

**WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL**

**Draft Minutes**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**19 November 2013**

**PRESENT:** President Trish McIntyre  
Vice President Lisa-Marie Stones  
Cr Peter Clee  
Cr Mat Prouse  
Cr Shenagh Gamble  
Cr Brad Irvine  
Michael Campaign (CEO)

**1. MEETING OPENING & WELCOME.**

President Trish McIntyre declared the meeting opened at 7.05am and welcomes everyone.

President McIntyre also welcomes both Lee Farrell from the Local Government (Support Unit) and Anna Greer from The Wagaitear to the meeting.

**1.1 APOLOGIES – Cr Ian Crawshaw**

**Resolution No. 2013/64**

That the apology of Cr Ian Crawshaw be accepted and approved.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Brad Irvine

Vote: AIF

**2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil

**Resolution No. 2013/65**

That standing orders be suspended and introduce Lee Farrell to the meeting.

Moved: Cr Shenagh Gamble

Seconded: Cr Brad Irvine

Vote: AIF

Lee Farrell is a Team Leader with the Local Government Support Unit for Wagait Beach, Coomalie, Belyuen and Darwin and he is here to review council reports and give support if needed by Council. His role is to help develop resources and help manage plans to Council, not

to get them in compliance but to help. He helps encourage and support best practice – ie through newsletters and best practices

Lee is happy to give support to all Council members and staff and can be contacted via mobile or his office.

At 7.20pm Council moved to resume standing orders

Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones

Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble

Vote: AIF

### **3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution No. 2013/66**

**That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 15 October 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 October 2013)

### **5.0 OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

Refer to Attached List (Outwards Correspondence October 2013).

**Resolution No. 2013/67**

**That the correspondence for the Month of October 2013 be confirmed.**

**Moved: Cr Peter Clee**

**Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones**

**Vote: AIF**

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

- 6.1 HR** – Workshop attended by Sports and Recreation officer and the Australian Day Forum by Administration Officer. LGANT and LGMA AGM attended by President Trish McIntyre and CEO. Angie is on leave until 21/11/13. Kanita Nurse is replacing her on a casual basis.

- 6.2 IT** – Council office had a system breakdown during this month following a storm. The storm also caused damage at the CEO house to the Antennae and TV. Separate report has been forwarded to Councillors for examination before this meeting. This report is on Agenda items. Cr Peter Clee also attended office out of hours to rectify faults.
- 6.3 Rates** – Only some \$14,000 outstanding which are 90 days and over. Letters sent to Debt collector this week. A total of \$21,719 (31 rate payers) is outstanding to date by all overdue rate payers.
- 6.4 Visits** – This month visits from Assets Project Officer from Local Government and Local Government Support Team leader and the Belyuen CEO.
- 6.5 Waste Management** – CEO is on the selection committee for this tender. Morrison Low was successful with their bid. They are meeting with the CEO on 8/12/13 and would like to meet with Council early February around 11/12. Are Councillors available for this? It could be arranged out of hours if required.
- 6.6 Donations** – An esky was donated to the Youth Group by the company trialling GPS Navigation system.
- 6.7 Carpark** – After letter sent to the Chief Minister, CEO was advised that Tenders would go out January 14. Options were discussed on temporary car park.

### **Works Report**

- 6.8** With the onset of the rains, work has begun with mowing, poisoning and snipping. Areas being covered are the Estate, RUA, Plane Wreck Site, Gun Emplacements, Jetty, Car park, Sportsground, Council Grounds and Water Facility.
- 6.9** The tip is still suffering from irresponsible dumping practices which warrants our attention. Items are still being left next to the hole, creating an eyesore and the Works Department 's time in clearing it up.
- 6.10 Duties performed during October:**
- Power water, Jetty and RUA Contractual obligations fulfilled.
  - Formwork for council residence slab in place as has shade poles been concreted in.
  - Destroying archives
  - Servicing plant and machinery
  - Attend cyclone shelter manager seminar

- Clearing council roofing gutters
- Repair residence gutter and fit hose reel
- Gather branches, etc. after storm.

**Resolution No. 2013/68**

**That the officers' reports for the month of October be received and accepted.**

**Moved: Cr Peter Clee**

**Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble**

**Vote: AIF**

## 7.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

### 7.1

**Resolution No. 2013/69**

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

**Moved: Cr Peter Clee**

**Seconded: Cr Mat Prouse**

**Vote: AIF**

## 8.0 AGENDA ITEMS

- 8.1 Caretakers Residence** – Council has received 2 quotes from local business to erect a roof structure over the caretaker's site at the Sports Ground. Both tenders were very close being only \$200 in difference. CEO to forward the quotes to all councillors and a decision to be made at the next meeting.
- 8.2 Mandorah Carpark letter** – CEO has received a letter stating that tenders will be out by January and they hope to have a starting date of June. CEO has been contacted by the department regarding an alternative to the car park while the construction is taking place and they have been advised to ring Nick from the hotel to see if arrangements can be made using his grounds, near the existing carpark.
- 8.3 Great Northern Cleanup** – This was held on 22 September and council receive a thank you for the efforts of those that turned up.
- 8.4 Australia Day Forum** – The administration staff attended this forum on 19 October in Alice Springs. In attendance was a representative from each Council in the NT, board members for the Australia Day Council and special guest speaker Rob Cook who was the 2012 NT Australia's Local Hero recipient. Discussed were fun ways to encourage businesses and all residents to celebrate our National Day. Councils were encouraged to display a slide showing how they celebrated the last Australia ceremony. Wagait Shire Council and Litchfield Council won the best slide and shared a prize of \$500 to go towards the next Australia Day ceremony for 2014.

**8.5 LGANT & LGMA Forum in Alice Springs – Cr McIntyre and CEO – Both CEO and President McIntyre attended the Forum.**

**8.6 Sports & Recreation – Council received a grant of \$22,195 for a period of 6 months for Sports and Recreation. Council will extend the Sports & Recreation Officer contract for another 6 months. This money will go towards employment and activities for Sports & Recreation.**

**8.7 Cook Well, Be Well training course - Our Sports and Recreation officer attended this workshop on 21 and 22 October. This programme focussed on eating well and Robyn will be passing on her new knowledge to the children during her cooking classes which are held every Friday afternoon which is held from 4.00 pm to 6.00pm in the Community Centre. All children are welcome to attend these classes. Below is the report by our Sports and Recreation Officer, Robyn:**

*On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October I attended a workshop; Cook Well, Be Well; run by a company called 'I'm Not Fussy'. Rebel and Annie are a couple of amazing women from Lightning Ridge in outback N.S.W.*

*The workshop was done in a manner so that everyone can understand. It is set out so that all participants can take something back to their communities. Participants came from disability services, detention centres, welfare organisations, schools etc*

*The program focussed on eating fresh, unprocessed foods and explaining in layman's terms, the importance of a well-balanced diet and what that involves. Most foods we consume are over-processed and have many unnatural ingredients added.*

*There were six units studied over the two days. These covered topics such as:-*

*Foods- good and bad*

*Nutrition and Diet- with easy breakfast, lunch and dinner recipes*

*Exercise- Importance of exercise for all ages; adapting to suit*

*Label Reading- what we are actually consuming*

*Hygiene- Hand washing and food storage/handling*

*Budgeting- Prioritising snacks/treats and foods*

*It was an in-depth, interesting workshop to make you stop and think about what you are actually putting into your body and encourage you to think fresh! We all have such crazy, fast-paced lifestyles that we need to have 'fast foods'. This course shows that 'fast foods' are easy to do at home and so much better for you than bought 'fast food'! Moderation is the key to a healthy lifestyle; be it food, alcohol and even exercise; and cutting back on salt and sugar.*

*I will be passing on my new knowledge to the children during our cooking sessions and encouraging them to cook and eat a healthy balanced diet. Maybe in the future we could have a community veggie garden so we can have really fresh ingredients!*

- 8.8 IT Review and Proposal** – After the Council's computer crashed, Venjie Diola was asked to complete a review and audit of Council's ICT status. Venjie is a certified trainer and facilitator with extensive experience in IT systems design, information management and public websites. Councillors asked CEO to further discuss with Venjie to see what can be done to reduce the price as they believe his quote is too expensive and bring back his findings to the next meeting. This will be brought back to the January agenda. CEO will have further discussions with Venjie re this.
- 8.9 Halloween Disco** – Awesome!!!! A big thank you to Robyn for all her efforts for organising the disco. This was enjoyed by all, young and old. Every kid of every age was there and it was a great turnout. Council received many thanks from the community.
- 8.10 Christmas Holiday Period** – Council will be closed for a week from Friday 20 December at 4.30pm and reopen Monday 30 December at 8.00am. CEO will be around the Wagait Beach area during this period and will be available to assist community should there be a need to. He can be contacted on mobile 0429785185.
- 8.11 Portable Library** – Council has received a quote to build a transportable building for use as a library. Cr Peter Clee would like to see an extension to the existing council building with another toilet and shower built behind the conference room. CEO to get a costing on the extension. This will be discussed further in the January meeting.
- 8.12 Anti-Fracking** – A meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 November in the Community Centre from 6.30pm. All residents are invited to attend this meeting to discuss the Petroleum Exploration Licence #EP255 which covers the Cox Peninsula area.

Motion by Cr Shenagh Gamble for CEO and President McIntyre to take the updated anti Fracking Resolution as noted below to the next TOPROC, LGANT and public meeting for further discussions and bring feedback back for the next public meeting. The next TOPROC meeting will be held on Thursday 21 November.

#### **Anti Fracking Resolution**

##### **That Council:**

- Notes with concern and expresses its opposition to petroleum exploration licence #EP255 which covers a significance area of the Cox Peninsula

- Recognises the risks that petroleum exploration poses to the Cox Peninsula, including the risk of hydraulic fracking processes which are associated with depletion of aquifers, the release of fracking chemicals, waste water produced in obtaining gas, and the impacts of surface infrastructure on the land, flora and fauna.
- Opposes fracking as a process to explore and extract gas until it can be proved to be sustainable and not interfere with aquifers and therefore calls on the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory not to approve exploration licence #EP255 and to ban petroleum exploration and extraction in the Cox Peninsula.
- Writes to the local members of parliament (both Northern Territory and Federal) seeking support for Council's position.

Cr Gamble would like to propose this motion which she will provide in writing.

Moved: Cr Shenagh Gamble

Seconded: Cr Peter Clee

Vote: AIF

### **Upcoming Events**

**8.13 Staff Christmas Party** – The staff Christmas Party will be on 20 December.

**8.14 Councillors Christmas Party** – The Councillors Christmas party will be held after the Council Meeting on 17 December. The council meeting will start at 6pm.

**8.15 Australia Day** – preparations are underway.

### **9.0 LATE ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS**

**9.1 Sealink Ferry** – Cr Brad Irvine would like to express how grateful he is that Sealink are doing a really good job during the closure of the pontoon. Cr Brad Irvine also congratulated the community of Wagait for working cooperatively during this time. Cr Peter Clee indicated that the community was most disappointed that the NT Government did not undertake community consultation prior to the implementation of the temporary timetable.

### **10.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

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## **11.0 MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**11.1** Cr Trish McIntyre hereby declares the meeting closed at 9.00pm

The next Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 17 December 2013 at 6.00pm