

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

Draft Minutes

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

16th October 2012

Present: Trish McIntyre
Lisa-Marie Stones
Lil Prouse
Matt Prouse
Ian Crawshaw
Geoff Handicott

1. MEETING OPENING & Welcome. President McIntyre declared the meeting open at 7pm, and welcomed everyone.

1.1 APOLOGIES – Shenagh Gamble and Peter Clee

Resolution No. 2012/66
That the apology of Crs Gamble and Clee be accepted.
Moved: Cr Lil Prouse
Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw
Vote: AIF

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - NIL

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 2012/67
That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 18 September 2012, as amended, be confirmed.
Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones
Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw
Vote: AIF

3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

3.11 Naming of Sports Grounds – Lorraine Gardiner will follow up with the Place Names Committee.

3.12 Purchase of new mower

4. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence September 2012)

5. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

**Refer to Attached List (Outwards Correspondence September 2012.)
More detailed information on inwards and outwards correspondence
will be provided at the Council meeting.**

Resolution No. 2012/68
That the Correspondence for the Month of September 2012 be confirmed.
Moved: Cr Ian Crawshaw
Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones
Vote: AIF

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

HR – Interviews have been conducted for the Administration Officer position, and the successful applicant, Pam Wanrooy, will commence on 1st November. Angela Adams has been helping out in the office, catching up on the filing and assisting with collection of rates payments. She is currently on a fortnight's annual leave.

LGANT Conference, Alice Springs 7-9 November – This conference is less than a month away. President Trish McIntyre is unable to attend, and has appointed Vice President, Lisa-Marie Stones to attend in her place. The CEO, Geoff, and Lisa-Marie will fly to Alice Springs on the 6th, and return on the 9th.

Cyclone Shelter Inspection – With cyclone season upon us, the Cyclone Shelter Manager's Group (Dept of Infrastructure) have been out for a walk-through review and inspection. Items for discussion included the stores and radio we are supposed to have. Discussion also focussed on our obligation to , if asked, shelter Belyuen residents as they do not have a designated cyclone shelter within their own community. Most communities utilise the local school as a shelter, but I've been informed that the headmaster will not allow Belyuen school for this purpose. Talks with the Department regarding this matter are continuing.

Road verges – I am currently investigating the best financial method to address the road verge drop off. This is becoming an issue throughout the estate, with some drop-off reaching the 70mm mark, well past the normal acceptable limit. Having the work done by outside Contractors is expensive. It is hard to get quotes as most Contractors say that with the equipment required for the works we would be looking at around \$3,500 per day, and indicating that the works could take 2-3 weeks to complete. (between \$42,000 and \$63,000). With these results it is hard to budget for these works. We also need to keep in mind that these works would need to be re-done after 3 years. We just don't have access to this type of funding.

I have found a 'Belly Blade', which fits onto a tractor and is fully adjustable hydraulically, the same as a grader. This unit would be suitable for road drop-off work. I am still waiting to hear who the Australian agent is for this unit, and the pricing. With the above unit, and the hire of a small roller, this work could be done 'in-house', and we would own the equipment (less roller hire) for future works. A second-hand unit, complete with tractor, is currently for sale in Victoria for \$50,000. This unit has only done 550 hours.

Office – Re-entry of all data into MYOB has been continuing, with Rates now completely up-to-date. The Creditors entry has all been completed, Creditors paid, and no outstanding debts. The current contracts held by WSC (eg: Goodline, Jetty etc) have not been invoiced since June, however this will be bought up-to-date before Council meets. Peter Clee has come in a few times at Joy's request, to assist in the correction process – and help keep Joy sane. Thanks Peter.

And just to test our patience a little more, the photocopier/printer broke down on Monday, first thing. It is in need of serious repair work, and today (Thursday) we received another one on loan to tide us over until ours is repaired and returned. If that wasn't enough... The Fax line went down on Tuesday, meaning we had no access to fax or EFTPOS facilities, until that, also, was remedied by Telstra this morning.

Shenagh has tendered an apology for the meeting next week, as she is going into hospital tomorrow (Friday) for a stay of up to a week. I'm sure you all join in with me in offering her our best wishes.

WORKS

SPORTSGROUND

A Trench has been dug and a new line fitted to reroute the treated water from the Amenities Block to the Bushland adjacent. A toilet leak has been repaired. The inground drainage has had its grating lifted and cleared of sand, leaves etc. and the Tennis Court hosed to free it of sand. The Basketball/netball posts have been turned around to accommodate the weekly netball activities conducted by Kelly Murphy for the youngsters. Of concern is the regular attendance of a few people who reside in the bush fairly close to the Sportsground in the direction of the Jetty. From the Power points at the Sportsground, Computers and mobile phones are recharged, razors, soap, tooth brushes and dirty floors are left behind and empty 2 litre cordial bottles used for drinking water have been found stashed under the Shipping containers. Although these people and their dogs keep to themselves, their mere presence has been reason enough for adults and children to not hang around. Adults accompany their children to the toilets when it is known the toilets/ showers are occupied by these long grassers and others.

POWERWATER

After many phone calls reporting malfunctions with the Chlorine pumping system, all seemed well after repairs made by Powerwater and their Contractors. However, a leak developed through a broken line around Sunday Oct. 9th. which resulted in the loss of approx. 60 litres of Chlorine. This was reported and efforts are underway to rectify this latest in a string of frustrating failures of this system. There has been talk of this type of system being replaced for over a year now....

The Vine growing over the fence at the Water Facility has been poisoned. Leaves removed from Bore Compounds. Blue Standpipe Hose replaced.

DUTIES PERFORMED DURING SEPTEMBER

Dog Trap Repaired and Relocated

New Drill Press Assembled
Road Repairs: Forsyth Rd. Baluria Rd. Wagait Tower Rd. Vangemann St. Mungalo Rd. Delissa Dr.
Mission Grass treated at Jetty Carpark
Belyuen: Ute Rego inspection, Truck Master Cylinder replaced
Replace Life Ring Rope at Jetty
Puncture Prevention Goo Administered to Ride on Mower
Blow leaves from Council Driveways
Snip Beach Access Track, Delissa Dr.
Roadside Barriers put back in place
Replace Broken Start Cord on Water Pump Engine
Pond Rocks removed and hole filled at Council residence
Chop down and remove trees from Liberator Plane Wreck Site
Dead Cat removed from Erickson Cres. Owner knows.
Dead Kangaroos removed, 4 of. One killed by Work Ute
Termite riddled Native Bushes removed from Community Centre Garden
Fluros replaced and covers cleaned at Community Centre
Jetty Bins and Vinegar Box repaired
Missing Vinegar replaced on approx. 6 occasions in past few months
Remove old Genset Cage from Council Building
Lowest 2 landings on Jetty Pressure Blasted
Measure new area for new fence at Council Residence
Powerwater Contractual Obligations met
Jetty Contractual Obligations met
Many hours cleaning and clearing up after People, Birds and Dogs at Dump
Roadside litter removed from Wagait Beach Estate
Beach Bins Cleared and liners replaced on weekly basis
Human Poo removed from Jetty
Used Toilet Paper removed from Old Boatramp Carpark and Baluria Rd. Beach Access

Resolution No. 2012/69

That the Officers' reports be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr Lil Prouse

Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw

Vote: AIF

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 Financial Reports

Financial Reports, for August and September 2012, were circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, and also available in hard copy at the meeting.

Resolution No. 2012/70

Council resolved to accept the August financials, as presented.

Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones

Seconded: Cr Lil Prouse

Vote: AIF

Resolution No. 2012/71
Council resolved to accept the September financials, as presented.
Moved: Cr Matt Prouse
Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw
Vote: AIF

Council thanked Joy for her voluntary assistance with bringing the finances up-to-date.

8. AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 Finance Management and Reporting – It was decided that Geoff and Lisa-Marie have an informal chat with Darwin City Council at the LGANT Conference in Alice Springs next month.

8.2 LGANT Conference, Alice Springs, 7-9 November, 2012
Geoff Handicott and Lisa-Marie Stones will attend.

8.3 TOPROC Regional Development Framework and MOA – Motion Required

Resolution No. 2012/72
Council adopts the Memorandum of Agreement between TOPROC Members, and authorise the Shire President and CEO to sign on behalf of Wagait Shire Council.
Moved: Cr Ian Crawshaw
Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones
Vote: AIF

8.4 LGANT - Notice of proposed levy for constitutional recognition
After a lot of discussion it was decided that the CEO hold discussions with the other Councils (Darwin City, Litchfield etc) and report back to Councillors. Councillors will conduct a vote by email prior to the LGANT Conference, to develop a response to this proposal.

8.5 Darwin Regional Transport Study – Fri 19 October 2012
CEO will attend, and report back to Council.

9. LATE ITEMS and GENERAL BUSINESS.

- 9.1 Memorial Garden** – A quote has been received from Inscape Plus, for the new design and plant list for the Memorial Garden, which will be achievable with the limited funds available.

<p>Resolution No. 2012/73 Council accepts the quote of \$400 from Inscape Plus to provide new plans & Plants list for Memorial Garden. Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones Seconded: Cr Matt Prouse Vote: AIF</p>
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- 9.2 Fire Break** – The CEO asked Council to give some thought to the idea of placing a locked gate at the Brisbane St end of the fire break, with a view of digging a drain to channel water flow into the scrub, rather than causing water damage to the road drop-offs along Wagait Tower Rd. Fire-fighting vehicles would still have full access. CEO to inform Chris at the Supermarket. Final decision to be made at the November meeting.

- 9.3 Rates Update Report** – There are currently eight rate-payers whose unpaid rates debts are approaching the three year period. The Local Government Act provides that rate-payers incurring debts of 3 years or more, can have their property sold to recover the rates. Council will write to these ratepayers advising them that Council will initiate proceedings if need be.
There is also about \$20,000 still outstanding in rates for the 2012/13 period.

10 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

<p>Resolution No. 2012/74 Council resolves to write off the \$28.45 debt discussed in camera Moved: Cr Trish McIntyre Seconded: Cr Lil Prouse Vote: AIF</p>
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11. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Cr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.35pm .

The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 20 November 2012 at 7.00pm.