



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE MILIKAPITI OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2012 AT 10AM

1 **Welcome & Apologies**

1.1 **Welcome**

The meeting opened at 10:25 am.

The Mayor welcomed Councillors and guests.

1.2 **Present**

Mayor: Lynette De Santis

Councillors: Deputy Mayor Marius Puruntatameri, Andrew Tipungwuti, Peter Rioli, Therese Bourke, Emmanuel Rioli, Crystal Johnson, John Naden, Brian Tipungwuti, Leslie Tungutalum, Gawin Tipiloura, Barry Puruntatameri

Officers: Alan Hudson (CEO), Brendan Cann (CFO), Lawrence Costa (Director Community Development), Daniel Lesperance (Executive Manager Human Resources), Shelley Davis (Deputy Director Corporate Services), Bruce Moller (Governance Manager), Maina Brown (Executive Officer / Records Manager), Sally Ullungura (Governance Support Officer).

Public: Ronald Hutcheson (DLG), Pauline Corpus (DLG), Tony Tapsell (CEO LGANT)

Minutes: Bruce Moller (Governance Manager)

1.3 **Apologies**

Rosanna De Santis (Director Corporate and Community Services)

1.4 **Leave of Absence**

Nil

1.5 **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Ordinary Meeting - 28 November 2012

1 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden

Seconded: Leslie Tungutalum

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 November 2012 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

2 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 LGANT - LETTERS FROM NOVEMBER 2012 GENERAL MEETING

LGANT recently held their General Meeting in Alice Springs. Attached are copies of letters sent by LGANT in response to resolutions from the 8-9 November General Meeting. Also included is a copy of the LGANT President's recent article for the December edition of LG Focus newspaper.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the LGANT correspondence from the November 2012 General Meeting

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

6 REPORTS FOR DECISION

6.1 GRANT ACQUITTAL CTG - SHIRE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE GROUP

Grant acquittal - Closing the Gap – Shire Community Representative Group (LG File 2012/03585) refers.

2 RESOLUTION

Moved: Brian Tipungwuti

Seconded: Marius Puruntatameri

That Council endorses the acquittal of the CTG Grant (Shire Community Representative Group) for the reporting period ending 30 June 2012

CARRIED

6.2 REQUEST TO CONFIRM DESCENT - KATHLEEN CLAYTON

Council is being asked to confirm Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander descent of the applicant – Kathleen Clayton.

3 RESOLUTION

Moved: Crystal Johnson

Seconded: Leslie Tungutalum

That Council confirms the descent recognition of the applicant Kathleen Clayton and two Councillors sign the form where indicated

CARRIED

6.3 REQUEST TO CONFIRM DESCENT - JACQUELINE V BOURKE

Council is being asked to confirm Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander descent of the applicant – Jacqueline V Bourke.

4 RESOLUTION

Moved: Leslie Tungutalum

Seconded: Barry Puruntatameri

That Council confirms the descent recognition of the applicant Jacqueline V Bourke and two Councillors sign the form where indicated

CARRIED

7 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 MINUTES - PIRLANGIMPI LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 27 NOVEMBER 2012

Minutes of the Pirlangimpi Local Advisory Board Meeting held on 27 November 2012.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Minutes of the Pirlangimpi Local Advisory Board Meeting held on 27 November 2012

7.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

This report outlines business within the Community Services Directorate, and includes Sport and Recreation, Pool/Oval, Facilities Management, Children's Services, Youth Diversion and Events Management.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.3 CORPORATE SERVICES END OF MONTH REPORT NOVEMBER 2012

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.4 GOVERNANCE MANAGERS REPORT - END OF MONTH REPORT - NOVEMBER 2012

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT - NOVEMBER 2012

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.6 HUMAN RESOURCES END OF MONTH REPORT - NOVEMBER 2012

5 RESOLUTION

Moved: *Therese Bourke*

Seconded: *Crystal Johnson*

That Council notes reports 7.1 to 7.6 for information

CARRIED

THE MEETING ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH AT 12:30 PM, AND RECOMMENCED AT 1:20 PM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. WURRUMIYANGA – LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (LIP)

Background

The CEO arranged at short notice for an informal meeting to be held on Tuesday 11th December 2012 at the Milikapiti Shire Boardroom with Councillors and the Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services Mr Brian Gleeson, plus his team members Jacqui Pearce, Kyla Holmberg, and Peter Penley.

The purpose of this informal meeting was for Council to further discuss with Mr Brian Gleeson and ask any additional questions on the Draft Wurrumiyanga Local Implementation Plan (LIP) (Schedule A 2 – 21 page document).

Councillors agreed at the end of the informal meeting that they would pass a Council resolution at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held the following day (Wednesday 12th December 2012) under General Business.

GENERAL BUSINESS – ITEM 1

6 RESOLUTION

Moved: *Barry Puruntatameri*

Seconded: *John Naden*

That Council accepts the Wurrumiyanga Draft Local Implementation Plan (including the minor amendments as agreed to be provided by the CEO) and that a formal signing ceremony be held at a future date in early 2013

CARRIED

2. NT ACHIEVER AWARDS 2013

The CEO advised Council at the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 28th November 2012 that the Australia Day Council NT were seeking nominations for outstanding achievements in a number of chosen fields with entries closing on Friday 4 January 2013.

Council has now agreed to put forward a number of nominees to the Australia Day Council NT under the following 3 award categories.

- Outstanding performance in the arts (Nominee Timothy Cook)
- Outstanding performance in the workplace (Nominees Donald Puautjimi and Alberta Puruntatameri)
- Outstanding performance in a sporting field (Nominee Kieren De Santis)

GENERAL BUSINESS – ITEM 2

7 RESOLUTION

Moved: Peter Rioli

Seconded: Crystal Johnson

That Council nominates the following candidates for the NT Achiever Awards 2013 :

- Outstanding performance in the arts (Nominee Timothy Cook)
- Outstanding performance in the workplace (Nominees Donald Puautjimi and Alberta Puruntatameri)
- Outstanding performance in a sporting field (Nominee Kieren De Santis)

CARRIED

OTHER GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS (RAISED BY COUNCILLORS)

3. PIRLANGIMPI – TERRITORY HOUSING R & M (RAISED BY CR THERESE BOURKE)

Councillor Bourke had recently been approached by a number of residents of Pirlangimpi advising that Territory Housing were not approving requests for R & M – the reason given was that there was no money available.

Action : CEO to follow up with Territory Housing to seek clarification of R&M funding availability at Pirlangimpi Community.

4. WURRUMIYANGA COMMUNITY – NOISE LATE AT NIGHT (RAISED BY CR BARRY PURUNTATAMERI)

Councillor Puruntatameri raised the issue of excessive late night noise levels (street disco music & young kids up late) in some parts of Wurrumiyanga. Also asked if Council could arrange again this year for supervised youth activities to be planned over the Christmas / New Year school holiday period.

Would also like to see Councillors making some time available and join in to assist Council staff with these youth activities.

Action : CEO has asked the Night Patrol to do random checks around the Wurrumiyanga Community at various times, and for Councillors to consider volunteering some of their time in youth activities over the coming school holiday period.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2012 (RAISED BY CR MANYI RIOLI)

Cr Rioli raised a question as to why there was no Infrastructure Report for November 2012.

The CEO responded by saying that the new Director of Infrastructure was due to commence work with the Shire on the 2nd December 2012 but due to an accident he was currently in hospital.

The CEO then gave Council an update on the recent success of the Civil Works Plant Operator Training with all 15 staff graduating, plus an additional 5 supervisory staff successfully completing the course.

Current road works on the Fourcroy Road were nearing completion with some urgent drainage works being undertaken. It was noted that a large amount of drainage works had been identified on this road and would be programmed as soon as possible into a future works program.

6. MILIKAPITI RUBBISH TRUCK (RAISED BY CR PETER RIOLI & CR ANDREW TIPUNGWUTI)

Councillors Rioli & Tipungwuti advised the CEO that the Milikapiti Rubbish Truck was not working – temporary repairs were recently done but it had broken down again.

CEO responded by advising that the spare Rubbish Truck from Wurrumiyanga was now available as the initial repairs required to this vehicle were not as extensive as first thought and it could be brought over to Milikapiti community as an interim measure.

7. POSSIBLE FUTURE COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE (RAISED BY CR MARIUS PURUNTATAMERI)

The Deputy Mayor Cr Marius Puruntatameri raised the possible idea for consideration of a future Council Infrastructure Committee to be formed to focus on the Shire road works and drainage.

**8. PIRLANGIMPI – NIGHT PATROL INTERVIEWS
(RAISED BY CR MARIUS PURUNTATAMERI)**

The Deputy Mayor Cr Marius Puruntatameri advised Council of his recent involvement as a member of the interview panel for the Night Patrol vacancy in Pirlangimpi. This was a positive experience and he was pleased in being invited to sit on the panel.

**9. MILIKAPITI – DOG BARKING
(RAISED BY CR ANDREW TIPUNGWUTI)**

Councillor Tipungwuti advised the CEO of recent complaints received from a number of residents over excessive noise from a number of barking dogs around the community. Problem dogs were not being controlled by their owners who were reluctant to do anything about it and were ignoring community requests to curb their dogs excessive barking.

**10. MILIKAPITI – YOUTH ACTIVITIES OVER FESTIVE SEASON
(RAISED BY CR ANDREW TIPUNGWUTI)**

Councillor Tipungwuti raised the need for some structured activities to be arranged by the Shire for young people over the Festive Season. Suggested that the Blue Light Disco equipment be used if this was available to run a number of supervised activities and keep the kids occupied over the school holidays.

**11. 2013 COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES
(RAISED BY CR BARRY PURUNTATAMERI)**

Councillor Puruntatameri asked the CEO if the Shire knew yet what the Councillor Allowances would be for 2013 ?

The CEO noted that advice should be received from the Dept. Local Government towards the end of February 2013 (Ministerial Guidelines) which will provide the new rates for 2013 (from 1 July 2013). Council would need to consider these new allowances when preparing the draft budget for 2013/14, and allowances would need to be adopted in July as part of Council approving the Budget for 2013/14.

OTHER GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS (RAISED BY STAFF)

**12. ROADS FUNDING 2013/14 – REVIEW BY NTGC
(RAISED BY CEO – ALAN HUDSON)**

The CEO advised Council that a letter had been received recently advising of a proposed change for future years to the NTGC Road Funding Methodology. This is likely to impact on future roads funding allocations (which may reduce TISC roads funding by approx. \$ 150 K).

The CEO has taken immediate steps to appoint an engineer to investigate the new NTGC funding methodology and will provide further information to Council as soon as a report is available from our engineer.

13. COMMUNITY HOUSING – INCREASES IN TENANT ELECTRICITY & WATER CHARGES FOR 2013

(RAISED BY CFO – BRENDAN CANN)

The CFO advised Council that he had received verbal advice that NTG Housing Tenants would likely be facing higher costs for electricity and water charges for 2013. The amount and timing of the proposed increases would be advised by NTG Housing to tenants in the near future.

CLOSED SESSION

2:00 pm

Council excluded members of the public and all staff (except the CEO) for a confidential discussion among members.

Council concluded the closed session at **2:30 pm.**

8 Next Meeting

Wednesday, 23 January 2013

9 Closure

The meeting closed at 2:30 pm.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - TRAINING SESSION FOR COUNCILLORS

After the closing of the Meeting Mr Tony Tapsell from LGANT conducted some training for all Councillors and staff on Separation of Powers and Roles and Responsibilities. This was well received and the day concluded around 4:00 pm.