



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE WURRUMIYANGA BOARDROOM ON WEDNESDAY, 30 JULY 2014 AT 10:00 AM

1 **Welcome & Apologies**

1.1 **Welcome**

The meeting opened at 10:44am

The Mayor welcomed councillors and guests.

1.2 **Present**

Mayor: Lynette De Santis

Councillors: Deputy Mayor Pirrawayingi, John Naden, Crystal Johnson, Barry Puruntatameri, Anita Moreen.

Casual Vacancy: Wurankuwu Ward (Cr Brian Tipungwuti resigned 18 July 2014).

Officers: Alan Hudson (CEO), Rosanna De Santis (Director Community Support), Karl Sibley (Director Infrastructure), Lesley Palmer (Deputy Director Corporate Services), Bill Toy (Deputy Director Community Support), Hollie Abra (Contracts Manager & A / Finance Manager), Maina Brown (Executive Assistant / Records), Saadia Ullungura (Governance Support).

Visitors: Bob Beadman (Chair NT Grants Commission), Damien Ryan (Commissioner NT Grants Commission), Steven Hennessy (Commissioner NT Grants Commission), Peter Thornton (Executive Officer – NT Grants Commission), Colvin Crowe (DLGR), Julie U'Ren (NAAJA).

Minutes: Bruce Moller (Governance Manager)

1.3 **Apologies**

Accepted: Cr Leslie Tungutalum, Cr Irene Tipiloura, Cr Therese Bourke, Cr Emmanuel Rioli, and Cr Gawin Tipiloura.

Not Accepted: Nil

1.4 **Leave of Absence**

Nil

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

Nil

1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Ordinary Meeting - 25 June 2014

38 RESOLUTION

Moved: Pirrawayingi
Seconded: Barry Puruntatameri

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 June 2014 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

Special Council Meeting – 08 July 2014

39 RESOLUTION

Moved: Pirrawayingi
Seconded: Barry Puruntatameri

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 08 July 2014 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

2 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

2.1 NAAJA - VISIT TO COUNCIL RE THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONALIZED CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

NAAJA representative Ms Julie U'Ren has requested a short session with Council to provide a briefing on the Royal Commission into Institutionalized Child Sexual Abuse.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council welcomes NAAJA representative to the Ordinary Meeting, and takes this opportunity to listen to a briefing on the Royal Commission into Institutionalized Child Sexual Abuse.

2.2 GRANTS COMMISSION VISIT TO TIWI ISLANDS

The NT Grants Commission (NTGC) has now confirmed that they will be visiting the Tiwi Islands over two days (30 & 31 July 2014) and will be able to attend the Council Meeting at Wurrumiyanga this morning.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council welcomes the members of the NT Grants Commission to the Ordinary Meeting, and takes this opportunity to discuss important issues with them.

The Chair of the NT Grants Commission Mr Bob Beadman thanked Council for the opportunity to co-ordinate their visit today with this Council Meeting.

Mr Beadman then gave Council members a briefing on the role of the NT Grants Commission including an overview of the 3 main methodologies used for the distribution of Federal Financial Assistance (FAA) Funding, Federal Roads Assistance, and NTG Operational Subsidy to NT Councils.

These three methodologies covered:

1. The proportion of Aboriginal people in the population,
2. How many townships / communities were within the Council boundaries,
3. Location (remoteness, road access, barge access etc.).

At this point in proceedings Mr Beadman opened up the discussion for any questions from Council members and staff.

Item A - Cr John Naden – raised a general question in relation to how the FAA and NT Operational funding was distributed between NT Councils.

Item B - CEO Alan Hudson – raised the issue of the new costs imposed \$ 280,000 per annum on Council via the Office of Township Leasing (OTL) – (2012/13 and 2013/14). He would like the NTGC to consider this new cost in the methodology for future grant allocations.

Item C - CEO Alan Hudson – raised the issue of the Wurrumiyanga township population exceeding the design capacity for the adequate provision of water and sewerage infrastructure as the original design was for around 1,600 people (current population estimates by ABS are 1,580). Council believes that the current population exceeds this official figure as there are regular shortages / outages of water supply.

Item D - Deputy Mayor Pirrawayingi – advised the members of the NTGC of the expanding operations of the Tiwi College at Pickataramoor with respect to the community size as the school has a resident population of over 100 living there during school weeks. Student numbers are gradually increasing and this may need to be factored into the NTGC calculations for future grant funding.

Item E - CEO Alan Hudson – raised the unique issue of the Council inheriting and having to continue operating the essential inter-island Car Barge and small boat passenger service to residents and businesses of Bathurst and Melville Islands. Council is still being pressured to provide this service for the benefit of the wider community but the gap between the service fees raised and the actual costs of running the service was quite substantial. This cost impact is a constant drain on our unallocated income, particularly the compliance costs with keeping the vessel in marine survey.

Item F - CEO Alan Hudson – raised the issue of the new Wurrumiyanga Football Oval & Swimming Pool Complex and the constant drain on Council's resources to adequately fund the ongoing grounds maintenance and facility management costs. Council is fully funding the annual running costs EST \$ 300,000 per annum of both of these facilities. Council also sponsors the Tiwi Bombers football team and also provides extensive in-kind support to the Tiwi Islands Football League (TIFL). The Tiwi Islands Grand Final is a nationally recognised sporting event held at Wurrumiyanga in late March each year and attracts visitors from all across Australia. Could the NTGC consider this in their deliberations for special funding consideration when next looking at future funding methodologies.

Council struggles to fund the gap on the annual operations of these important community sporting facilities.

At this point of the Meeting an adjournment was called for a lunch break at 12:25pm.

The Meeting recommenced at 1:13pm.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 KIMBERLEY ZONE OF WALGA AND REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE GROUP FORUM 12-13 NOVEMBER 2014

Council are provided with a copy of a recent email from the Kimberley Zone of WALGA advising of their forthcoming Joint WA & NT Forum to be held in Darwin on November 12 & 13.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the correspondence from the Kimberley Zone of WALGA and nominates a Council representative to attend along with the CEO.

Council nominated the Deputy Mayor Pirrawayingi to attend along with the CEO.

4.2 WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT - LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2014 (20 - 21 OCTOBER 2014) BRISBANE QLD

Council are provided with a copy of a recent email from the LGMA-NT advising of the upcoming Women in Local Government Leadership Summit 2014 being held 20-21 October in Brisbane.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the correspondence from the LGMA-NT for information, and decides if a small delegation of female staff and elected members would like to attend.

Council recommended 3 Councillors attend : Mayor Lynette De Santis, Crystal Johnson, and Anita Moreen.

The CEO recommended Rosanna De Santis, Ebony Williams Costa to attend plus other female staff (subject to budget considerations).

4.3 LGANT LETTER DATED 23/7/14 TO MINISTER TURNBULL RE TELEVISION RECEPTION & RETRANSMISSION IN REMOTE AREAS

Council are provided with a copy of a recent email dated 24 July from LGANT which provides advice of a formal letter sent by LGANT to the Federal Minister for Communications outlining a number of concerns in relation to television reception and retransmission in remote NT areas.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the correspondence from LGANT (copy of LGANT letter to Federal Minister for Communications) advising of urgent concerns of NT Councils in relation to the recent switchover to digital television.

4.4 LETTER FROM DEPT. LOCAL GOVERNMENT & REGIONS RE 2014/15 DRAFT BUDGET AND CURRENT FINANCES DATED 16 JULY 2014.

Council are provided with a copy of a recent letter dated 16 July from Dept. Local Government & Regions (received on 21 July 2014) in relation to the 2014/15 Draft Budget and concerns over cash flow.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the correspondence from Dept. Local Government & Regions advising of various concerns in relation to the Draft 2014/15 Budget and cash flow.

The CEO tabled a letter of response to the Dept. Local Government & Regions dated 29 July which was discussed in detail with Council. A copy of the letter was given to Dept. Representative at the Meeting Mr Colvin Crowe to pass on to Mr David Willing.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

6 REPORTS FOR DECISION

6.1 WURRUMIYANGA RESEAL

Proposal for Council to consider the resealing of Wurrumiyanga roads utilising Roads to Recovery funding.

40 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden

Seconded: Barry Puruntatameri

That Council agrees in principal to draw down on future years Roads to Recovery funding to allocate on this project.

That the Director Infrastructure contacts Government agencies with the intention of a joint venture tender.

That a tender of the "Design and Rehabilitate" nature is released for procurement of the Wurrumiyanga bitumen reseal and associated works.

CARRIED

6.2 TIRC - WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

This report provides Council with a copy of the new Tiwi Islands Regional Council Workforce Development Plan (2014 – 2017). This was discussed briefly at the June Council Meeting and is a key focus area of Council's 2014/15 Strategic Plan.

41 RESOLUTION

Moved: Barry Puruntatameri

Seconded: Anita Moreen

That Council endorses the TIRC Workforce Development Plan (2014-2017) and approves this document for immediate introduction,

That Council requires that an Annual Review of the TIRC Workforce Development Plan be undertaken.

CARRIED

6.3 LOCAL AUTHORITIES - ORDINARY MEMBER NOMINATIONS TO FILL FOUR VACANCIES.

Nominations were approved to be called by Council on the 1st July 2014 for the filling of four (4) Ordinary Member Local Authority vacancies (Wurrumiyanga x1), (Pirlangimpi x 2), and (Milikapiti x 1). Nominations were open for a 28 day period and have just closed Tuesday 29th July. Vacancies were placed up across the Tiwi Islands on Council Notice Boards, Community Notice Boards and on Council's website.

42 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden

Seconded: Pirrawayingi

That Council:

- 1. Accepts the nomination of Ronald Joseph Tipungwuti for the vacancy on the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority**
- 2. Agrees to re-advertise the two vacancies for the Pirlangimpi Local Authority for a further 28 days (Nominations to open Wed 6th August and close on Tue 2nd September 2014)**
- 3. Not accept the nomination of Tina Maria Patlas for the Milikapiti Local Authority, but consider her suitability for the Lorrula Skin Group (Female) as a future member**
- 4. Agrees to re-advertise the one vacancy for the Milikapiti Local Authority for a further 28 days (Nominations to open Wed 6th August and close on Tue 2nd September 2014)**

CARRIED

7 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 CASUAL VACANCY - WURANKUWU WARD

This report is to inform Council of the recent resignation of Councillor Brian Tipungwuti (Wurankuwu Ward) on the 18th July 2014, and the proposed By-Election timetable submitted by the NT Electoral Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information.

7.2 MINUTES - MILIKAPITI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2014

Minutes of the 2nd Milikapiti Local Authority Meeting held on 24 June 2014.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Minutes of the Milikapiti Local Authority Meeting held on 24 June 2014.

7.3 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT - EOM REPORT FOR JUNE

This report illustrates the business within units including; Children's Services, Youth and Community, Sports and Recreation, Community Safety, Centrelink and Libraries

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information.

7.4 CORPORATE SERVICES END OF MONTH REPORT - JUNE 2014

This report illustrates the business conducted within the independent business units including financial management, business improvement, and information technology including IT support, communications and administration.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.5 HUMAN RESOURCES END OF MONTH REPORT - JUNE 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information

7.6 FINANCE END OF MONTH REPORT - JUNE 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information.

Note: A replacement Finance Report was tabled by the Acting Finance Manager Hollie Abra which also incorporated updated transactions as at 30 June 2014.

7.7 INFRASTRUCTURE EOM REPORT FOR JUNE 2014

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this report for information.

7.8 GOVERNANCE MANAGERS REPORT - END OF MONTH - JUNE 2014

43 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden

Seconded: Pirrawayingi

That Council notes Reports 7.1 to 7.8 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.

Note: Due to time restrictions this Confidential matter was agreed by Council to be deferred to the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

9 Next Meeting

Wednesday, 27 August 2014.

10 Closure

The meeting closed at 3:30pm.