



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE PIRLANGIMPI OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 7 MARCH 2012 AT 10:00AM

1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 10.28am.
The Mayor welcomed councillors and guests.

1.2 Present

Mayor: Lynette De Santis

Councillors: David Boyd, Raelene Mungutopi, Barry Puruntatameri, Teresita Puruntatameri, Kathleen Tipungwuti, Emmanuel (Manyi) Rioli, Walter Kerinauia (10.33am) Richard Tungutalum (10.34am), Marius (Prawaningi) (10.50am).

Officers: Rosanna De Santis (Director of Corporate and Community Services), Lawrence Costa (Director of Community Development) Brendan Cann (Chief Financial Officer) Shelley Davis (Asst Director Corp Ser)

Visitors: Kate Wheen (DHLGRS), Daniel Suggit (Local Knowledge Consultant)

1.3 Apologies

Martin Waddington (Director) - Emergency circumstance

1.4 Leave of Absence

NIL

1.5 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Ordinary Meeting - 25 January 2012

1 RESOLUTION

Moved: Barry Puruntatameri

Seconded: Kathleen Tipungwuti

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 25 January 2012 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

2 BUSINESS ARISING

2.1 LETTER TO PREVIOUS LAND COUNCIL PRESIDENT - ROBERT TIPUNGWUTI (BISCUT) THANKING HIM FOR HIS SUPPORT - *Councillor Marius Puruntatameri*

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3 CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 CONFERENCE - ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LG (NGA) AND AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Correspondence relating to upcoming Conferences and forum's is provided to Council for information

General Discussions: This report will need to be resubmitted back to Council after the Elections.

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That Council note and receive this correspondence
- b) That Council elect participants to attend this conferences

4 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

5.1 TIWI EDUCATION ENGAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE PROJECT 2011

Presentation by Daniel Suggit on a Common Vision for Education

General Discussions: Mr Suggit provided an overview of the project – Currently there are 3 different systems of Education on the Tiwi Islands ; Government Schools – Milikapiti and Pirlangimpi, Independent Secondary School – Tiwi College and Catholic Schools – MSC primary school and Xavier Secondary school including Wurankuwu (which is not currently open) and children also attend other schools outside the Tiwi Islands. Mr Suggit also advised that there are no formal Parent Committees running at any school on the islands.

Consultations were conducted with all schools, school staff including Tiwi descent personnel as well as addressing the Wurrumiyanga Local Board.

Mr Suggit sought advice from Council in relation to setting up a Tiwi Group / Committee which could be made up of 2 persons female and male from each main community and 2 persons from Wurankuwu (all up 8 members) to meet 4 times a year to raise all Education Issues across the Islands.

Council's views :

- the committee make up will not represent the view on non indigenous residents living and working here with children. (CEO)
- Sitting fees - this is a Aust Government funded project – highly unlikely to have sitting fees. (Cr D Boyd)
- Concerns that Governments and the 3 systems of Education will not work effectively with this proposed Tiwi Group / Committee. (Cr E Rioli). Mr Suggit advised that is was AG funded and the government is committed to this project.
- Mr Suggit advised that this project is based on positive social inclusion.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board receive and provide feedback on the Tiwi Islands Education future

5.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

General Discussions: Cr T Puruntatameri – Queried the Women’s Centre activities – page 9 of the report advising that it is still under repairs and maintenance and is not opened as yet.

RECOMMENDATION:

That council note this report for information

5.3 CORPORATE SERVICES JANUARY 2012

Monthly report for Corporate Services, as part of the Corporate and Community Services Directorate

General Discussion:

Advice from Council relating to the Front Counter Desk at Wurrumiyanga is now able to be used as per normal office desk.

Nominees on the Ballot paper is to be advertised around the Communities with the relevant Nominees for that Ward.

Action: Responsible Officer – Governance Manager and Office Managers.

Travel Process – Due to travel officer going on leave – All Approved Movement Requisition will be processed at Milikapiti Office – Responsible officer – Temporary is Christine Joran.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note this report for information

5.4 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT TO 31 JANUARY 2012

Human Resources Report for Information

General Discussion: The CEO proposed that Councillors should undertake the Cultural Awareness Program to all new Employees of the Shire.

Fleet Officer position is still vacant at Wurrumiyanga.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note this report for information

5.5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

General Discussion: Cr Walter Kerinauia would like to see the name of Night Patrol function changed to Community Patrol. Request from Walter to have the Director of Community Development attend more of the Night Patrol meetings.

Cr Pirrawayinga – said that the Community Members need a better understanding of the functions of Night Patrol.

CEO – Authorised Officers need to be arranged in order to have more control over community issues and members.

RECOMMENDATION:

That council note this report for information

5.6 INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT - M WADDINGTON

General Discussion:

Mayor expressed her appreciation of Mr Waddington for all of this assistance and cooperation on behalf of the shire in dealing with infrastructure issue around the islands. Cr Pirrawayinga expressed his appreciation of the road crew on Melville stating that 3 way road are in very good condition. Also stated that new contracting companies should sign an agreement for support to maintain the road due to heavy machinery impact on the roads. CEO commented that the Land Council relationship has improved this year in relation to maintaining the roads and access to Gravel Pits.

Cr E Rioli – Stated that during the monsoon period – Road Crews should be doing more around the community roads – minor repairs

- Pickatamoore Road is a Priority. Bush road will be done and are included in the roads programme.
- Fourcoy road is in poor condition
- 17 Mile near Maxwell Creek needs repairs.

Pot holes at Wurrumiyanga – there is currently an outsourced consultant provide a report on the conditions of the community roads at Wurrumiyanga. Temporary repairs are underway.

Contamination at Jubilee Park – Green water – Action Officer– Mr Waddington

RECOMMENDATION:

That council note this report for information

5.7 CIVIL SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

That council note this report for information

5.8 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

That council note this report for information

5.9 HOUSING MANAGEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL LIFE SKILLS AND PAINTING PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

That council note this report for information

5.10 MELVILLE ISLAND WORKSHOPS JANUARY 2012

General Discussion: Ausfuel have a card system that accepts a wide range of cards including the Basic Card.

RBM pulled out constructing a service station at Milikapiti where the petrol bowsers exist. Suggestion of moving Council Workshop to the area opposite club in include a service station.

RECOMMENDATION:

That council note this report for information

5.11 MINUTES OF THE PIRLANGIMPI LOCAL BOARD - HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2012

This report is to provide council with the Minutes of the 1st Pirlangimpi Local Board

2 RESOLUTION

Moved: David Boyd
Seconded: Walter Kerinauia

That Council receive and note all of the above reports for Information

CARRIED

6 REPORTS FOR DECISION

6.1 WURANKUWU COMMUNITY - EDUCATION ISSUE

This report is written on behalf of Councillor Kathleen Tipungwuti – Wurankuwu Ward

3 RESOLUTION

Moved: Barry Puruntatameri
Seconded: Marius Puruntatameri

That Council assist the people of Wurankuwu by writing a letter of support to the Commonwealth Government - Minister of School Education, Early Childhood and Youth and to the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs including the NTG Minister for Education and Training

CARRIED

6.2 CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS FROM TRADITIONAL CREDIT UNION (TCU)

Presentation from Peter Baran. - Feasibility Studies to assess potential for establishing new TCU Branches here on the Tiwi Islands

General Comment : Peter Baran was not in attendance – Reschedule Peter's Invitation to Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council received and note this presentation and provide feedback to progress this matter.

6.3 CREDIT CARD POLICY 2011 - DRAFT

Policy report for decision.

RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Walter Kerinauia
Seconded: Emmanuel (Manyi) Rioli

That Council note and approve for decision.

6.4 TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION POLICY 2011 - DRAFT

Reviewed policy for Travel and Accommodation needs to be approved by council.

General Discussion: The policy was not attached in this agenda – This Policy needs to be resubmitted at next council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council to note and approve this policy

6.5 SET DATES DECEMBER - COUNCIL MEETINGS

Seeking Confirmation on new Council Meeting dates for the rest of 2012

General Discussion: On the 2nd April the NTEC will announce the Declaration of Elected Members, therefore the first meeting will be on the 4th of April.

The council has issues with some nominations for election and if this issue is not resolved before this next meeting (4th April), it may be rescheduled to 25th April.

Council noted the change to monthly meetings.

Council adopted the new dates and noted that the attachment did not record the 25th April set date.

4 RESOLUTION

Moved: David Boyd

Seconded: Kathleen Tipungwuti

That Council approve the new set dates for the rest of the year

CARRIED

7 Next Meeting

Wednesday, 4 April 2012

8 Closure

The meeting closed at 12.15pm.