



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE MILIKAPITI COUNCIL BOARDROOM ON WEDNESDAY, 02 OCTOBER 2013 AT 10AM

1 **Welcome & Apologies**

1.1 **Welcome**

The meeting opened at 10:02 am

Note: This Meeting was postponed from Wednesday 25 September for cultural reasons, and was rescheduled one week later on Wednesday 02 October 2013.

The Mayor welcomed councillors and guests.

1.2 **Present**

Mayor: Lynette De Santis

Councillors: Emmanuel Rioli, John Naden, Barry Puruntatameri, Gawin Tipiloura, Brian Tipungwuti, Crystal Johnson, Peter Rioli, Anita Moreen.

Officers: Alan Hudson CEO, Brendan Cann (Chief Financial Officer), Karl Sibley (Director Infrastructure Services), Leslie Palmer (Executive Manager Human Resources), Maina Brown (Executive Officer / Records Manager).

Visitors: Kate Wheen (NTG-LG), Wendy Miller, Karl Miller.

Minutes: Bruce Moller (Governance Manager)

1.3 **Apologies**

Accepted: Deputy Mayor Marius Puruntatameri, Cr Therese Bourke, Cr Leslie Tungutalum, and Rosanna De Santis Director of Corporate & Community Services.

Not Accepted: Nil

1.4 **Leave of Absence**

Nil

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

Report 6.1 – Request to Confirm Descent – Teresa Van Rangelrooy

(Declaration by Mayor Lynette De Santis as she is a close relative of the applicant).

1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Special Meeting - 06 August 2013

46 RESOLUTION

Moved: Emmanuel Rioli
Seconded: Barry Puruntatameri

That the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 06 August 2013 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

Ordinary Meeting - 28 August 2013

47 RESOLUTION

Moved: Brian Tipungwuti
Seconded: Crystal Johnson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 August 2013 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Note: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 August 2013 as circulated be amended to reflect the following :

Item 1.3 Apologies

Be amended from Apologies Not Accepted: Cr Therese Bourke

To now read Apology accepted.

Moved: Lynette De Santis
Seconded: John Naden

CARRIED

2 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

2.1 VISIT FROM CEO NTG DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & REGIONS

The recently appointed CEO of the NTG Department of Local Government and Regions Mr Allan McGill has requested to speak to Council at today's meeting. Mr McGill will provide a short briefing and update Councillors on the latest information in relation to proposed changes to the Local Government Act, proposed Regional Councils / Local Authorities, and recent Departmental changes / restructuring.

RECOMMENDATION:

Unfortunately, Mr Allan McGill gave his apologies to Council as he was unable to attend today's meeting due to an urgent matter arising with the Minister.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 NT GRANTS COMMISSION ALLOCATIONS FOR 2013-14

Council are provided with a copy of a letter dated 28th August (received on 2nd September) from the Northern Territory Grants Commission which details funding allocations for 2013-14.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the letter and supporting documentation from NT Grants Commission confirming the funding allocations for 2013-14.

4.2 LETTER FROM MINISTER ELFERINK (CORRECTIONAL SERVICES) DATED 4 SEPT 2013

Council are provided with a copy of a recent letter dated 4 September 2013 from the Minister for Correctional Services.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the letter dated 4 September 2013 received from the Minister for Correctional Services.

4.3 EMAIL FROM NT POLICE RE NIGHT PATROL - MILIKAPITI

Council are provided with a recent email dated 26th September 2013 from the Officer in Charge of Pirlangimpi Police complementing the Tiwi Islands Shire Council on recent assistance provided to the NT Police and Care Flight staff by the Night Patrol team from Milikapiti.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the email from NT Police Sgt. Higgins and congratulates the Milikapiti Night Patrol team members on their excellent work in the community.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

6 REPORTS FOR DECISION

6.1 REQUEST TO CONFIRM DESCENT - TERESA VAN RANGELROOY

Council is being asked to confirm Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander descent of the applicant Teresa Van Rangelrooy.

48 RESOLUTION

Moved: Anita Moreen

Seconded: Brian Tipungwuti

That Council confirms the descent recognition of the applicant Teresa Van Rangelrooy, and for two Councillors sign the form where indicated

CARRIED

7 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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, Community Night Patrol and Facilities Management.

49 RESOLUTION

Moved: Peter Rioli

Seconded: John Naden

- (a) That Council notes this report for information, and**
- (b) That Council approaches the Office of Township Leasing to seek a lease over the Milikapiti Women's Centre**

CARRIED

7.2 MINUTES - PIRLANGIMPI LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2013

Minutes of the Pirlangimpi Local Advisory Board Meeting held on 27 August 2013.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Minutes of the Pirlangimpi Local Advisory Board Meeting held on 27th August 2013

7.3 HUMAN RESOURCES END OF MONTH REPORT - AUGUST 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.4 FINANCE END OF MONTH REPORT - AUGUST 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.5 GOVERNANCE MANAGERS REPORT - END OF MONTH - AUGUST 2013

50 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden

Seconded: Barry Puruntatameri

That Council notes Reports 7.1 to 7.5 for information

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM 1 SMALL PROJECTS REQUESTED BY COMMUNITY

Cr Gawin Tipiloura raised the issue of small projects that are often requested by community members – he has received positive comments from Pirlangimpi Community members over the recently installed water point / tap at the front beach location. This has been well received and positive feedback has also been given to Pirlangimpi Councillors.

ITEM 2 WURRUMIYANGA – DUST PROBLEM AT OLD FORESTRY SUBURB

Cr Gawin Tipiloura enquired as to the current status on the dust suppression measures that were requested at previous meetings.

CEO responded by saying that the Water Truck was scheduled to spray the road verges regularly as an interim solution and he would discuss this further with the new Infrastructure Director Karl Sibley.

Action: CEO to discuss dust suppression around the old Forestry suburb with Infrastructure Director to ensure the water truck undertakes appropriate dust control measures.

ITEM 3 COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROJECTS – DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

The CEO advised Council that for future Shire Planning / Budget discussions it would be beneficial to consider including some funding allocations at each community to cover for discretionary projects. This would allow the Council to be more responsive / reactive to new community requests to undertake these unforeseen works in communities.

Specific local projects could also be considered by the new Local Authorities once these bodies have been created (anticipated early in 2014).

Action: CEO / CFO / Directors to consider funding allocations for discretionary funding in future Shire Plan / Budget discussions and to involve members of the new Local Authorities in these discussions.

ITEM 4 RECYCLING OF ALUMINIUM CANS AT MILIKAPITI COMMUNITY

Cr John Naden raised the issue of the growing pile of aluminium cans which were building up at the entrance to the community and suggested that a better location may be adjacent to the Barge area. By re-locating all of the existing crushed cans plus those awaiting processing to a new area adjacent to the Barge landing this would remove the unsightly pile from the community's main entry point.

Suggestion was to explore the re-location option with the Land Council, and to possibly include this as a new future "Community Service Project" following the recent closure of CDEP Program.

Action: CEO to progress this possible community project and to discuss with the Tiwi Land Council regarding possible relocation to a new area adjacent to the Barge Landing.

ITEM 5 COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARDS

Cr John Naden enquired as to the current progress on the installation of the remaining 2 Notice Boards + covering shelters.

The CEO responded by saying that he would check on the location of the remaining 2 Notice Boards and discuss with the new Infrastructure Director / Housing Manager the timings for erecting same.

Action: CEO to investigate current location of the remaining 2 Notice Boards and seek to confirm timings for erecting the remaining 2 Notice Boards and to include the building of appropriate shelters (similar to the one at Wurrumiyanga airport).

ITEM 6 WURRUMIYANGA COMMUNITY - LITTER

Cr Barry Puruntatameri raised concerns over the amount of litter still being present in and around the community.

The CEO responded by saying that Council was only responsible for collecting litter from road verges, drains and oval / park areas and that the operators of commercial stores / shops were responsible for keeping their own premises clear of rubbish. This is an ongoing issue and may benefit from involving all Tiwi Island Communities in future Community Cleanup / "Keep Australia Beautiful" (KAB) Council events.

Action: Council to consider becoming involved and planning for future Community Cleanup Campaigns and Anti-Litter Campaigns.

ITEM 7 COMMUNITY SERVICES FEE

The Mayor Lynette De Santis discussed with Council the importance of the Community Services Fee which has been re-incorporated into the 2013/14 Schedule of Fees and Charges this year. This allows for a concessional charge to eligible community residents to contribute towards various community services. Information needs to be promoted and circulated around all communities.

Following further discussion the CEO recommended to Council that a new Sub-Committee of Council be formed to assist with promoting this community benefit / activity.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CHARGES – SUB COMMITTEE

New 4 member sub-committee of Council:

Nguiu Ward Cr Barry Puruntatameri Milikapiti Ward Mayor Lynette De Santis

Pirlangimpi Ward Cr Manyi Rioli Wurankuwu Ward Cr Brian Tipungwuti

51 RESOLUTION

Moved: Lynette De Santis

Seconded: John Naden

That Council approves the creation and establishment of a Community Service Charges Sub Committee of Council with the interim members being Mayor Lynette De Santis, Cr Barry Puruntatameri, Cr Manyi Rioli, and Cr Brian Tipungwuti.

CARRIED

Action: CEO to start to put together examples of Service Fees for further discussion and submission to the Council Sub Committee.

ITEM 8 2014 - FORESTRY HARVEST ON MELVILLE ISLAND

Cr Many Rioli advised Council that the first harvest of the Forestry Plantation on Melville Island is scheduled to take place during the dry season in 2014. Implications for the Shire Council will be expected massive increases in heavy vehicle traffic across the Shire public unsealed road network on Melville Island.

An opportunity exists to commence negotiations for an MOU with the Tiwi Land Council so as to properly manage this increase in heavy vehicle traffic road usage and seek to minimise this cost impact on Shire Council maintenance costs and road trafficability conditions. Some type of road levy may need to be considered / negotiated in advance of expected operations mid next year.

Action: CEO to write to Tiwi Land Council to seek to negotiate an MOU for the expected increase in heavy vehicle traffic across the unsealed public road network on Melville Island. Negotiations may include a new Road Levy.

ITEM 9 NEW TIWI ISLANDS PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE

The CEO advised Council that the new Sealink passenger ferry service had commenced operations between Darwin and Bathurst Island. As a goodwill gesture the Tiwi Islands Shire Council was asked to assist with the transfer of passengers (for an agreed initial period of 2 months) utilising our Car Ferry at no cost to the operator or to the passengers. This was based on discussions and advice from Sealink that the original days for operating the ferry service were to be Monday / Thursday / Friday.

Following the CEO's return from leave he was advised that Sealink had changed the Monday to a Sunday service. As our staff who operate the Shire Car Ferry do not work weekends as a normal part of their role this has now created a financial cost implication as our boat shed employees need to be paid Sunday penalty rates under their employment award.

Action: CEO to negotiate with Sealink management in resolving the additional cost burden for the Shire in providing passenger transfer services on a Sunday.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION COMMENCED AT 12:10 PM

At this point of the Meeting the CEO advised Council that there were some important confidential matters that needed to be discussed via closed session.

All staff (other than the CEO and Governance Manager) and members of the public were asked to leave the meeting room.

A record of the confidential discussions has been prepared but is not available to the public.

8 Next Meeting

Wednesday, 30 October 2013 at Wurrumiyanga Community, Bathurst Island.

9 Closure

The meeting closed at 12:20 pm.