WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
LOT 64 WAGAIT TOWER ROAD

18 November 2014

PRESENT:
President Lisa-Marie Stones
Vice-President Matt Prouse
Cr Ally Richmond
Cr Shenagh Gamble
Cr Peter Clee
Cr V.J. Thorpe
Cr Brad Irvine
Michael Campaign (CEO)

1.0 MEETING OPENING & WELCOME.

President Lisa-Marie Stones declared the meeting open at 7.07pm at the Council Conference Room and welcomed all Councillors to the meeting. A special welcome to our newly elected member Cr V.J. Thorpe who was declared successful at the Electoral office ceremony today at 10.30am.

2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 2014/143 - that the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 21 October, as amended be confirmed.
Moved: President Lisa-Marie Stones
Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble
Vote: AIF
3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

4.0 INWARDS AND OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming Mail for October 2014

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Outgoing Mail for October 2014

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4.1 Councillors would like to see a more comprehensive indication showing all inwards and outwards correspondence that the council office receives. This includes emails that are of importance and relevant to council matters. In future, Incoming and outgoing mail will only show in the Agenda and not the minutes.

Resolution No. 2014/144
That the correspondence for the Month of October 2014 be confirmed.
Moved: Cr Shenagh Gamble
Seconded: Cr Ally Richmond
Vote: AIF

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

CEO REPORT

5.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ISSUES: CEO attended CEO forum and President attended President/Mayors meeting in Darwin on 5 November. LGANT meetings on 6/7 November attended by President, Councillor Clee and CEO. Of interest at meeting was presentation from Chief minister where he announced Government to extend next Council elections to August 2017. CEO attended Information management workshop in Darwin on 29/10.

5.2 VISITS: Visit from Crown Lands, Peter Shuttleworth at Wagait on 3/11 to look at controlling 4WD access to dunes at western end of Cox Drive, clean out of drain at end of Wagait Tower road, vegetation and desilt and weed control along foreshore including Neem.

5.3 ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY: Pre cyclone clean up carried out on Monday 10 November in which equipment was picked up from 5 houses. This does not seem much but is best result for 5 years. Poison spray kits were delivered on 10 November by NT Weeds Management Branch. Notice to go up this week. Casual staff will carry out spraying for elderly/infirm. Article appeared in NT news Saturday 8/11/14 where Wagait got a mention.
5.4 **COMMUNITY CONCERNS:** By election to be held this Saturday 8am till 6 pm at Community Centre. An information letter on both candidates has been put up on notice boards at shop and ferry. Notices also put up for public meeting on 18/12 and public questions for ordinary meetings. Verbal request made to CEO Coomalie re possibility of using his animal control manager part time.

5.5 **WORKS:** Works report attached. Carports installed at residence and covers installed for three pumps at residence, Community centre and Council office. Cover for genset made at Council office, genset installed. Damaged windscreen replaced on CEO vehicle.

5.6 **GRANTS:** Football and AFL posts have been installed at sports ground. Bat/Ball wall to go up in next few weeks.

5.7 **SEALINK:** Jetty area examined by new contact at Department of Infrastructure.

5.8 **STAFFING/OFFICE:** Pam on leave from 15/12 till 5/1/15. Angie on leave during November and CEO to take short leave Jan/Feb 2015. Work is continuing on website and is looking good.

5.9 Office staff met at Council office flag area and held small ceremony for 11/11.

5.10 **SPORTS AND RECREATION:** Halloween night well attended and successful. Preparations being made for kids Xmas party on 6 December.

5.11 **COMMUNITY MEETING:** Notices sent out for General Community meeting on 18/11 from 6.30pm till 7pm. No letters received from Public re this or for ordinary meeting.

5.12 **RATES:** Sureline is investigating cost for court action re long term outstanding rates. I have contacted persons involved and advised that if no payment by end of November 2014 action will commence.

**WORKS REPORT**
Gary Zikan, Works Supervisor

5.13 Poison and Spray Equipment has been dropped off by the Weeds Branch free of charge for use by members of the community for the treatment of Gamba Grass on their properties. The Weeds Branch has asked that interested people fill out a survey indicating the amount and location of Gamba Grass. The poison will be mixed by Council Works Staff and any advice or direction required will be supplied. There are strict guidelines regarding loan procedure documentation.

5.14 Work associated with the RUA Weed Control Contract has commenced, with the Fire Break cleared of growth and Specimens of Caltrop and Hyptus pulled from various sites. It is still too early for any poisoning to take place, however this will change in the immediate future with the coming rains. Our new poison Tank has been plumbed and is ready to go. During past years, the presence of Target Weeds on private property, such as Mission and Gamba Grass, Hyptus, Caltrop and Neem Trees has hampered our efforts in the control of these weeds. If anyone is unsure in regard to identifying weeds, Council’s Works Staff would be happy to assist.

5.15 The Dept. of Lands and Planning are interested in us undertaking work to extend the barriers at the Car park near the Old Boat ramp, Cox Dr. to help prevent access by the public onto the RUA. We also
surveyed a drain containing a large amount of Paperbark and silt which needs clearing and is the Dept’s responsibility. The Department is looking at providing equipment for us and paying to do the work needed.

5.16 Three Water pumps have been replaced during this Year.

5.17 Most of our time, shortly, will be taken up by mowing and the control of Weeds, within the Estate, RUA, the Tip, WWII sites and the Jetty area.

5.18 Each Monday and Friday over the years, we have found Bins at the Jetty filled with people’s Household Rubbish. This practice is increasing. It would be appreciated if those responsible become a little more thoughtful.

5.19 Advice and costing were obtained from the contractor who performed work on the Jetty Car Park in regard to the work needed on the roads within the Wagait Beach Estate. The amount of work needed can be attributed to the lack of maintenance over the years.

5.20 We have spoken to the Department of Transport in regard to the damaged fences on the corners of Wagait Tower, Charles Pt. and Cox Peninsula roads. They are unsure if they are responsible for these fences. However they will look into it and get back to us. Also conveyed was our concern in regard to the use of Barbed Wire in the construction. An answer from them shortly has been promised.

5.21 Other works performed October:

- Jetty Contract including Barnacle, Boat ramp algae and Cobweb removal
- R UA Contract
- Power water
- Dead Kangaroos (2) removed from Charles Pt. Rd.
- Maimed X-bred dog destroyed at Tip
- Attend Soccer Day at S/Ground
- Prepare Halloween Party
- Tractor and Trailer Rego inspections organised

SPORTS & RECREATION OFFICER REPORT
Robyn Presley

5.22 We had a variety of activities throughout the last school holidays. The children enjoyed fishing, swimming, sports, a day in town and a slippery slide.

5.23 We have had craft sessions making the decorations for our ‘Halloween’ disco, held on Friday October 31st at the sportsground. Over 30 children came down all dressed up and had a great night. Two of the dads did the music, lights and smoke machine for us; which was just wonderful although some of the children did say the music was ‘too old’!! There are already plans for a ‘70’s’ disco in the future.

5.24 One young local has asked if she can write a play and the children perform it for the community along similar lines to our dance concert. We have submitted a grant application for this as the cost of producing a play will be a lot higher. We will find out in January 2015.
5.25 We hosted a ‘Gala Football’ day on Saturday October 18th in conjunction with Football Federation NT. Belyuen had been invited but only 12 of our locals turned up. It was a bit of a disappointment for those from FFNT but our children enjoyed themselves and got a lot out of it. We had a ‘sausage sizzle’ lunch, supplied by FFNT and all cooled off under the hose afterwards.

5.26 The new soccer and AFL goalposts are in and look fantastic. Some of the children have already been down and tried them out.

5.27 The program from now until the Christmas break is:-
- Mondays- 4-5:30 pm – sewing and Christmas craft
- Tuesdays- 4-5:30 pm- sports
- Wednesdays- 4-5:30 pm- sports
- Thursdays- 4-5:30 pm- sports
- Fridays- 4pm until finished- cooking

5.28 There will be different activities during the Christmas holidays.

5.29 During the middle school holiday break in June-July 2015, I am planning to take the children to Tiwi Islands on a cultural trip. I am in the process of costing the ferry ride, accommodation etc and plan on applying for a grant for this expedition.

5.30 A permission slip to be issued to all parents/carers of children attending sports & recreation activities for public liability reasons. This must be signed by parents/carers and returned to office.

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## WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

### Income and Expenditure Report

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WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL
Income and Expenditure Report
For Month Ending 31 October 2014

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Financial Report for period ending 31 October 2014

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6.1 It was noted that there is an error in the spreadsheet Income and Expenditure Report “Year to Date Budget”. CEO to rectify this Item number before next meeting.

Resolution No. 2014/146
That the financial reports for the month of October 2014 to be amended be received and accepted.
Moved: Cr Brad Irvine
Seconded: Cr Ally Richmond
Vote: AIF
7.0 AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 Councillor Reports

7.1.1 President Lisa-Marie Stones - President Lisa-Marie Stones, Michael Campaign and Cr Peter Clee all attended the LGANT AGM. During the meeting the Chief Minister and Minister for Local Government announced that the next proposed general election will be held in August in 2017 and this is upon recommendation of the Electoral Commission based on the fact that in 2016 there is Federal and NT Election will be held. There is a Disaster Recovery Meeting tomorrow evening that both Cr Peter Clee and Michael Campaign will be attending.

7.1.2 Cr Peter Clee – attend the LGANT AGM and GM.

7.1.3 Cr Shenagh Gamble – attended the meeting of the Australian and Local Government Women’s Association for the Northern Territory Division.

7.2 Council Biz – Council is currently using MYOB for all their financials and CEO would like to investigate and research the costs involved with using Council Biz software as this is the standard package being used by most councils.

7.3 Waste Transfer Grant Application – Jack Ellis with the CEO is investigating ways to see if Council can apply for an application to have a Waste Transfer Station erected for residents of Wagait Beach. The first application closes next Friday which does not give us enough time, however Jack is looking at having our application submitted by 15 May when the next application closes. Jack is researching all ideas and options such as costing, location, sharing with Belyuen, pollution, etc and he has also been liaising with other Councils who have had a transfer station erected. CEO has contacted Kate Elder, Project Officer, from Stronger Region Fund and she has offered to help us with our submission. Jack Ellis to circulate a copy of his notes to councillors for their comments.

7.4 LGANT Meeting – CEO Forum – Refer to 7.1.1. President Lisa-Marie Stones to circulate minutes to all councillors.

7.5 Jetty Restricted Licence – Gambling & Licence Branch have explained that they have got in contact with the owner of the Jetty (Department of Transport) to support the application which was submitted back in August. It was explained that it would be easier to get the restricted licence if we put Department of Transport as the requested people for it. Police have offered their support for this.

7.6 Policy Manual (Policies 6 – 10) - New policies to be drafted by CEO taking into account comments submitted by Cr Shenagh Gamble. The draft policies to be circulated to all Councillors and added to the agenda for the next meeting.

7.7 Domestic Animal Management Plan - CEO approached CEO of Coomalie Shire Council during the CEO Forum and asked him if we can use his animal controller personal for our shire as well. CEO still awaiting a reply from Coomalie Shire Council.

Cr Peter Clee reported that at the LGANT AGM it was announced LGANT will establish a fund to engage a solicitor to assist Councils in establishing by-laws. This will be of great use to Wagait Shire in 2015 when seeking
to establish Companion Animal By-Laws. CEO to investigate and establish database to be used for interim Voluntary Companion Animal registry as per October Meeting resolution 8.1.

7.8 **Sub Committees and Areas of Interest** - This is to be circulated to all councillors for their response. Carried over to next meeting.

7.9 **Public Forum and Review and Action Items** – this was held ½ hour before the council meeting. Most prominent issue was that residents would like to see more maintenance done around the estate. There is the feeling that there is insufficient time spent on maintaining local areas, such as the growth in drains, potholes and road edges. Residents also stated that council should have a “Complaints Register”. Council does have a register and the register is kept in the Council office. A written response to questions to be written to Dave Elliot and Fred Gillis by CEO.

7.10 **Multiple Dwellings on single blocks** – Concerns from residents have been raised in the community that a 1 acre block is putting up 3 buildings on the one block. The planning act states that there can be no more than two buildings on a single block unless there is special approval and that the second dwelling can’t be bigger than 80m2. CEO is investigating.

8.0 **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

8.1 **Fracking of Cox Peninsula** – This was raised by Ian Crawshaw who has since resigned from Council. CEO to find the proposed fracking resolution and present to the next meeting.

8.2 **Request for extension to Wagait Shire Council boundaries** - Councillors have not received a formal response to the submission that was sent to the Chief Minister in October. However we have received advise that an advisory group has been established and councillors will be invited to attend when they put together their first meeting. Letter of response to Local Government and Chief Minister to be drafted and circulated and signed by President responding to advisory group committee group.

9.0 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

9.1 Council-By Election. This was held Saturday 15 November.

9.2 Public Meeting – 18 November – this was held today ½ hour before the Council meeting.

9.3 Children’s X-mass party – this will be held Saturday 6 December at 5.30 in the Community Centre.

9.4 Seniors X-mass party – this will be held 9 December.

9.5 Councillors X-mass party – this will be held 16 December after the next council meeting.

9.6 Staff X-mass party – This will be held 19 December.

9.7 Australia Day – This will be held 26 January 2015. Preparations are under way.

10.0 **LATE ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS**

10.1 Re-numerations for Councillors – This will be included for discussion in the new calendar year.

10.0 **MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

10.1 President Lisa-Marie Stones declared the meeting closed at 8.36pm.

The next Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 16 December, 2014 at 6.00pm in the Council chambers.