



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE MILIKAPITI OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY 2009 AT 10:00 AM**

1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 10.45am.

The Mayor welcomed councillors and guests and new employee's of the shire.

1.2 Present

Mayor: Lynette De Santis

Councillors: Barry Puruntatameri, Raelene Mungatopi, David Boyd, Emmanuel Rioli, Henry Dunn, Marius Puruntatameri, Maralampuwi Kurruwu, Richard Tungatalum, Teresita Puruntatameri, Walter Kerinauia, Kathleen Tipungwuti

Officers: Mark Goode (CEO), Craig Rutherford (Director), Maurice Rioli (Director), Gregory Stephens (Director), David Bond (Director), Bjorn Hermsen (Fleet Manager), Pauline Corpus (Minute Taker).

Guests: Tony Tapsell, Kerri Moir, Ray Woolridge, Shenagh Gamble (LGANT), Kevin Wanganeen (DLGH), John Hicks, Matthew Womaeri, Brian Clancy, Cyril Kalipa (TLC)

1.3 Apologies

Nil

1.4 Leave of Absence

Nil

1.5 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Ordinary Meeting - 24 June 2009

49 RESOLUTION

Moved: David Boyd

Seconded: Kathleen Tipungwuti

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 24 June 2009 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting with an amendment that Kathy Tipungwuti be recorded as present.

CARRIED

2 CORRESPONDENCE

**2.1 CORRESPONDENCE OUT – LETTER TO DES HARRIS DLGH REGARDING
RANKU BORE**

This issue was raised by Councillors on behalf of the Wurankuwu residents

Update: No response from DLGH as yet
Report read and noted

2.2 CORRESPONDENCE OUT - CEO DLGH - REGARDING WITHHOLDING FINANCIAL SERVICE FEES

This issue was discussed at the 24 June Council meeting – Withholding CouncilBiz Fees due to systems not being fully functional.

Update: CEO CouncilBiz Board – more meetings – Mark please comment

2.3 CORRESPONDENCE IN - DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING - PLANS TO FIX THE OUTSTANDING IT ISSUES

Correspondence relating to significant liaisons with other agencies is provided to Council for information

Update: No response from DLGH as yet.

General Discussions: The chair of CouncilBiz (CEO board) received a letter from the CEO of DLGH relating the appointment of Oplus and their recommendations to rectify problems with the Financial systems.

Report read and noted

2.4 CORRESPONDENCE IN - RESPONSE FROM FAHCSIA RE LOCAL BOARDS - TIWI ISLANDS

Correspondence relating to significant liaisons with other agencies is provided to Council for information

General Discussions: Kevin Wanganeen from DLGH acknowledges the decision of skin group as a local forum. Questions from the floor related to remunerations of members on the skin groups, however under the current legislations there are no remunerations for community local board members. Kevin Doolan (Diversionary Programs) will assist with managing skin group meetings.

Report read and noted

2.5 CORRESPONDENCE IN - MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT - NEW FUNDING METHODOLOGY

Correspondence relating to significant liaisons with other agencies is provided to Council for information

General Discussions : There was considerable concern about the deductions in operational subsidy for the Tiwi Islands shire as advised by the Minister for Local Government. Other shires will also be affected by the subsidy cuts. LGANT representatives suggested some support alternatives such as lobbying against the changes to the NT Government and also lobbying against the rate capping so it is removed from legislation. LGANT representative advised that LGANT had placed a submission in related to the new methodology however submission did not get sufficient recognition. Suggestions from the floor included:

- Extend the change timeframes per financial years from 4 years to 8 years.
- Provide more explanation to the new methodology ie population / distance allowed for.
- Shires to have the ability to source more revenue and make changes to the restrictions on rates.

Actions: LGANT to write a letter to Minister Knight re: the new methodology with a view towards getting it changed.

Tiwi Shire to write to Local Government (Administration and Legislation) Advisory Committee and DLGH– requesting that action to be taken on rate capping under the legislation.

50 RESOLUTION

Moved: Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu

Seconded: Marius Puruntatameri

- (a) That Council receive and note correspondence
- (b) That Council and LGANT take appropriate actions to assist the Tiwi Shire

CARRIED

3 GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 EXTERNAL GUEST - JOHN HICKS - TIWI LAND COUNCIL

An invitation was sent to the Tiwi Land Council – John Hicks to attend this meeting and discuss any issues

General Discussions: John Hicks provided an overview of the current projects being undertaken – Plantation, Transport system, Forestry and future business enterprises.. He also expressed wishes to maintain a close working relationship with the shire. With transport systems the Tiwi Land Council has been negotiating with Actil Tasmania and Indigenous Business Aust to progress a solution.

Questions from the floor Re: Blue Mud Bay decision.

Concerns re: Land Management Garden Point (Pirlangimpi) Beach problems with drainage and erosions, talks about closing the front beach.

Actions: Greg Stephens – Director of Infrastructure to investigate Garden Point Front Beach with Kate Hadden from TLC and report back to Council and Councillor Emmanuel Rioli.

51 RESOLUTION

Moved: Kathleen Tipungwuti

Seconded: Teresita Puruntatameri

- (a) **That Council receive and note discussions and actions required**

CARRIED

3.2 EXTERNAL GUEST - TONY TAPSELL, RAY WOOLDRIDGE AND KERRY MOIR - LGANT

An invitation was sent out to LGANT – Tony Tapsell CEO to attend this meeting to discuss any issues

See Item 2.5.

General Discussions: Representative's introduced themselves and their roles in LGANT and other professional Associations. LGANT reinforced their support to the shire and congratulated the council on their progress.

Kerri Moir is a member of the Area Consultative Forum to assess funding applications, and membership includes electing members for a new Regional Development Board.

Ray Woolridge discussed service and support provisions and spoke about funding and rates applicable to all shires.

Shenagh Gamble – provided an overview of climate change and provided feedback re drainage problems questions from the floor. Future community consultation will take place relation to the environmental climate change impacts project.

3.3 TIWI ISLANDS REPRESENTATIVE'S ON THE NT EMERGENCY RESPONSE - REDESIGN PROJECT.

The Mayor wishes to speak about the community nominations for the Redesign Project commencing in early August 2009

General Discussion : Mayor advised that the following people have submitted their applications for an organisational representation – Lynette De Santis, Henry Dunn and David Boyd. Also included in this workshop was a call for individual representation, the following people have submitted their applications – Anthony Clayton, Emmanuel Rioli, Teresita Puruntatameri and Maralampuwi Kurrupuwu.

Note: Walter Kerinauia – filled out an individual application at the meeting, however applications closed on 20 July 2009.

Report – noted

3.4 SHIRE SUPERANNUATION BACKPAYMENTS

Finalisation of Shire Superannuation Corrections for TILG - 2007 & 2008.

Report – read and noted

3.5 CORPORATE SERVICES - FINANCE REPORT

Financial Report to Council on 2008/2009 and an update on 2009/2010 reports.

52 RESOLUTION

Moved: Kathleen Tipungwuti

Seconded: Teresita Puruntatameri

(a) That Council adopt this report by resolution (and attachments).

CARRIED

3.6 STAFF MOVEMENTS REPORT

This report outlines staff movements over the last month for the Shire.

Report - read and noted

4 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

4.1 MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS TIWI ISLAND SHIRE - 1ST YEAR

The following report outlines the "On-Ground" achievements of the new Tiwi Shire Council since its commencement on 1st July 2008.

Report – read and noted

4.2 HOUSING REPORT JULY 2009

Progress made by Housing Department in the past month

RECOMMENDATION

(a) That Council help in identifying/encouraging persons in applying for construction based apprenticeships based in Milikapiti and Pirlangimpi with the

Shire Council.

Report – read and noted – Laminated copies of Advertised Apprenticeships when out to all councillors to be placed on community boards

4.3 CEO REPORT TO COUNCIL

This report is a summary of key issues and achievements since the last council meeting.

Action: The mayor to write a letter to Lawrence Costa – wishing him well in his new position with DLGH – Homeland Policy Unit

Report – read and noted

4.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

This report is a summary of key issues and achievements since the last council meeting.

Report – read and noted

4.5 COMMERCIAL SERVICES / CDEP REPORT

This report is a summary of key issues and achievements since the last council meeting.

53 RESOLUTION

Moved: Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu

Seconded: Richard Tungutalum

(a) **That Council receive and noted All of the above reports**

CARRIED

5 REPORTS FOR DECISION

5.1 PROPOSED NAME CHANGE FROM NGUIU TO WURRUMIYANGA

The Shire Council has received a letter from the Place Names Committee (NT) seeking the Shire Council's support to change the name to Nguiu to Wurrumiyanga.

Action: CEO to write a letter to Place Names Committee advising decision to support proposed name change.

54 RESOLUTION

Moved: Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu

Seconded: Marius Puruntatameri

(a) **That Council consider this request and advise the Place Names Committee of their view.**

CARRIED

5.2 POLICY - CASH OUT ANNUAL LEAVE

Draft Policies are sent to Council for endorsement to ensure effective management of the shire administration

55 RESOLUTION

Moved: Kathleen Tipungwuti

Seconded: *Marius Puruntatameri*

- (a) **That Council adopt the Voluntary Cash Out of Excess Accrued Annual Leave Policy (as attached).**

CARRIED

5.3 SHIRE COMPUTER USE POLICY

Attached is a draft computer policy which outlines the rules for staff using Shire computers.

This policy was originally developed by CouncilBiz.

56 RESOLUTION

Moved: *Walter Kerinauia*

Seconded: *Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu*

- (a) **That Council approved this policy by resolution**

CARRIED

5.4 SHIRE COMPUTER USE POLICY FOR PUBLICLY FUNDED COMPUTERS

Attached is a draft computer policy for government funding computers, which outlines the rules for staff using Shire computers.

57 RESOLUTION

Moved: *Walter Kerinauia*

Seconded: *Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu*

- (a) **That Council approved this policy by resolution**

CARRIED

5.5 REPORT TO COUNCIL SEEKING RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SHIRE PLAN, BUDGET, FEES & CHARGES SCHEDULE AND RATES DECLARATION FOR FY 2009/10

This report is for the information of Council and seeks a resolution from Council for the adoption of the FY 2009/10 Shire Plan, Budget, Fees & Charges Schedule and Rates Declaration.

Action: CEO to write to Minister re reintroduce service fees by changing the Act.

Note: see Actions in 2.5

58 RESOLUTION

Moved: *David Boyd*

Seconded: *Raelene Mungatopi*

- (a) **That Council adopt the chargeable interest rate of 18% per annum to be applied to all overdue Rates and Charges (per the Rates Declaration).**
- (b) **That Council adopt the Financial Year 2009/10 Shire Plan, Budget, Schedule of Fees & Charges and Rates Declaration.**

CARRIED

5.6 REPORT REQUESTING THE WRITE OFF OF \$2,159,702.92 IN DEBT INVOICED TO TERRITORY HOUSING.

Bad Debts from FY 2008/09 – Territory Housing

Action: Director of Corporate Services to provide details of Debt to LGANT

59 RESOLUTION

Moved: Emmanuel Rioli

Seconded: Henry Dunn

- (a) That Council do not write off the \$2,159,702.92 debt from Territory Housing from the financial year 2008/2009
- (b) Provide details of this debt incurred to LGANT to follow up on a possible breach of the Interdepartmental Government Agreement (IGA) and seek reimbursement under this agreement.

CARRIED

6 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

7 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

8 OTHER BUSINESS

5.7 COUNCILBIZ AND IT OPTIONS

The CEO addressed the council providing an update and seeking directions on what to do with the ongoing problems with service level and deliver of services ie software, hardware, network and cost of services from Councilbiz.

60 RESOLUTION

Moved: Barry Puruntatameri

Seconded: Marius Puruntatameri

- (a) **That Council approved the Finance Committee to prepare options for the shire in relation to improving the ICT services and reducing the cost of services and support.**
- (b) **That the council approve that these options are to be presented to the Minister on the 7th August 2009.**

CARRIED

9 Next Meeting

Wednesday, 26 August 2009 - Nguiu

10 Closure

The meeting closed at 3.45pm.