

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

Draft Minutes

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

17 October 2013

PRESENT: Cr Peter Clee
Cr Mat Prouse
Cr Shenagh Gamble
Cr Ian Crawshaw
Michael Campaign (CEO)

1. MEETING OPENING & WELCOME -

Meeting opened by CEO as President Trish McIntyre and Vice-President Lisa-Marie Stones were both absent. CEO called for nominations for Chair and Cr Peter Clee was elected.

Resolution No. 2013/56

That the nomination for Cr Peter Clee to chair the October meeting be accepted.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw

Vote: AIF

Cr Peter Clee declared the meeting open at 7.00pm and welcomed everyone.

1.1 APOLOGIES – President Trish McIntyre and Vice-President Lisa-Marie Stones

Resolution No. 2013/57

That the apology of President Trish McIntyre and Vice-President Lisa-Marie Stones be accepted.

Moved: Cr Mat Prouse

Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw

Vote: AIF

2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 2013/58

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 20 September 2013, as amended be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Shenagh Gamble

Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw

Vote: AIF

3.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

4.0 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence September 2013)

5.0 OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Outwards Correspondence September 2013).

Resolution No. 2013/59

That the correspondence for the Month of September 2013 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Ian Crawshaw

Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble

Vote: AIF

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

6.1 Audit – Council to resolve to pay account if acceptable.

Resolution No. 2013/60

Council moves motion to accept the Audit Report for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2013 and to pay the account to Barry Hansen.

Moved: Cr Ian Crawshaw

Seconded: Cr Mat Prouse

Vote: AIF

6.2 Rates: - 40 outstanding rates at end of payment date. 5 have now paid, so 35 still outstanding. 50 letters of demand went to ratepayers for re-arrears. Outstanding rates for this year amount to \$17,500. Long term overdue amount owing is \$28,000. Several people have approached CEO re making payment options. Council has asked CEO to confirm with rate payers in writing payment arrangements. Cr Ian Crawshaw queried the process of periodic payments.

- 6.3 Heritage Sites** – Department of Infrastructure agreed to sign contract for yearly maintenance of two heritage sites for \$3,000.00 on a twice a year basis.
- 6.4 Weed Management** – Weed Management contract has been extended for one more year. Value \$17,500.00.
- 6.5 LGANT** – AGM and LGMA networking due in Alice Springs 10/11 November 2013.
- 6.6 Federal Election** – Held at Community Centre, charge of \$1,500 applied for the rental.
- 6.7 Waste Management** – Waste Management bidders interviewed by Committee (CEO member of) and will propose most suitable bidder to TOPROC for final decision.
- 6.8 TOPROC** – TOPROC held at Coomalie Shire. Cr Peter Clee and CEO attended.
- 6.9 Mulcher** – A sign has been placed for residents, however no takers so far.
- 6.10 Cyclone Clean Up Day** – Organised and completed. Four households left rubbish for pickup.
- Councillors have recommended that CEO liaise with NTES to see what can be done with some of the blocks in the community that have unsafe projectiles lying around their yard as this could pose as a danger in strong winds or cyclone warning.*
- 6.11 Trolley** – CEO suggested that Council provides trolley at wharf for community use.
- To be discussed at agenda items.*
- 6.12 Jetty Gate** – There has been unauthorised use at the jetty with people opening the gate and driving down to the end of the jetty: - suggest a new lock be purchased.
- Councillors suggest that CEO look into installing a lock where the code can be changed monthly to keep unauthorised personal from driving on to the wharf.*
- 6.13 Clean up of Workshop** – Workshop and shed is 90% completed and is looking good and much safer.
- 6.14 Vet** – Parap vet visited the community on 21 September. This was well used by the community.
- 6.15 Belyuen** – Cathy (CEO) of Belyuen has asked to meet with the CEO of Wagait Shire and Coomalie to discuss future planning.

Council advised CEO to proceed with this with Belyuen CEO.

6.16 Mandorah Pub Donation – Nick from the Mandorah pub has donated three large umbrellas to be used at Council outside tables. A shade cloth has also been purchased at a much reduced price for use at community events.

6.17 Sports & Rec – A sports competition day was organised by Robyn during school holidays. Council and some parents assisted. It was also attended by Belyuen CEO. A great success. A big thanks to the Council team for their effort. Councillors stated that they are very happy with the efforts of the Sports & Recreation Officer.

6.18 Mobile Kiosk – A resident of Wagait Shire has approached the CEO of Wagait Shire Council to set up a mobile kiosk selling sandwiches, coffee and tea.

Councillors think this is a good idea and support the idea of a mobile kiosk at the wharf. CEO to inform residents of this support.

Works Report

6.19 A vehicle belonging to a non resident was removed from the Council Compound whilst under supervision from local Police. A fee was charged for impoundment.

6.20 The Wagait Tower Road short cut entrance to the shop from the southern end has been blocked by steel posts as it was causing damage to the bike track and also the curb.

6.21 The shipping containers at the Sports Ground were washed for local kids to participate in painting exercises.

6.22 A Major cleanup of the Workshop and yard has been undertaken, removing safety hazards and eyesores.

6.23 The Dump problems continue with unwanted items being left outside the hole and items not being placed at their correct location. This all adds up to an untidy Dump and Council Staff spending unnecessary time at the tip.

6.24 Duties Performed during September were as follows:

- Power and Water Contractual Obligations were fulfilled
- Jetty Contract Obligations fulfilled, finished Water Blasting of Boat ramp and Railing Barnacles removed
- RUA Contract Obligations fulfilled
- One Wild, cross bred dog trapped and destroyed
- Fence posts placed near bike track

- Entrance to bike track cleaned up and redressed
- Removal of Neem trees from RUA
- Mulching of trees for chipwood
- Fit hose reel to Council Residence
- All Council Fire Extinguishers checked
- Community Centre Genset started on fortnightly basis
- One feral cat destroyed

Resolution No. 2013/61

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

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble

Vote: AIF

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 Cr Mat Prouse has queried the \$100,000 debited to the Cash Management Account. This was money received from rate payers transferred to the investment account to gain higher interest in the short term. CEO to email Investment bank balance to Councillors tomorrow.

7.2 MYOB has now been rolled over for the New Financial Year.

Resolution No. 2013/62

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

Moved: Cr Shenagh Gamble

Seconded: Cr Peter Clee

Vote: AIF

8.0 AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 Baggage Trolley – Councillors do not support the idea of purchasing a trolley for the Mandorah jetty. Trolleys have been purchased before; however these have all ended up thrown overboard.

8.2 TOPROC - Cr Peter Clee brought up the matter of Fracking at the TOPROC meeting and received a great deal of support, however Cr Peter Clee believes that we need to formulate a motion and get all the councils to pass it. Cr Shenagh Gamble will bring a resolution to formulate a motion to the next council meeting.

8.3 Library - The current library is located in the council office which is a cyclone category 2 shelter. CEO suggests that we purchase a transportable office and have this erected on council grounds for use as the library to free the office should this be needed in an emergency. NTES have supported the idea and CEO will submit an application for a grant.

- 8.4 Local Government Support – Lee Farrell** – Lee Farrell who works for the Department of Local Government setting up support for councils and staff visited the office today. During his visit he showed Pam and CEO from Council how to get councils working effectively and help us to be in compliant with the Local Government Regulations. He will continue to assist office staff to improve compliance status.
- 8.5 Ironbark Employment** – Ironbark Employment visited the CEO to discuss utilising the Community Centre to interview their clients who reside at Wagait Beach. CEO has approved with a rental charge to be applied and councillors approve this decision. A letter of agreement to be written out that any damages caused will be covered by Ironbark.
- 8.6 Caravan Park** – A resident of the Wagait Shire has written a letter to CEO suggesting an alternative approach to the caravan park facilities in the Wagait area. He does not think that the Sports Ground is a good idea; however he has suggested that larger private blocks should consider offering a means for caravaners and motor home owners. Council agreed that this was up to the individual owners, not council.
- 8.7 Emergency Management** – Recovery planning status report for November – members have talked about finalising the report. Cr Peter Clee suggested that we have a recovery plan available for public viewing on the Council website which is approved by Council. Chris Tyzack has organised with the CEO and has received an updated list of all the gear available at council should this be needed for an emergency.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8.8 Australia Day** – Council office has started planning this. Some goods have been purchased from the Australia Day Council for the event and Pam from the office has been invited by the Australia Day Committee to attend the Australia Day Forum to be held in Alice Springs this weekend. This forum is fully covered by the Australia Day Committee.

Youth, Senior and Community Events – Nominations for the local Government Awards for 2014 are being called for by the Australia Day Council and council members will circulate and email for interests and make a decision this week.

9.0 LATE ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

- 9.1 Mandorah Car Park** – Cr Ian Crawshaw would like to know if councillors know what is happening with the Mandorah Carpark building. CEO has emailed and rang Ferozkham Ibrahim from the Department of Infrastructure on many occasions to try and find out what is happening with the carpark and he still has not received an answer.

9.2

Resolution No. 2013/63
Motion by Cr Peter Clee that a letter from Council is forwarded to the Minister seeking information regarding the delays in the construction of the car park at the Mandorah Jetty.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee
Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw
Vote: AIF

9.3 Memorial Garden - Cr Shenagh Gamble has been in contact with the Community Outreach section within Bunnings Hardware and they have requested that Council forward a proposal with a letter of request. Cr Shenagh Gamble to go through to see what things Bunnings might be able to supply and to see how she can transfer the design into materials.

10.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

Nil

11.0 MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11.1 Cr Peter Clee hereby declares the meeting closed at 7.40pm

The next Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 19 November 2013 at 7.00pm