

**WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL**

**Minutes**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**17 September 2013**

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

**1. MEETING OPENING & WELCOME** - Cr Trish McIntyre declared the meeting open at 7.00pm, and welcomed everyone.

**1.1 APOLOGIES** – Cr Brad Irvine and Cr Ian Crawshaw

**Resolution No. 2013/49**

That the apology of Cr Brad Irvine and Cr Ian Crawshaw be accepted.

Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones

Seconded: Cr Mat Prouse

Vote: AIF

**2.0**

**Resolution No. 2013/50**

**Cr Trish McIntyre moved to suspend the standing orders for a short time and welcomed Ally Richmond to talk about plans by NT Gas Aus Pty Ltd who are seeking exploration rights in the Cox Peninsular Area**

**Vote: AIF**

**2.1** Ally gave a briefing on some plans that are underway by NT Gas Aus Pty Ltd to seek exploration rights to mine petroleum on the Cox Peninsular from the Western edge of Darwin River, through Dundee and the whole of Cox Peninsular including Wagait Beach called FRACKING. There is concern that if this application is approved, there will be a number of risks involved (ie contamination of water, valuation of land, heavy traffic, waste fluid, etc). This should be announced in the paper in the next few days. As soon as this is announced Ally and some other members of the shire will hold a public meeting to discuss the situation where all residents are

invited to attend. Ally advised that legally the mining company could set up equipment on individuals land without permission. CEO requested to table this at the next TOPROC meeting.

### 3.0

#### **Resolution No. 2013/51**

**Cr Trish McIntyre welcomes Chris Chaplin from the Wagait Beach Supermarket to talk about his proposal – “Income Opportunity at the Sports Ground” which he submitted to council at the August meeting.**

- 3.1** Chris has expressed his idea to Council that there is an opportunity for Council to generate extra income if the public was allowed to access the sports ground (ie hiring the sports ground for camping purposes). Chris is seeking support from Council to see if they support the idea. Cr Trish suggested this will need to be investigated to see if it is something council thinks is worth taking on. A copy of the Crown Lease has been issued to Chris with concerns about the land use. Cr Mat Prouse and CEO Michael did not think the sports ground is an ideal place as many local children use the sports ground and also the sports ground has inadequate facilities. Cr Trish McIntyre and Cr Shenagh Gamble has suggested that it would probably be best to see this go to a private investor. Council agreed that the idea of a camping ground in Wagait was sound but did not think that the sports ground should be used for this purpose.

### 4.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

At 7.45pm Cr Trish McIntyre moved to resume standing orders.

### 5.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### **Resolution No. 2013/52**

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

**Moved: Cr Mat Prouse**

**Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble**

**Vote: AIF**

### 5.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cr Lisa-Marie would like to thank Michael (CEO) for acting promptly by having the sandy patch at the start of the bike path near the shop levelled and compacted so that it is not a danger to the community who access this path.

## **6.0 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence August 2013)

## **7.0 OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

Refer to Attached List (Outwards Correspondence August 2013).

### **Resolution No. 2013/53**

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

**Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones**

**Seconded: Cr Peter Cleo**

**Vote: AIF**

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

- 8.1 HR** – Gary, Works Supervisor is on leave until 20 September 2013. CEO was on sick leave for three days due to an eye operation. Robbo is acting as Supervisor and Harnie Mick is working with Robbo AM only.
- 8.2 Audit** – Barry Hansen's audit report has been received. Copies have been forwarded to Councillors.
- 8.3 Seniors Outing** – This was held on 27 August. Feedback is very positive. A great effort from staff and a special mention to our driver "Robbo".
- 8.4 Rates** – Being received on time and way ahead of last year's collection. We are still awaiting payment x 12 for re-arrears. Michael has asked if Councillors would like him to approach a collection agency for further action. Total owing is now \$11,125.00.
- 8.5 LGANT** – As discussed, this has now been cancelled due to the Federal Government's decision. A refund of \$514.00 has been received.
- 8.6 Noise Complaint** – Nothing further heard.
- 8.7 Dogs** – Some complaints coming in re attack on other dogs. Works are investigating,
- 8.8 Painting of Container** – This was completed on 31 August and attended by Wagait and Belyuen youths. Both containers were painted.
- 8.9 Visit** – from real estate agent Morgan Shearer and bankers and other industries to look at Wagait progress. A BBQ was held that night at a private residence.
- 8.10 CEO Forum** – This was held in Darwin City on 30 August 2013.

**8.11 Federal Elections** – This was held at the Community Centre. A charge of \$1,500 applied for rental.

**8.12 Planning Commission** – The Hon Garry Nairn, Chairman of the Northern Territory Planning Commission visited the office and spoke with President and CEO re Greater Darwin Land Use Plan.

**8.13 EPA** – Visited the Shire and spoke with the CEO and Cr Shenagh Gamble.

**8.14 Dump** – Despite article in Wagaitear, there are still people leaving a mess at the dump and dropping rubbish all over the place instead of designated areas.

### **Works Report**

#### **8.15 Estate and Surrounds**

**8.16** Barricades have been concreted in place at the Shop end of the Bike Path to stop people driving along the bike path to gain access to Brisbane St. via the fire break alongside the shop's property.

**8.17** The in ground gutter between the Tennis Court and the Pavilion at the Sportsground has been pulled up and cleared of all sand and obstructions. The Tennis Court has been hosed down to remove sand etc.

**8.18** The headwall of the culvert near the Shop at the end of recent verge works has been run into and has broken off. This section has been removed and plans are underway to repair this damage.

**8.19** The new mower has been used for the first time, with the Water Facility and grounds being mown. It has performed well.

**8.20** Gas bottles have been found in the "Aluminium Cans only" bin, Gas Bottles found in the Household Rubbish Bin after people have set fire to it, Household Rubbish in the Geenwaste Section: Some things never change. More time than should be necessary is being spent at the tip by this Works Department.

#### **8.21 JOBS PERFORMED DURING MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

- 20 Drums of glass and 7 bales of plastics taken to town

- Pick up equipment for Council residence fence, Jetty Wooden Rail Painting, empty 44 gal. Drums, Community Centre Genset Battery , 60 litres Liquid Chlorine for Water Supply, new Jetty Padlock, new Poison Spray Gun and new Cistern for Council Residence
- Jetty Padlock secured to Gate Post
- New Battery fitted to Com. Centre Genset, Engine Oil and Filter replaced
- Com. Centre Genset Started each Fortnight
- Road Repair Dalmeny and Wagait Tower Rd.
- Flashing light globe replaced on tractor
- Gutter downpipes hooked back up to Tanks
- Power water Contractual obligations met
- Jetty Contractual obligations met
- Begin mowing Estate

**Resolution No. 2013/54**

**That the officers' reports for August be received and accepted.**

**Moved: Cr Shenagh Gamble**

**Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones**

**Vote: AIF**

## 9.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 9.1 Pam is still waiting for Reis from Barry Hansen's Chartered Accountant to prepare an audit adjustment before she can roll over MYOB into the new Financial Year.
- 9.2 The Financial report for the year ended 30 June 2013 prepared by Barry Hansen's Chartered Accountant is now complete and this has been circulated to all council members.
- 9.3 Cr Peter Clee has asked that a list of all payments made to suppliers be included with all financial reports and presented to Council meetings.
- 9.4 Cr Peter Clee has asked that the rates folder which shows all outstanding rates be tabled for future meetings.

**Resolution No. 2013/55**

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

**Moved: Cr Peter Clee**

**Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble**

**Vote: AIF**

## 10.0 AGENDA ITEMS

- 10.1 **OH&S** - This has started. Michael has raised concerns that our Workshop is not up to standard. This will be addressed in the coming months closer to Christmas.

- 10.2 Letters of Demand** – We have received some payments from overdue ratepayers however there are still 12 rate payers in arrears. Council would like one more letter of demand be sent out requesting that rates be paid by 17<sup>th</sup> October, if not these will be put into the hands of the debt collectors and all costs passed onto the rate payers.
- 10.3 Memorial Garden** – Cr Shenagh Gamble has had a formal discussion with Lil Prouse in regards to the Memorial Garden. As we have had no feedback from residents after a notice was placed on the notice board at the shop, Cr Shenagh Gamble will start getting quotes based on the design that Lil Prouse has presented. CEO to investigate what funding remains for this project.
- 10.4 Great Northern Clean Up – 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September** – A notice was placed on the board. Our sports and recreation officer has organised for the children to be involved with this. Shirts and hats have been organised for all children who participate.
- 10.5 Tender for Security Services – Charles Point** – This tender was given to the Rangers from Belyuen.
- 10.7 EPA Victoria – Waste Management** – Cr Shenagh Gamble and Michael had a meeting with Emma from EPA Victoria to discuss how things are run at the Wagait Shire area. Michael has a meeting in town on Friday on Waste Management and they will be interviewing for tenders for the proposal for Waste Management Services.
- 10.8 Meeting with Hon. Gary Nairn** - This was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September with the CEO and Cr Trish McIntyre. This was in regards to the Kenbi Land case, no relevant information for us.
- 10.9 Caravan Mural** – Council received a thank you letter for Ally Richmond. The children enjoyed themselves.
- 10.10 Seniors Outing at Butterfly Farm** – Council received quite a few thank you's from this. All seniors received an orchid each.
- 10.11 World Solar Challenge** – On road testing will be held during daylight hours on the Cox Peninsular Road between Blackmore River Bridge and Mandorah, including Charles Darwin Road during the dates 7 September to 5 October.
- 10.12 Dept of Lands Planning and Environment** - Council has received an invoice from Dept of Lands, Planning and Environment for Valuation costs.

## **11.0 LATE ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS**

**11.1 GPS** – Trimble Construction would like to get approval from the Shire Council to place a GPS antenna on the top of the workshop building and run an antenna cable to a GPS unit in the workshop storeroom for as long as the wet season. Their aim is to measure the effect of the wet season on GPS and resolve the accuracy issues. This is a free service and there will be no cost to council. Council approved this request.

**11.2 Triathlon Northern Territory** – Tim Ellison from Triathlon Northern Territory has sent an email to CEO letting us know that he would like to place a group of 15 junior athletes aged 11-16 and 9 coaches to camp on the beach at Charles Point from 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September for training. Council agreed to this event.

**11.3 Mulcher** – President Trish McIntyre asked if Council can look at the opportunity to allow residents to use the Council mulcher for their own use. It was noted that our equipment is not built for commercial use, however CEO will look into this.

## **12.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

Nil

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

**11.1** President Trish McIntyre closed the meeting 8.15 pm

The next Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 15 October 2013