



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE PIRLANGIMPI COUNCIL BOARDROOM ON WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST 2013 AT 10AM

1 **Welcome & Apologies**

1.1 **Welcome**

The meeting opened at 10:02 am
The Mayor welcomed councillors and guests.

1.2 **Present**

Mayor: Lynette De Santis

Councillors: Deputy Mayor Marius Puruntatameri (10:06 am), Emmanuel Rioli, John Naden, Barry Puruntatameri, Gawin Tipiloura, Brian Tipungwuti, Leslie Tungutalum (10:27 am), Crystal Johnson, Peter Rioli, Anita Moreen.

Officers: Alan Hudson CEO, Rosanna De Santis Director of Corporate & Community Services, Brendan Cann (Chief Financial Officer), Bill Toy Deputy Director of Corporate & Community Services.

Visitors: Kate Wheen (NTG-LG), Pauline Corpus (NTG-LG), Peter Penley (FaHCSIA), Lawrence Costa.

Minutes: Bruce Moller (Governance Manager)

1.3 **Apologies**

Not Accepted: Cr Therese Bourke (see below – apology now accepted).

NOTE : The CEO subsequently discussed with Council at the OCM 25 September (rescheduled to 2 October 2013 at Milikapiti) where further information in relation to the previous decision of Council to not accept Cr Therese Bourke's apology was presented.

Council has now rescinded this original decision and accepted the CEO's points which better explained the reasons for the original non-acceptance.

Apology now accepted for Cr Therese Bourke (See Page 2 of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Wed 2 October – Resolution 47 Item 1.3 Apologies refers).

1.4 **Leave of Absence**

Nil

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

Nil

1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Ordinary Meeting - 31 July 2013

43 RESOLUTION

Moved: *Brian Tipungwuti*

Seconded: *Crystal Johnson*

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 31 July 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 FROM MINISTER ANDERSON (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) DATED 30 JULY 2013

Council are provided with a copy of a recent letter dated 30 July 2013 from the Minister of Local Government in relation to the repayment of debt of \$ 1M.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the letter dated 30 July 2013 received from the Minister for Local Government.

That Council invites both the Chief Minister, and the Minister for Local Government to attend the next Council Meeting at Milikapiti Community, and to amend the Meeting date (currently Wed 25th September) if necessary to fit in with both Minister's schedules.

4.2 CORRESPONDENCE FROM LGANT

Council are provided with copies of two recent letters dated 27 May and 13 June 2013 received on the 31st July from LGANT.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the two letters dated 27 May and 13 June 2013 received from LGANT for information

4.3 CORRESPONDENCE FROM AEC RE FEDERAL ELECTION

Council are provided with a copy of a letter from the Australian Electoral Commission dated 2 August 2013 in relation to the 2013 Federal Election requesting assistance with early voting services.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the letter from the AEC and agrees to selected staff participation in providing early voting services for the upcoming Federal Election.

4.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT - SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS

Council are provided with a copy of a discussion paper received on 13th August prepared by the Department of Local Government (Legislation Section). Council are being asked to provide comments on these suggested amendments, and to suggest any further amendments. A response back to the Department on or before Friday 20 September is being requested.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Local Government Act amendments discussion paper and agrees for the CEO to prepare a response as required against each item, and

- **To include the TISC comments in relation to the 2012 General Election – (additional candidate nomination steps), and**
- **To circulate to Councillors for information prior to lodgement with the Department of Local Government before the deadline of 20 September 2013.**

4.5 OPERATIONAL SUBSIDY FUNDING FOR 2013-14

Council are provided with a copy of a letter dated 20th August (received on 21st August) from the NTG-Department of Local Government which details funding levels for the 2013-14 Operational Subsidy.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the letter from NTG – Department of Local Government advising of the funding levels for Operational Subsidy for 2013-14, and for the CEO to write to the Dept Local Government to clarify the final level of Operational Subsidy Funding allocated to TISC.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

6 REPORTS FOR DECISION

6.1 WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD - APPOINT NEW MEMBER

Council is being asked to confirm the appointment of a new member of the Wurrumiyanga Local Advisory Board.

44 RESOLUTION

Moved: Gawin Tipiloura

Seconded: Barry Puruntatameri

That Council confirms the appointment of Mr R Tipungwuti as a new member of the Wurrumiyanga Local Advisory Board

CARRIED

7 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 MINUTES - WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 30 JULY 2013

Minutes of the Wurrumiyanga Local Advisory Board Meeting held on 30 July 2013.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Minutes of the Wurrumiyanga Local Advisory Board Meeting held on 30th July 2013

7.2 HUMAN RESOURCES END OF MONTH REPORT - JULY 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.3 CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT - JULY

This reports illustrates the business conducted within the Independent Business Units, including; Office Administration in each community, ICT, 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.

An issue was raised by Councillor Leslie Tungutalum in relation to a recent Night Patrol incident at Wurrumiyanga where there was a misunderstanding in relation to Council staff not being able to ban other Council staff / or community members from attending the local Club.

Action:

CEO to write a letter to all Clubs on the Tiwi Islands clearing up any misunderstandings and confirming that Council staff have no authority whatsoever in relation to the threat of banning people from any Club on the Tiwi Islands. This authority rests solely with the Management of each respective Club.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH AT 11:55 AM AND RECOMMENCED AT 1:30 PM.

NOTE: ON RECOMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING AT 1:30 PM COUNCILLORS MARIUS PURUNTATAMERI, BARRY PURUNTATAMERI, AND CRYSTAL JOHNSON WERE NOT PRESENT.

THE THREE COUNCILLORS RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 1:40PM.

7.4 FINANCE END OF MONTH REPORT - JULY 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.5 GOVERNANCE MANAGERS REPORT - END OF MONTH - JULY 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.6 INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISIONAL REPORT

45 RESOLUTION

Moved: Emmanuel Rioli

Seconded: John Naden

That Council notes Reports 7.1 to 7.6 for information

CARRIED

The Deputy Mayor Councillor Marius Puruntatameri left the meeting at 2:02 pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM 1 CHANGES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

Kate When (NTG-LG) summarised the discussion points from the Pirlangimpi Local Board Meeting held yesterday (Tuesday morning 27th August), and the Pre Agenda Council Meeting held (Tuesday afternoon 27th August) in relation to the proposed changes to the Local Government Act (Regional Councils and Local Authorities).

Concerns raised by Council and Pirlangimpi Local Board Members were as follows:

- Substantial increase in workload and responsibility for the new Chairperson (Ward Councillor) of the proposed new Local Authority. Suggestion to set the remuneration payable at the Deputy Mayor level.
- Additional work by Chairperson to be recognised and adequately compensated by Council otherwise risk is no one will nominate, or agree to undertake this new role.
- Huge additional workload and responsibility for existing staff in Council Secretariat / Governance / Office Administration / and Finance areas in supporting this new structure.
- Deputy Mayor Marius Puruntatameri suggested that a 12 month trial period be considered by the Minister to gauge community responses and review the operational effectiveness of new Local Authorities.
- Additional responsibilities for Local Authority members in assisting with developing Community Plans / Local Budgets / Local Reporting / Local Expenditure review and local service delivery. Appropriate training and assistance will need to be provided in supporting all Local Authority members to adequately undertake their roles and responsibilities for their local communities.
- Pirlangimpi Local Board currently has a rotating Chairperson (Ordinary Member) and it was suggested by Councillor Emmanuel Rioli that the Local Authority Members should nominate an Ordinary Member as the Local Authority Chairperson, rather than one of the local Ward Councillors.

CHANGES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT – CONT'D

- Kate When advised Council that the Minister for Local Government was keen to receive feedback from Councillors and Local Board Members and confirmed that the deadline for submission of comments / changes back to the Department of Local Government was the 30th September 2013.
- The CEO has agreed to hold a full day **Combined Discussion Workshop** tentative date (Wednesday 11th September) location will be the Council Boardroom at Wurrumiyanga. Shire Councillors plus representatives from each of the 3 Local Boards will be invited to this **Combined Discussion Workshop** so that further detailed discussions around the operations of the new Local Authorities can be undertaken and a written response provided to the Dept. Local Government before the deadline of 30 September 2013.

ITEM 2 MILIKAPITI – NEW COUNCIL FUEL DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES

Councillor Peter Rioli asked the CEO what was the current progress with the new fuel distribution facilities project at Milikapiti.

The CEO responded by advising that the off site work (fabrication of bunded fuel tanks) was nearing completion, and that Leasing discussions with the Office of Township Leasing were well advanced, but needed to be finalised.

8 Next Meeting

Wednesday, 25 September 2013 at Milikapiti Community, Melville Island.

9 Closure

The meeting closed at 2:25 pm.