while parked at a shopping centre, and the insurance claim is in progress. Almost \$6,000 in damages has been assessed. The vehicle is valued at approx. \$4,000.00. It is suggested that we look at replacing the car. Also suggest that a policy be adopted for change over every 3 years or 150,000kms. It is suggest that we purchase a twin cab ute as a back up for work crew if needed. Council has received

information from the insurer of the other vehicle, TIO who have said they will offer a cash payment.

- 6.8 Outstanding Audit Bill** - A meeting has been held with the auditor. Cr Peter Clee and Michael met with Barry Hansen Accountants on Thursday 16 May in town re outstanding account.
- 6.9 Seniors Month** – A meeting has been held with the seniors of Wagait Beach by Cr Trish McIntyre and the CEO. This year's activity will be a trip to Butterfly Farm with lunch provided. A submission for grant has been registered.
- 6.10 Emergency Management Meeting** – Meeting held with Paul Terawsky from Department of the Chief Minister re emergency management training needs project in the Northern Territory. The Disaster Group meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 May 2013 at 6.30pm.
- 6.11 Local Government** – A meeting has been held at the request of Local Government in Darwin with Ron Hutchinson from compliance and investigation re outstanding matters.

7.0 WORKS

- 7.1** Mowing of the estate suffered a setback when the new mower had to be taken back to town for the Hydraulic Oil leak repair to be attended to again. This was carried out and those cost were covered under warranty.
- 7.2** Firebugs have struck at the recycling area, burning all of the plastics and the galvanising of the cage. The rear of the tip needs clearing. There is no room to dispose of any large items. The new hole is complete and cordoned off.

7.3 Duties performed during March

- Power water contractual obligations fulfilled.
- Jetty maintenance contract obligations fulfilled.
- Rua contractual obligations fulfilled.
- Mowing and poisoning of estate ongoing.
- Council building washed down and wasp nest free.
- Police compound job completed.
- Water blast pathway to clinic.
- Truck to town for rego inspection.
- Truck to Belyuen for fuse box repair.
- Liberator wreck site mowed and snipped.
- Anzac day preparation.
- Gun Turrets surrounding cleared.

Resolution No. 2013/29

That the officers' reports be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr Shenagh Gamble

Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones

Vote: AIF

8.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Resolution No. 2013/30

That the Financial report for the month of April 2013 be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr Mat Prouse

Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones

Vote: 4 – IF

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- 8.1 Our office has received a letter from Abdus Satter from the Local Government Business Support Unit stating that none of our previous financial reports are in compliance with the NT Local Government regulations for our council meetings. A planned meeting with our auditor should have this fixed. Reis Kaluka from Barry Hansen Accountants is due in tomorrow to start our audit to rectify past omissions. Abdus will be coming to our office after the initial audit visit to advise us and ensure that Government regulations are complied with.

9.0 AGENDA ITEMS

- 9.1 **Council Bi-Election** – The results were confirmed by the NT Electoral Commission on Wednesday 23rd May. Results were very close and won by Brad Irvine. We welcome Brad to the Council. The declaration of the poll will be held at 10am on Wednesday 22 May at the NTEC Darwin Office. All are invited to attend and Michael Campaign will attend this on behalf of council members.
- 9.2 **Gary Higgins** – MLA Garry Higgins and his wife Rhonda will be visiting our Shire Council on Tuesday 28 May to discuss issues relating to our council. He would also like to discuss the Firie's shed and the amalgamation with Belyuen council. All council members to email Michael their thoughts or other issues they would like Michael to address to Garry Higgins before the 26th.
- 9.3 **National Walk to School** – Preparations are under way for the National Walk to School day which will be held on Friday 24th May. Breakfast foods have been kindly donated by Sue and Chris from the Wagait Supermarket and Woolworths will be donating fruit. Council team will work together on the breakfast at the jetty.

- 9.4 Caravan Mural** – This is all going ahead. All correspondence have been submitted and the workshop will be held on Saturday June 1 between 10am and 2pm at Cloppenburg Park. Everyone is invited to attend this event. This will be a great community arts experience for the young people of Wagait Beach and Belyuen Community.
- 9.5 Territory Fireworks** – Approval is in hand and this event will be going ahead on 1st July at Cloppenburg Park, starting at 7.00pm. Everyone is invited to attend, so please bring your own chairs. A sausage sizzle will commence at 6pm. No private fire works are allowed.
- 9.6 Mawul Rom Project** – Organisers for the Muwal Rom Project will be here in the next few weeks to have a look at the sports ground to see what preparations are needed prior to the event. This will go ahead on 1 July at the Sports Ground for 10 consecutive days.
- 9.7 Darwin Harbour Clean Up** – This is to take place on July 12. Lyn Lambert from Ocean Watch will be sending out posters shortly to inform residents who are interested in participating with this event.
- 9.8 Seniors Outing** – This year the Seniors of Wagait Beach will be going on an outing to the Butterfly farm for lunch instead of the Seniors Ball. Council has submitted for a grant and we are still awaiting a reply from the Government. Date is yet to be confirmed in August. Seniors were consulted by President Trish McIntyre and Michael (CEO) and requested this change of event.
- 9.9 Memorial Garden** – Signs has been pinned on the notice board at the supermarket asking for assistance from the community for those that wish to have a name plaque to remember fellow Wagait Beach Residents who have sadly passed on.
- 9.10 Government Education and Business Directory** – Michael has received a call from the Government Education and Business Directories to see if the Council would like to sign up for another year with their directory. This comes at a cost of \$999.00 per year. Council cannot see any benefit with this as we have our own website and have decided not to renew this advertisement.
- 9.11 No Camping Signs** – Campers have been seen camping at the beach and driving over the high tide mark near the front of Erickson and Cox Drive entrance to the beach, and also in the car park. Campers mentioned there is no sign telling them where they can camp or where they can drive. It has been suggested that a 'No Camping Sign' be erected at the entrances to the beach to explain why there is no camping and giving directions to where they can camp. Michael is investigating under whose authority the beach area is; and whether camping is actually prohibited. He will report back to the Council – and organise works team to erect signs if appropriate.

10.0 LATE ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 CEO Vehicle – It is agreed at the CEO vehicle needs replacement. Councillors have asked Michael to get some prices for a new Twin Cab 4 x 4 Ute and address this to Council at the next meeting. The new ute can be used as a backup for the workers if needed. The existing CEO vehicle is to be repaired and offered for sale by tender.

11.0 MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11.1 Vice President Lisa-Marie Stones closed the meeting at 7.30pm

The next Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 18 June 2013