



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE WURRUMIYANGA BOARD ROOM ON WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 2014 AT 10:00 AM

1 **Welcome & Apologies**

1.1 **Welcome**

The meeting opened at 10:12 am

The Mayor welcomed councillors and guests.

1.2 **Present**

Mayor: Lynette De Santis

Councillors: Deputy Mayor Pirrawayingi (10:28 am), John Naden, Gawin Tipiloura, Leslie Tungutalum, Anita Moreen, Irene Tipiloura, Therese Bourke, Brian Tipungwuti, Crystal Johnson (10:50 am), Barry Puruntatameri (10:28 am).

Officers: Rosanna De Santis (Director Community Support), Lysa Hoang (Finance Manager), Hollie Abra (Contracts Manager), Maina Brown (Executive Assistant / Records), Sally Ullungura (Governance Support).

Visitors: Kate Wheen (NTG-LGR), Colvin Crowe (NTG-LGR), Peter Penley (Aust. Dept. PMC), Tanyah Nasir (Consultant-CDU).

Minutes: Bruce Moller (Governance Manager)

1.3 **Apologies**

Accepted: Alan Hudson (CEO), Karl Sibley (Director Infrastructure), Lesley Palmer (Deputy Director Corporate Services) (Attending LGMA Conference in Melbourne).

Not Accepted: Cr Manyi Rioli

1.4 **Leave of Absence**

Nil

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

Nil

1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Special Meeting - 20 March 2014

16 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden
Seconded: Brian Tipungwuti

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 20 March 2014 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

Ordinary Meeting - 26 March 2014

17 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden
Seconded: Anita Moreen

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 26 March 2014 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

2 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Item 3.1 Cr Naden raised the issue of the numerous potholes / water ponding adjacent to the front car park area of the NUA Store / Takeaway. This was discussed at a previous Council Meeting and Council needs to urgently place some gravel to rectify these areas of concern and solve this ongoing health and safety issue.

Action: Mayor Lynette De Santis said she would follow this up urgently with the CEO to have this matter actioned as a priority.

Item 3.2 Deputy Mayor Pirrawayingi raised the issue of the general condition of the road surface between Three Ways and Paru. This has been raised previously where it appeared that the wrong type of gravel material was used to re-surface the road.

Action: Infrastructure Director to investigate and discuss with Deputy Mayor Pirrawayingi.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT - AMENDMENT BILL 2014

Council are provided with a copy of a recent email dated 26 March 2014 received from NTG Dept. Local Government & Regions which outlines further changes to the NT Local Government Act.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the email from NTG Dept. Local Government & Regions identifying proposed changes to the Local Government Act.

4.2 NATIONAL REMOTE AND REGIONAL TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES FORUM - ALICE SPRINGS

Council are provided with a copy of a recent email and invitation letter dated 10th and 11th April 2014 received from the Hon. Peter Styles MLA Minister for Transport which advises of an upcoming forum in Alice Springs on Thursday 22 May 2014.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the correspondence from the Transport Minister the Hon. Peter Styles advising of the National Remote & Regional Transport Infrastructure & Services Forum to be held in Alice Springs on Thursday 22 May 2014.

4.3 MEDIA RELEASE - CENTRAL DESERT REGIONAL COUNCIL - NEW SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

Council are provided with a copy of a recent media release dated 4th April 2014 received from the Central Desert Regional Council which advises of a new school Council policy on School Attendance.

18 RESOLUTION

Moved: Brian Tipungwuti

Seconded: John Naden

That Council notes the media release from the Central Desert Regional Council and decides if it would be suitable for the Tiwi Islands Regional Council to adopt a similar policy.

CARRIED

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

6 REPORTS FOR DECISION

6.1 GRANT ACQUITTAL - NDRRA - (CYCLONE CARLOS)

Financial Grant Acquittal covering Natural Disaster Relief & Recovery Assistance (Cyclone Carlos – Feb 2011) funded by Department of Local Government & Regions is required to be endorsed by Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the acquittal of the NDRRA Grant (Cyclone Carlos) for the reporting period ending 30 June 2013

DEFERRED to 28 MAY Meeting

Hollie Abra advised Council that there were some further changes to the acquittal after lodgement with the NTG Dept. Local Government & Regions and that this report will now need to be deferred to the 28 May Ordinary Council Meeting and resubmitted.

DEFERRED to 28 MAY Meeting

6.2 REQUEST TO CONFIRM DESCENT - JARROD PURUNTATAMERI

Council is being asked to confirm Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander descent of the applicant Jarrod Puruntatameri.

19 RESOLUTION

Moved: Anita Moreen

Seconded: Leslie Tungutalum

That Council confirms the descent recognition of the applicant Jarrod Puruntatameri and for two Councillors to sign the form where indicated

CARRIED

6.3 REVIEW OF ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION

The Department of Local Government & Regions has written to Council outlining the compliance requirement for a review of Electoral Representation which needs to be completed by no later than 31 March 2015.

20 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden

Seconded: Leslie Tungutalum

That Council notes this report and authorises the CEO to undertake the Electoral Representation Review and to report back to Council at the 24 September 2014 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 MINUTES - TAKARINGUWI TIWI SKIN GROUP MEETING HELD ON 04 MARCH 2014

Minutes of the Takaringuwi Tiwi Skin Group Meeting held on 04 March 2014.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Minutes of the Takaringuwi Tiwi Skin Group Meeting held on 04 March 2014.

7.2 MINUTES - MILIKAPITI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 25 MARCH 2014

Minutes of the 1st Milikapiti Local Authority Meeting held on 25 March 2014.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Minutes of the Milikapiti Local Authority Meeting held on 25 March 2014.

7.3 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT - EOM REPORT FOR MARCH 2014

This report illustrates the business conducted within the independent business units including; Children's Services, Youth Diversion, Sports and Recreation, Centrelink Service, Library Services and Community Night Patrol.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.4 FINANCE END OF MONTH REPORT - MARCH 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.5 HUMAN RESOURCES END OF MONTH REPORT - MARCH 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.6 CORPORATE SERVICES END OF MONTH REPORT - MARCH 2014

This report illustrates the business conducted within the independent business units including; Administration, ICT, and Community Engagement.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.7 INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT - EOM MARCH 2014

This report outlines activities for the Infrastructure Directorate for the previous month.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

A LUNCH BREAK WAS CALLED AT 12:05PM.

THE MEETING RESUMED AT 1:00PM.

CR BRIAN TIPUNGWUTI (1:02PM), DEPUTY MAYOR PIRRAWAYINGI (1:05PM), AND CR LESLIE TUNGUTALUM (1:08PM) RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT THE TIMES INDICATED.

7.8 WURRUMIYANGA BARGE LANDING FACILITY

Recent email correspondence and copies of concept plans are attached for Council's information. NTG Dept. Infrastructure are the project managers for this project and Jacob's SKM have been appointed as their design consultants.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the report for information and decides if any additional correspondence is required.

Note : Council raised a question to be clarified with the NTG Dept. Infrastructure.

1. **Action :** Could the Infrastructure Director write to NTG Dept. Infrastructure and ask will there be any additional costs to the public to store goods & collect goods as per the current design proposal ?

7.9 GOVERNANCE MANAGERS REPORT - END OF MONTH - MARCH 2014

21 RESOLUTION

Moved: Barry Puruntatameri

Seconded: Crystal Johnson

That Council notes Reports 7.1 to 7.9 for information

CARRIED

LATE ITEM

7.10 HEART FOUNDATION – 2014 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS

A recent letter has been received from the Heart Foundation advising of their 2014 Local Government Awards Program (Recognising Healthy Communities).

Applications close 5pm on the 23rd May 2014.

There are 2 categories of applications :

- LG areas with a population of 15,000 or less
- LG areas with a population > 15,000.

22 RESOLUTION

Moved: Therese Bourke

Seconded: Gawin Tipiloura

That Council agrees to lodge an application under the NT section of the 2014 Heart Foundation 2014 Local Government Awards.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM 1 TIWI LEADERS FORUM

The Mayor advised that she had been speaking with Mr Allan McGill (CEO NTG Dept. Local Government & Regions) (facilitator) of the recent meeting (Thur 17th March 2014) that was held between the Tiwi Land Council and the Tiwi Islands Regional Council.

One of the aims of this first meeting was to work together with identified priorities including roads and funerals.

It was agreed that both parties would attempt to meet again (before the end of April), and to then meet on a regular three monthly basis.

A tentative meeting date of Tuesday 20th May was suggested for Councillors to meet again with the Land Council (subject to this date being acceptable to all parties).

23 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden

Seconded: Brian Tipungwuti

That Council agrees to the proposed date of Tuesday 20th May as a possible date for the next joint meeting of the Tiwi Land Council and the Tiwi Islands Regional Council (subject to mutual agreement).

CARRIED

ITEM 2 RECRUITMENT POLICY

The Deputy Mayor raised a general concern in relation to the current recruitment policy for Council staff.

As both the CEO and Deputy Director Corporate Services were away it was recommended that the current Recruitment Policy be brought to the next Council Meeting for information and discussion.

ACTION : CEO and Deputy Director of Corporate Services to discuss and prepare a report for the next Council Meeting to update Council on the latest staff Recruitment Policy.

ITEM 3 LG ACT - OVERVIEW RE COUNCILLORS RESPONSIBILITIES

The Deputy Mayor raised a general concern regarding the Local Government Act saying that it was a complicated lengthy legal document and contained a lot of red tape.

Councillors felt ongoing frustration with their apparent lack of power (of Council), and how Councillors could be better informed as to how they could use these powers as part of their Roles and Responsibilities.

At the Special Council Meeting held in Darwin (Mirambeena Resort) on Thursday 20th March Council endorsed as **PRIORITY 1 to:**

- **“ Review of Local Government Act to incorporate Tiwi Traditional Laws and Customs / Governance and to reduce red tape ”.**

Kate When (NTG-LGR) spoke to Council about this matter and said that she would investigate with LG Dept. legal staff and see if a workshop session could be arranged to deliver specific training at a future time.

24 RESOLUTION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Pirrawayingi

Seconded: Brian Tipungwuti

That Council agrees to the offer for Kate When to investigate a training workshop for Councillors covering Council’s Powers and Roles and Responsibilities and for a future one day workshop session to be held.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the meeting be reopened and the decisions on the confidential item be noted.

9 Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Tiwi Islands Regional Council is scheduled for Wednesday 28th May at Pirlangimpi, Melville Island.

10 Closure

The meeting closed at 1:40 pm.