



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE MILIKAPITI COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY, 26 MARCH 2013 AT 1 PM

1 **Welcome & Apologies**

1.1 **Welcome**

The meeting opened at 1:10pm
The Mayor welcomed councillors and guests.

1.2 **Present**

Mayor: Lynette De Santis

Councillors: Deputy Mayor Marius Puruntatameri, Peter Rioli, John Naden, Manyi Rioli, Barry Puruntatameri, Gawin Tipiloura

Officers: Alan Hudson CEO, Brendan Cann CFO, Rosanna De Santis Director of Corporate & Community Services, Shelley Davis Deputy Director Corporate Services, Renee Burchell Assistant Director Business Development, Daniel Lesperance Human Resources Manager, Maina Brown Executive Officer / Records Manager, Sally Ullungura (Governance Support).

Visitors: Darren Johnson (DLG), Kate Wheen (DLG) 2:50 pm.

Minutes: Bruce Moller (Governance Manager)

1.3 **Apologies**

Accepted: Cr Crystal Johnson, Cr Therese Bourke, Cr Brian Tipungwuti

Not Accepted: Cr Leslie Tungutalum, Cr Andrew Tipungwuti

1.4 **Leave of Absence**

Nil

1.5 **Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff**

Nil

1.6 **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Ordinary Meeting - 22 February 2013

15 RESOLUTION

Moved: Emmanuel Rioli

Seconded: Barry Puruntatameri

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 22 February 2013 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 LETTER SENT TO THE CHIEF MINISTER RE COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

Council are provided with a copy of a recent letter dated 1 March 2013 sent by the Mayor to the Chief Minister outlining various concerns in relation to Government Ministers visiting the Tiwi Islands, and the TISC project involving the proposed redevelopment of the Transport Hub at Wurrumiyanga.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the letter dated 1st March 2013 sent to the Chief Minister by the Mayor

4.2 LETTER SENT TO THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

Council are provided with a copy of a recent letter dated 6 March 2013 sent by the Mayor to the Minister for Local Government outlining various concerns.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the letter dated 6th March 2013 sent to the Minister for Local Government by the Mayor

4.3 SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANT - 2012/13

Council are provided with a copy of a recent letter dated 6 March 2013 received from the Minister for Local Government advising of our successful grant application for \$ 171,146.00 for the Milikapiti Community fuel storage.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the letter dated 6th March 2013 received from the Minister of Local Government

4.4 UNSUCCESSFUL SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANTS - 2012/13

Council are provided with a copy of a recent letter dated 8 March 2013 received from the Department of Local Government advising of our unsuccessful grant applications under the 2012-13 Special Purpose Grant Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the letter dated 8th March 2013 received from the Department of Local Government re unsuccessful SPG Grant Applications

**4.5 CONFERENCE - ATTENDANCE AT THE "FUTURE OF COMMUNITIES"
MELBOURNE 30 APRIL - 1 MAY 2013**

Correspondence relating to an interesting Conference to be held in Melbourne (30 April – 1 May 2013) is provided to Council for information and discussion.

Council are being asked to consider sending a representative group of staff and councillors to attend this conference.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council :

- (a) Notes and receives this correspondence**
- (b) That Council elects participants to attend this Conference**

4.6 NEW DRAFT HOMELANDS POLICY

Council has recently received an email from the NT Government Department of Regional Development and Indigenous Advancement (DRDIA) outlining the new draft policy covering Homelands. A forum is being planned in Darwin for the 16th April 2013, and feedback on the new draft policy can be submitted to DRDIA prior to the 30th April 2013.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council considers the new draft Homelands policy documents and decides on what representatives from Council should attend the Darwin forum on 16th April 2013

4.7 WURRUMIYANGA MEDICAL STAFF

16 RESOLUTION

Moved: Barry Puruntatameri

Seconded: John Naden

That Council notes this report and correspondence from Dr Peter and Jan Bowman

That Council accepts correspondence reports 4.1 to 4.7 inclusive

CARRIED

4.8 LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR NGARUWANAJIRRI ARTS CENTRE

Council are provided with a copy of a recent letter of support dated 22 March 2013 written by the CEO regarding the imminent closure of the Ngaruwanajirri Arts Centre, Wurrumiyanga Bathurst Island.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the letter of support dated 22 March 2013, and also requests the CEO to draft a letter of support to the relevant Federal Minister.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

6 REPORTS FOR DECISION

S.1 REQUEST TO REPAY DEBT TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

For Council to consider a request to repay a debt of \$1M to the Northern Territory Government.

17 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden

Seconded: Marius Puruntatameri

That Council advise that they wish to consider the request in the context of their review of the Shire budget, the willingness of the NT Government to consult with the Shire immediately about this, loss of the Barge landing project and the impact of Township leasing costs.

That Council write to the Minister for Local Government requesting immediate consultation with her in person over these matters.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 HUMAN RESOURCES END OF MONTH REPORT - FEBRUARY 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT - FEBRUARY 2013

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.3 ASSET PURCHASES EXCEEDING \$50,000.00

This report provides information on asset purchases exceeding \$50,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

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

Council report for February 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 - FEBRUARY 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.6 CIVIL WORKS - END OF MONTH REPORT - FEBRUARY 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.7 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT - FEBRUARY 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

AT THIS POINT OF THE MEETING (3:50PM), THE CHAIRPERSON CALLED FOR A SHORT BREAK. THE MEETING THEN RESUMED AT 4:05 PM.

7.8 FINANCE END OF MONTH REPORT - FEBRUARY 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

Action : CEO to urgently write to Territory Alliance in relation to non payment of debt owed to Council, and also for Council to advise Territory Alliance that the previous interest charge (written off) will now be re-instated on this original debt

7.9 CORPORATE SERVICES END OF MONTH REPORT - FEBRUARY 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

18 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden

Seconded: Barry Puruntatameri

That Council notes reports 7.1 to 7.10 for information

CARRIED

8 Confidential Items

RECOMMENDATION

That pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider a Confidential matter.

At the conclusion of the discussion on the confidential item(s), the meeting was reopened and the decision on the item(s) noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. LETTER RE TIWI ISLAND GRAND FINAL

A letter dated 25/3/13 was tabled by Cr John Naden from Mr Ray Allwright in relation to the Tiwi Islands Grand Final. Council considered the matters raised.

Action: CEO to draft a letter of response to Mr Allwright and extend an invitation to meet with Council at the next scheduled meeting at Wurrumiyanga on Wednesday 24th April 2013.

2. PIRLANGIMPI COMMUNITY

Cr Manyi Rioli raised two minor concerns (on behalf of Cr Therese Bourke) who was sick and unable to attend today's meeting.

Item 1 - Question in relation to progress of the repairs to the Front End Loader ?

Item 2 - Question in relation to the possibility of Civil Works staff also being able to assist with other work duties in the Township Services area.

Both items were answered by the CEO.

9 Next Meeting

Wednesday, 24 April 2013 at Wurrumiyanga Community, Bathurst Island.

10 Closure

The meeting closed at 5:15 pm.