

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

15th November 2011

Present: Trish McIntyre
Matt Prouse
Rocky Magnoli
Karen Duncan
Darryl Withnall
Peter Clee (President)
Geoff Handicott (CEO)

1. MEETING OPENING – 7.02pm (Pres. Clee)

1.1 APOLOGIES - NIL

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 211/59
That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 18 October 2011 be confirmed.
Moved: Cr Rocky Magnoli
Seconded: Cr Trish McIntyre
Vote: All in Favour

3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

4. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence October 2011)

5. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Outwards Correspondence October 2011.)

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

Resolution No. 211/60
That the Correspondence for month of October 2011 be accepted.
Moved: Cr Peter Clee
Seconded: Cr Trish McIntyre
Vote: All in Favour

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

Resolution No. 211/61
That the Officers' reports be received and accepted.
Moved: Cr Peter Clee
Seconded: Cr Trish McIntyre
Vote: All in Favour

Matters arising from CEO Report

1. Council expresses thanks to Angela for assisting in keeping the Office open during Shelley's absence.
2. Amalgamation Report – Cr. Withnall is only Councillor who has responded to date, with feedback. All other Councillors to respond ASAP.

7.FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 Financial Reports

Resolution No 211/62
That the October 2011 Financial Reports be accepted.
Moved: Cr Peter Clee
Seconded: Cr Darryl Withnall
Vote: All in Favour

8. AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 Pre-Cyclone Cleanup – Only three houses participated over the 2 days.

8.2 Memorial Garden – CEO approached Peter Boyle to obtain a quote, but he doesn't feel that much can be achieved with the small amount of funding available. Council discussed wheelchair access options. It was decided that Cr. Duncan approach Fred to see if he is interested. Councillors should take the opportunity to look at Fred's garden and discuss his ideas.

8.3 Shire Plan – Endorsement

President Clee moved the following motion:

That 'Wagait Shire Council endorses the 2012 Shire Plan'

2nd Cr. Duncan, All in Favour

8.4 Cyclone Surge Mapping Data – All affected residents have received notification by mail.

8.5 Amalgamation – Discussion around the future process. Cr. McIntyre expressed the need for Wagait Shire Council to meet with Darwin City Council to clarify the benefits etc. of an amalgamation.

8.6 Kate Wheen, Local Government – will possibly attend the next Council Meeting to discuss the 2012 Elections.

9. LATE ITEMS and GENERAL BUSINESS.

9.1 Council of the future

After discussion about the 4-year elected Council term, President Clee proposed that:

'This Council recommends to NT Government that Wagait Shire Council limits its term to 2 years'

2nd. Cr Rocky Magnoli

Vote: 5 in favour, 1 against (Cr. Darryl Withnall)

Cr Withnall expressed concern that a 4 year term would have been better if Council had better leadership and achieved more.

Council also decided to stay with the same number of Councillors, being 7, as it was felt this represented a better cross section of the community.

9.2 Rubbish Collection

Cr. Prouse informed Council that Belyuen now had a Contractor who collected rubbish on a weekly basis. If 30 Wagait Shire residents were interested, the Contractor could provide the same service here at a cost of \$6 per week for each household. This was on the condition that the rubbish would be offloaded at the local tip site.

Cr. Duncan suggested that it was up to the residents to organise this. It was not a Council role.

The CEO raised concern over safety of a 6-tone truck accessing the tip face during the Wet Season, given the number of cars who became 'bogged' or partly submerged during the last wet season.

It was decided that no further action be taken at this time.

10 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

2 Items

11. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

President Clee closed the meeting at 8.30pm .
The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on 13 December 2011 at 6.00pm.