

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
19th OCTOBER 2010

Present:: Cr Darryl Withnall (Deputy President)
Cr Karen Duncan
Cr Rocky Magnoli
Cr Vera Lamont
Cr Matthew Prouse
Cr Trish McIntyre
CEO John Keenan

MEETING OPENING-Deputy President Darryl Withnall opened the meeting at 7.00pm

1.1 APOLOGIES

Resolution No. 2010/48
That the apology of Cr Peter Clee be accepted.
Moved: Cr Karen Duncan
Seconded: Cr Vera Lamont
Vote: 7-0

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 2010/49
That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 21ST September 2010 be confirmed.
Moved: Cr Darryl Withnall
Seconded: Cr Matt Prouse
Vote: 7-0

3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

4. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence Sept 2010.)

5. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Outwards Correspondence Sept. 2010.)

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

Resolution No.2010/50

That the incoming and outgoing correspondence be accepted as information.

Moved: Cr Karen Duncan

Seconded: Cr Vera Lamont

Vote: 7-0

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Incorporating Work Supervisors and Sports Recreation Officers Reports

6.1 Comments on CEO Report

6.1.1 WAGAIT TOWER ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT

CEO explained the current situation with the work on this project. The project managers B.T.O. Pty Ltd have asked for the work to be ceased until the road works were resurveyed. There are a number of concerns with the positioning of the proposed kerbs, the area around the culvert and some areas of the road surfaces. At this stage, this surveying should be completed within the next 2-3 days. Completion of the project is now about 31st October 2010.

6.1.2 MEMORIAL GARDEN

It was reported that a tender had been advertised for the construction of the garden with 21st November 2010 as the acceptance date. CEO tabled copies of the draft tender documents for the garden which he has compiled with assistance from LGANT. He explained that the matter of preparing the tender and monitoring the construction of the garden was an area that he had little experience in and suggested that a project manager be appointed for supervising all aspects of the construction of the garden. A project manager would monitor the tendering process and then ensure the construction of the garden works was timely and within budget. It was recommended that the CEO contact Barry Demasson to get assistance in this area and to continue to work with LGANT on the processing the tender and appointment of the approved applicant.

6.1.3 BORE CONSTRUCTION

The failure of the bore drilling was discussed and the options as far as locations for future bores. It was generally agreed that the area near the sports grounds was not going to produce good water flow. CEO explained there were restrictions on where a bore could be drilled in the area and tabled maps and diagrams to illustrate this. It was agreed that a water diviner be employed before anymore bores were drilled.

6.1.4 COMPUTER FOR PUBLIC USE

It was agreed that a small non-colour laser jet printer be purchased to support the computer in the library area of the council office.

6.1.5 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP

It was confirmed that Shenagh Gamble from LGANT would be addressing council later in the meeting on this matter.

6.1.6 FITNESS EQUIPMENT

CEO stated the fitness equipment had been installed at the sports ground and was ready for use.

6.1.7 BIKE RACKS

The bike racks had arrived at Wagait this week and council is discussing with Dept of Planning and Infrastructure on location of the two bike racks

6.1.8 IT SOLUTIONS CONSULTANTS

CEO confirmed arrangements for an IT Solutions Consultant to be engaged by council to assist in providing support in computer systems. The current accounting system used, Synergy which was recommended by LGANT in 2008, is now not used by any other shire councils in the N.T. Many Top End councils now use Authority System. CEO reported that Synergy is a complex system designed originally for large organisations and councils and is not designed for use by a small council as Wagait and is costly to support with all IT support now from South Australia. It was recommended that council approach Authority and MYOB representatives on information on their systems as an alternative to Synergy.

6.1.9 DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACES AT JETTY

The Dept of Planning and Infrastructure has stated that they will come over and see council on best location for these parking spaces.



Resolution No.2010/51

That the Officers' reports be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr Darryl Withnall

Seconded: Cr Matt Prouse

Vote: 7-0

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 Financial Reports

Resolution No 2010/52

That the September Financial Reports be accepted.

Moved: Cr Karen Duncan

Seconded: Cr Trish McIntyre

Vote: 7-0

8.LATE ITEM

Proposed Emergency Management and Disaster recovery plan of Wagait Shire Council with a short talk on this matter by Shenagh Gamble

At 8:25pm the Deputy President, Darryl Withnall, moved that standing orders be suspended, to allow for Shenagh Gamble from LGANT to address the meeting in regards to establishing an emergency management and disaster recovery plan in

Resolution No: 2010/53

That standing orders be suspended in order for Shenagh Gamble to address the meeting.

Moved: Cr Darryl Withnall

Seconded: Cr Karen Duncan

Wagait Shire.

The meeting was addressed by Shenagh Gamble from LGANT on the importance of Wagait Shire having an emergency management and disaster recovery plan. This matter had been discussed at length at two workshops on this issue over the past month. A letter on this matter was tabled at the meeting.

It was recommended by LGANT that an important step in this planning, would be the formation of a committee in the shire to co-ordinate and manage the establishment and functioning of the plan. An important initial matter to be undertaken would be the survey of the community to assess the assets and communication and other facilities of the shire, that would be vital in the event of a future disaster in the Wagait Beach area.

This committee should ideally have representatives from a broad section of the shire, particularly those with past experiences and knowledge of this area. It was agreed that Chris Tyzack, who is understood to have experience in emergencies and similar matters, be approached to be the initial co-ordinator of this committee. It was agreed that Cnr,.. Karen Duncan contact Chris on this appointment.

It was recommended by LGANT that a list of potential interested persons in the shire be compiled, and that these persons be contacted to obtain their interest in becoming a member of this committee. A number of persons that should be considered for this committee were discussed.

8.50pm Deputy President Cnr, Darryl Withnall agreed that Standing orders be restored.

Resolution No:2010/54

That council agrees in principal to support the formation of an Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery Plan for Wagait Shire.

Moved: Cnr. Darryl Withnall

Seconded: Cnr. Karen Duncan.

Vote: 7 – 0.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 PowerWater contract.

CEO referred to the appendix to the CEO report on this matter and provided more background information on the issue of the PWC contract not being applied for by the council, when it was advertised for tender in September 2010. It was generally agreed that PWC should have advised the council of the intention to place the contract to tender, in view of our long relationship with the PWC.

It was considered that as the new contract indicated a larger area to be serviced by the title of the contract 'Northern Region' and that the council would be unlikely to be successful in tendering for the contract. It was explained by the CEO, that the contract obligations required staff to be available on short call to carry out duties as required by PWC on a 24 hour basis. This would be a consideration that a new operator would have to take into account.

CEO advised that he would continue to communicate with PWC on this matter and will advise council accordingly as to the outcome of the PWC tender.

9.2 Discussion paper on Section 37(1)(d) of Local Government Act,

The discussion paper on section 37 (1) (d) of the Local Government Act was discussed briefly, with the CEO summarising the intentions of the discussion paper. The paper was reviewing the position of council employees as elected members, and the various issues to be considered if the current legislation was to be changed.. A response on the paper was required by Department of Local Government by 12 November 2010. Councillors were asked to review the discussion paper and respond to the council by the 12th November. The CEO advised that he would contact all councillors prior to that date if he had not received a response to the paper.

9.3 Jetty Lifespan

The question of the future of the jetty, and planned improvements and modifications was raised. The CEO advised that he had no information on this matter, and would contract the Dept. of Planning and Infrastructure to obtain an update on any planned development, and report back to the next meeting.

9.4 Letter from resident on blocked driveway.

In response to a letter , which was tabled, from a resident concerning problems with their driveway, the CEO was advised to contact the resident and advise that the any work in regards the driveway should be carried out by the resident, in accordance with the appropriate regulations.

9.5 Ladies group luncheon.

The annual luncheon of the Ladies group at the Mandorah Hotel for \$15.00 per person , was confirmed.

9.6 Children's play equipment.

The facilities and play equipment for children at the sportsground was discussed, with the CEO stating that there are ongoing plans to provide better facilities in this area in accordance with available funding, and would report back to the council at the next meeting on this matter.

10 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

NIL

11. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Deputy President Darryl Withnall closed the meeting at 9.15pm .
The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on 16th November 2010 at 7.00pm.