



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE WURRUMIYANGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY, 23 APRIL 2013 AT 1 PM

1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 1:15pm
The Mayor welcomed councillors and guests.

1.2 Present

Mayor: Lynette De Santis

Councillors: John Naden, Manyi Rioli, Barry Puruntatameri, Gawin Tipiloura, Brian Tipungwuti, Therese Bourke, Leslie Tungutalum (1:38 pm), Crystal Johnson (2:15pm).

Officers: Alan Hudson CEO, Brendan Cann CFO, Rosanna De Santis Director of Corporate & Community Services, Troy Davis new Director of Infrastructure, Daniel Lesperance Human Resources Manager, Sally Ullungura (Governance Support).

Visitors: Kate Wheen (DLG), Stathi Tsangaris (DLG).

Minutes: Bruce Moller (Governance Manager)

1.3 Apologies

Accepted: Deputy Mayor - Cr Marius Puruntatameri, Cr Peter Rioli.

Not Accepted: Cr Andrew Tipungwuti

1.4 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

Cr John Naden advised Council that the organisation he works for (Ngaruwanajirri Arts Centre) is listed in Finance Report 7.8 as an outstanding rates debtor on page 73.

1.5 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Ordinary Meeting - 26 March 2013

19 RESOLUTION

Moved: Emmanuel Rioli

Seconded: Barry Puruntatameri

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 March 2013 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

Confidential Council Meeting - 26 March 2013

20 RESOLUTION

Moved: Emmanuel Rioli
Seconded: Barry Puruntatameri

That the minutes of the Confidential Council Meeting on 26 March 2013 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

2 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

2.1 LETTER TO MR RAY ALLWRIGHT DATED 3 APRIL 2013

A letter dated 25th March 2013 addressed to the Mayor was tabled at the last Council Meeting at Milikapiti. Council are now provided with a copy of my response letter dated 3 April 2013 (attached).

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the letter to Mr Allwright dated 3 April 2013 including the invitation to meet with Council at today's meeting

2.2 PRESENTATION BY SEA SWIFT P/L - NEW OWNERS OF TIWI BARGE

Mr Fred White, CEO of Sea Swift P/L (former Tiwi Barge) will be coming over from Cairns to provide a briefing to Council and discuss their operations across the Tiwi Islands.

Unfortunately, due to business commitments Mr White was unavailable to attend the Council Meeting today and the presentation was cancelled.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the presentation scheduled by Sea Swift P/L for today was cancelled

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 LETTER DATED 25 MARCH 2013 FROM NTG - THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL & JUSTICE RE CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT & SENTENCING AMENDMENT

Council are provided with a copy of a recent letter dated 25 March 2013 received from the Department of The Attorney-General and Justice advising of recent amendments to the Criminal Code (Assaults on Workers) Act 2013, and Sentencing Amendment (Mandatory Minimum Sentences) Act 2013.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the letter dated 25th March 2013 and Fact Sheets received from the Department of The Attorney-General and Justice

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

6 REPORTS FOR DECISION

6.1 RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE PROJECT - MENZIES

Menzies School of Health Research have now completed all three of their community briefing sessions conducted over the last three months (with the last one being held at Pirlangimpi Community on Wed 17th April).

Council is now being asked to provide its formal endorsement of the project.

21 RESOLUTION

Moved: *John Naden*

Seconded: *Therese Bourke*

That Council formally endorses the Rheumatic Heart Disease Project to be undertaken by Menzies School of Health Research and recommends community support and involvement

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6.2 MILIKAPITI LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD - APPOINT NEW MEMBERS

Council is being asked to confirm the appointment of the four new members of the Milikapiti Local Advisory Board.

22 RESOLUTION

Moved: *Gawin Tipiloura*

Seconded: *Barry Puruntatameri*

That Council appoints the four new members as noted above of the Milikapiti Local Advisory Board

CARRIED

6.3 COUNCIL MEMBER ALLOWANCES FOR 2013-2014

Review of Councillor Allowances for the 2013 – 2014 Financial Year.

23 RESOLUTION

Moved: *John Naden*

Seconded: *Emmanuel Rioli*

That Council adopts and agrees to freeze the rates of Councillor Allowances for the 2013–2014 Financial year (frozen at the current 2012-13 levels), and that the rates (from 2012-13) are incorporated into the 2013-2014 Budget.

CARRIED

6.4 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - MARRARA COLLEGE STUDENT JOANNA TIPUNGWUTI

An email and letter dated 22 April has been received from the Marrara Christian College seeking possible sponsorship for Year 12 student from Bathurst Island to assist with a mission trip to India.

24 RESOLUTION

Moved: Barry Puruntatameri
Seconded: John Naden

That Council agrees to the request for assistance and offers \$ 500 in support of Year 12 Student Joanna Tipungwuti from the Marrara Christian School

CARRIED

7 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 MINUTES - MILIKAPITI LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2013

Minutes of the Milikapiti Local Advisory Board Meeting held on 26 March 2013.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Minutes of the Milikapiti Local Advisory Board Meeting held on 26th March 2013

7.2 HUMAN RESOURCES END OF MONTH REPORT - MARCH 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.3 CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

This Business Unit encompasses the Office Administration in each community, Administration, ITC, Records Management, Fleet Administration, Motor Vehicle Workshops, Children's Services, Youth Diversion, Events Management, Sports and Recreation and Facilities Management

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information.

7.4 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES (BC&MS) - MARCH 2013

Council report for March 2013 for Building Construction and Maintenance Services (BC & MS).

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.5 TOWNSHIP SERVICES - END OF MONTH REPORT - MARCH 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.6 CIVIL WORKS - END OF MONTH REPORT - MARCH 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.7 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT - MARCH 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.8 FINANCE END OF MONTH REPORT - MARCH 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.9 GOVERNANCE MANAGERS REPORT - END OF MONTH - MARCH 2013

25 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden

Seconded: Barry Puruntatameri

That Council notes reports 7.1 to 7.9 for information

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. UPDATE FROM CEO

The CEO advised Council that a number of issues would need further discussion and input from Councillors during May 2013. It is proposed that a separate workshop / budget planning session with Councillors be considered / arranged over a couple of days in late May – items for discussion will include:

- Office of Township Leasing (OTL)
- Council submission to be prepared on the Options paper “Local Government Regional Governance”
- Draft Budget 2013-14 (first discussion with Councillors).

Action: CEO, Directors, and Governance Manager to discuss and consider appropriate timing / scheduling for the workshop sessions during late May 2013 and to consider Maxwell Creek on Melville Island as a possible location.

The CEO also advised Council that he has imposed temporary restrictions on the taking of Annual Leave and has also put a freeze on all external recruitment. These restrictions would be in place for a couple of months until the outcomes for current tenders are known (RJCP), and Territory Housing. If there is an operational requirement to urgently fill a position then this would be looked at on a case by case basis by Directors / CEO.

2. PIRLANGIMPI – NIGHT PATROL BUILDING – POSSIBLE LEASE

Cr Therese Bourke asked the CEO if Council could possibly look at further reducing the proposed weekly rental figure that was under discussion with Catholic Care. The proposed lease of the building would be required for 3 hours per day / five days per week.

The CEO responded by saying that the current offer of \$ 100 per week was already very low and that due to severe budget pressure Council could not reduce this any further.

3. COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES– COPIES OF PAYSLEIPS BY EMAIL

Cr Manyi Rioli asked if copies of fortnightly payslips could be emailed out automatically as he was not currently receiving them. This should just be a simple fix by adding the email address of each councillor to the payroll system.

Action: HR Manager Daniel Lesperance to ask payroll staff to check all councillor payroll master file records by adding the email address for each councillor to the payroll record, and for this to be actioned if possible before the next pay period ending Sunday 5th May 2013.

8 Next Meeting

Wednesday, 29 May 2013 at Pirlangimpi Community, Melville Island.

9 Closure

The meeting closed at 4:30 pm.