



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE NGUIU OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL 2009 AT 10:00 AM**

1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 10.36am.
1 Minute Silence for previous Council Member
The Mayor welcomed councillors and guests.

1.2 Present

Mayor: Lynette De Santis
Councillors: Raelene Mungatopi, David Boyd, Emmanuel Rioli, Henry Dunn, Marius Puruntatameri, Barry Puruntatameri, Maralampuwi Kurrupuwu, Teresita Puruntatameri, Kathleen Tipungwuti

Officers: Mark Goode David Bond, Ian McLay, Lawrence Costa, Maurice Rioli, Pauline Corpus

Guests: Des Harris, Andrew Kirkman , John Ramsey, Suzanne Stratton, Allan McGill

1.3 Apologies

Richard Tungutalum, Walter Kerinauia

1.4 Leave of Absence

Nil

1.5 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Ordinary Meeting - 3 March 2009

29 RESOLUTION

Moved: Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu

Seconded: Teresita Puruntatameri

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 3 March 2009 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

2 CORRESPONDENCE

2.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN - NT POLICE

Correspondence relating to significant liaisons with other agencies is provided to Council for information

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receive and note correspondence for information**

2.2 CORRESPONDENCE OUT - NT POLICE -

Correspondence relating to significant liaisons with other agencies is provided to Council for information

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receive and note correspondence for information**

Councillors Noted the above Correspondence.

2.3 CORRESPONDENCE IN - LETTER TO MINISTER KNIGHT - VICTORIA DALY - SHARING INFORMATION

Correspondence relating to significant liaisons with other agencies is provided to Council for information

30 RESOLUTION

Moved: Kathleen Tipungwuti

Seconded: Emmanuel Rioli

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Mayor and the CEO write to the Minister Knight regarding the functionality issues with implemented systems and ongoing concerns with reporting capabilities.**

CARRIED

Action Officer : CEO and Mayor

3 GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 DLGH PRESENTATION - ANDREW KIRKMAN - DES HARRIS

Department of Local Government and Housing will provide councillors with an overview of changes within the Department particularly the organisational re-structure

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receive a formal presentation of the Tech One system delivered by CouncilBiz and Department of Local Government and Housing.**

3.2 TERRITORY ALLIANCE - SIHIP - PRESENTATION

To provide a brief summary of the SIHIP housing plans for the Tiwi Islands as agreed with the three Housing Reference Groups

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receive and note the presentation by Allan McGill**

Councillors Noted the above Presentations

3.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - ELECTED MEMBERS TRAINING

Further to the training strategy for Elected members, DLGH has submitted the next proposal for the training plan.

31 RESOLUTION

Moved: Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu

Seconded: Teresita Puruntatameri

- (a) **That the day before a Ordinary Council Meeting a Training session is arranged for all Councillors to attend to speak on and consider the agenda items prior to the formal meeting.**

CARRIED

Action Officer : Lawrence Costa

3.4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE - STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

A strategic planning workshop was conducted over one and half days at Pirlangimpi – Munupi Lodge. Facilitated by Sharyn Innes consultancies.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receive and note this report for information**

Councillors Noted the above report.

4 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

4.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT FOR INFORMATION

This report is a summary of key issues and achievements since the last Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council note this report for information**

4.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE - MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS - UPDATE

Please find attached a speech by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs J Macklin, outlining the new service centres in many remote communities including Nguiu.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receive and note this report for information**

4.3 CORPORATE SERVICES - GOVERNANCE FORUM

This report outlines the main focus of the Governance Forum – TISC Representative at this forum were the Director of Corporate Services and the Records and

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receives and notes the report for information**

4.4 CORPORATE SERVICES - IT UPDATE

This report provides information on the Information Technology (IT) Upgrade on Melville Island

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council** receive and note this report

4.5 CORPORATE SERVICES - STAFFING UPDATE

At last council meeting, a Shire Staffing update - detailing positions, nominal officer, directorate and employment status was requested.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the CEO write to Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources – Carol McKenize to request organising a Careers Day Event for the Shire**

Action Officer : CEO – Mark Goode

4.6 CORPORATE SERVICES - TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES INTERNAL STAFF

This report relates to a request to ensure that internal staff have access to training that will assist them in improving the management of their money
The training is provided free through TITEB and the Council supports staff wanting to undertake the training

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council** receive and note this report

4.7 COPORATE SERVICES - SHIRE PLAN

Each council must have a Shire Plan and this report sets out the content of the plan and timelines for the implementation of it.
From the finance aspect the relevant processes to consider are the budget and declaration of rates.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council** receive and note this report

4.8 CORPORATE SERVICES - FINANCE REPORT

The Shire Finance System is providing reports and attached are reports for the following periods:
1 July to 31 Dec 08 Profit & Loss – Attachment 1

1 July to 31 March 09 Profit & Loss – Attachment 2

1 July to 30 June 09 Profit & Loss – Attachment 3

The figures indicate that there does not appear to be an overspend at the “whole of shire level”. However it will take a long time before we know the profit and loss at grant and Contract levels. As there are significant amounts of tied funds in the Shire, the risk is that there could be overspends in these areas.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council** receive and note this report

4.9 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS - STATISTICAL INFORMATION BY KEVIN DOOLAN

This report provide information on the specific programs for Youth Service and provide some statistical information on achievement up to March 2009

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council** receive and note this report for information

4.10 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - UPDATE REPORT

Some improvements to the infrastructure have been made to date but the main emphasis at this stage is to continue in the process of having the best employees possible in the right positions, plant and equipment up to an acceptable standard , safety issues in the communities addressed and housing, both community and staff also brought up to an acceptable standard.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council** receive and note the report

4.11 COMMERCIAL SERVICES - CDEP - BY SEAN PHILLIPS

This report provide information on the Major changes on CDEP program and updated information on projects conducted by participants

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council** receive and note this report

4.12 VIDEO PRESENTATION OF TIWI CHILDREN ENJOYING SHIRE PROGRAMS

Corinne Warhurst has produced a video of Tiwi Children enjoying the various programs that the Shire delivers in partnership with other Agencies.

The kids are happy, healthy and learning their culture.

Please enjoy this presentation, and promote what we are achieving by working together.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council enjoy this presentation, and share it with others in our community.**

4.13 COMMUNITY SERVICES - UPDATE

This report provides information on various sporting programs and other administrative issues.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That Council receive and note report for information**

Councillors Noted the above reports.

5 REPORTS FOR DECISION

5.1 CORPORATE SERVICES - APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The *Local Government Act* requires each council to appoint an auditor and between the Shires in the Northern Territory it has been decided to appoint auditors using a joint tender process.

32 RESOLUTION

Moved: Henry Dunn

Seconded: Marius Puruntatameri

- (a) **That Council** authorise Ian McLay to represent Tiwi islands Shire Council in the selection of a joint auditor for the Shires and to vote on behalf of this Shire.

CARRIED

5.2 CORPORATE SERVICES - CHRISTMAS ACCOUNT

This proposal is for Tiwi Island Shire Council staff to join an Award Saver Account for the purposes of saving for Christmas. The Commonwealth Bank has offered to visit the Tiwi Islands and sign interested staff up, and at Christmas time at an agreed date the funds would become available.

33 RESOLUTION

Moved: Emmanuel Rioli

Seconded: Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu

- (a) **That Council** agrees to allow the Commonwealth Bank – Darwin to visit the Tiwi Islands to sign up interested staff to the Award Saver Account. The Shire will not be responsible for any new Christmas Club accounts. This will be between the staff and the bank.

CARRIED

5.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE - POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF BRACS TO TIWI ENTERPRISE

BRACS is a very positive community broadcasting program. It allows local people to broadcast radio and TV and provides opportunities for training and employment.

BRACS has not been running for some time, even though there three buildings with the equipment required for broadcasting.

The shire strongly supports this program but is unable to assist due to limited funding and other priorities.

TIWI Enterprises has requested that Tiwi Shire transfer assets and responsibility to them so they can take over the broadcasting operation. This is subject to them receiving funding.

34 RESOLUTION

Moved: Marius Puruntatameri

Seconded: Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu

That Council transfer the BRACS buildings and equipment and responsibility to operate this program to Tiwi Enterprises

CARRIED

Action Officer ; CEO Mark Goode to write to Tiwi Enterprises on the resolution, and begin negotiations for the transfer of responsibility of functions and assets. These functions and assets were outlined in the report.

5.4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT AND ROLE OF MAYOR

At last council meeting councillors were asked to comment on the draft Code of Conduct and the Role of the Mayor.

35 RESOLUTION

Moved: Barry Puruntatameri

Seconded: David Boyd

(a) **That Council accept the draft policies by resolution.**

CARRIED

6 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

7 RESCISSION MOTIONS

7.1 RESCIND COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE AND DEVELOP A LIST OF FEES

Action Officer : Director of Corporate Services – Ian McLay – to rescind the Community Service Fees and present a new schedule of fees for consideration by Council.

8 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 CHANGE DATES FOR RANKU MEETINGS

Action Officer : Pauline Corpus – Completed at the meeting

8.2 TRAVEL TO RANKU FROM PIRLANGIMPI

Pirlangimpi Councillors asked if they council be picked up from Interview Point if they travelled by dingy. The CEO said he could arrange pick up from this location by Shire

cars. Councillors then asked if they could have a Culture boat for this and other purposes. After the meeting, the CEO explained that the Shire does not have a Culture Boat. Nor does it have other boats for private use as this is against the Local Government Act which states that Council Property may not be used for private or personal use. He further added that culture boats previously available for use by the public were misused and cost TILG lots of money. The Shire cannot provide a Culture boat as it is not allowed under the Act and also the Shire does not have a budget for this.

RECOMMENDATION: That if Councillors wish to pursue this matter, that they write to the Tiwi Land Council which is responsible for matters relating to land, sea and culture.

8.3 LOCAL BOARDS

There was considerable discussion about the Commonwealth and NT Governments wanting Tiwi Shire to establish Boards. The following points were noted:

- Tiwi Shire Councillors have not identified a need for Local Boards at this time.
- That the intent of Local Boards is to give a voice shire residents who wish to have a voice on particular matters.
- That the Act specifies the reasons and process of forming a Local Board
- That the shire has had no requests to form a Local Board from residents
- That the Act does not provide for Local Boards to be formed at the request or to address the needs of the Commonwealth or NT Governments

36 RESOLUTION

Moved: Barry Puruntatameri

Seconded: Emmanuel Rioli

- (a) That Council does not implement Local Board until a further 12 month. After this time review the need to implement.**
- (b) Utilize the Skin Group as a Community forum to communicate information between the Shire and Community.**
- (c) That the CEO write to Fahcsia and the Department of Local Government advising of the resolution by Council**

CARRIED

Action Officers: Lawrence Costa and DLGH Kevin Wanganeen to implement Skin Group Forums

Action Officer : CEO to write to Government Departments

9 Next Meeting

Wednesday, 27 May 2009

10 Closure

The meeting closed at 3.46pm.