



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MILIKAPITI ON
WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 2015 AT 10:00AM**

1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 10.05am.

The Official Manager welcomed staff.

1.2 Present

Official Manager: Allan McGill

Officers: Garry Lambert (A/CEO), Rosanna De Santis (Director Community Support), Brenton Baillie (A/Director Infrastructure Services), Lesley Palmer (Director Corporate Services), Bill Toy (Deputy Director Community Support), Garry Wise (Financial Advisor/Trainer).

Minutes: Maina Brown (A/Governance & Compliance Manager).

1.3 Apologies

Bruce Moller (Governance & Compliance Manager).

1.4 Leave of Absence

Nil

1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

Nil

1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Ordinary Meeting - 27 May 2015

1 RESOLUTION

Official Managers Determination

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 27 May 2015 as circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

2 RESOLUTION

Official Managers Determination

That the minutes of the Confidential Ordinary Council on 27 May 2015 as circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

Special Council Meeting – 11 June 2015

3 RESOLUTION

Official Managers Determination

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting on 11 June 2015 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

Nil

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 A / CEO APPOINTMENT

4 RESOLUTION

Official Managers Determination

That the appointment of Garry Lambert as the Acting Chief Executive Officer be extended to 31 July 2015.

CARRIED

5.2 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Two draft MOU's received late afternoon on Tuesday 23rd June 2015 from David Muller (Representative for Munipi).

1. Draft MOU – Pirlangimpi Workshop
2. Draft MOU – Tiwi Islands Road Works



5 RESOLUTION

Official Managers Determination

That Council:

- A. Received and note Draft MOU's and tabled for public record,
- B. That A/CEO to draft a report

CARRIED

5.3 TIWI ISLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

6 RESOLUTION:

Official Managers Determination

- A. That it be noted that there have been two editions of a Council Newsletter in May and June 2015
- B. That Further editions be programmed for 2015/16 and that the distribution of these editions be by deliveries to all households, public notice boards and postage to key stakeholders.

CARRIED

5.4 SIGNING OF TELSTRA CONTRACT

The Director Corporate Services reported that a new contract for telephone and communications had been negotiated with Telstra. The new arrangements result in a saving of \$100,000 per year.

7 RESOLUTION:

Official Managers Determination

That the new telecommunications contract with Telstra be endorsed and the common seal of the Council applied to the contract documents.

CARRIED

5.5 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDINGS

NAIDOC Programme Funding
Youth Diversion Funding

8 RESOLUTION:

Official Managers Determination

That Council accepts NAIDOC and Youth Diversion funding contracts, and authorises the affixing of the Common Seal to the documents.

CARRIED



6 REPORTS FOR DECISION

6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITIES - ORDINARY MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Three applications have been received to appoint 2 new ordinary members to fill vacancies on the Milikapiti Local Authority. Subject to endorsement by the Milikapiti Local Authority at their meeting to be held on Tuesday 23rd June, Council is being asked to appoint 2 new members of the Milikapiti Local Authority as ordinary members.

9 RESOLUTION:

Official Managers Determination

That Council accepts the nominations of Malcom Wilson representing the (Takaringuwi Skin Group), and Adrian McCann (Non Skin Group) (subject to endorsement by the Milikapiti Local Authority at their meeting to be held on Tuesday 23rd June 2015) and appoints both as ordinary members of the Milikapiti Local Authority.

CARRIED

6.2 GRANT ACQUITTALS (VARIOUS GRANTS)

Financial Grant Acquittals covering a number of various grants (SPG, LATM, NDRRA, CTG, and Family Safe) are required to be endorsed by Council. Listed below are ten (10) grant acquittals that require endorsement.

10 RESOLUTION:

Official Managers Determination

That Council endorses the acquittal of the ten (10) grants listed in report No. 160944 for the various reporting periods as follows:

1. 12/13 - SPG - \$ 171,146 – Purchase and installation of two x 12,000 litre bunded fuel tanks with own bowsers at Milikapiti.
2. 12/13 - LATM - \$ 20,000 – Support for Indigenous employment in Local Area Traffic Management Works.
3. 13/14 – NDRRA - \$ 71,740 – Monsoonal Trough – Jan / Feb 2014 – Paru Road.
4. 13/14 - NDRRA - \$ 55,740 – Monsoonal Trough – Jan / Feb 2014 – 17 Mile.
5. 13/14 - CTG - \$ 42,082 – Works at the Wurrumiyanga swimming pool facility which includes repair tiles, shade sails and a drinking fountain.
6. 13/14 - \$ 30,000 – Establishment of Local Authorities Grant.
7. 13/14 – Conversion Funding Grant - \$ 100,720 – Conversion from Shire to Regional Councils.
8. 13/14 – CTG - \$ 24,568 – Variations on previous \$ 50,400 to the Pirlangimpi Library for the balance of funds to be utilised for upgrading the Milikapiti Library.
9. 13/14 - SPG - \$ 105,573 – Purchase and installation of two x 12,000 litre bunded fuel tanks with own bowsers at Milikapiti.
10. 13/14 - LATM - \$ 19,936 – Support for Indigenous employment in Local Area Traffic Management Works.

CARRIED



6.3 SPECIAL LEAVE OVER CHRISTMAS CLOSURE PERIOD

This report submits a proposal to change the Special Leave arrangements that have operated during the Christmas closure period to Council for endorsement.

This report for decision (Item 6.5 went up to the 27th May Ordinary Council Meeting) where Council DEFERRED the matter for further discussion and submission to the June Meeting.

11 RESOLUTION:

Official Managers Determination

- A. That Council notes that special leave arrangements at Christmas were not approved by the Council, are not an entitlement under the Award and given the Council's current financial challenges are not sustainable.**
- B. That Council accepts and endorses the termination of Special Leave arrangements during Christmas closure and staff be advised of this action as soon as possible.**
- C. Notwithstanding the above, the Council will consider applications for special leave under extraordinary circumstances.**

CARRIED

6.4 REPAYMENT OF LOAN TO DEPT. LOCAL GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES

This report provides Council with a copy of a previous Council decision from the Special Council Meeting held on 18th February 2015. Based upon the current financial situation of Council this earlier decision will need to be rescinded, and an alternate resolution agreed to.

12 RESOLUTION:

Official Managers Determination

That Council:

- A. Rescinds Item 5.7 (Resolution 7) Official Managers Determination from the Special Council Meeting of 18 February 2015, and proposes an alternate loan repayment target instalment figure of \$ 50,000 for inclusion in the 15/16 draft Budget, and**
- B. Reviews this target figure of \$ 50,000 at the end of the 1st Quarter 15/16 Budget review to determine if Council is in a stable financial position to enable this loan repayment instalment amount to be paid to the Dept. Local Government and Community Services (DLGCS).**

CARRIED



6.5 STAFF HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY

This report submits the Staff Housing Allocation Policy to Council for endorsement.

13 RESOLUTION:

Official Managers Determination

That the matter be withdrawn and referred to the CEO for review.

CARRIED

6.6 POLICY ON RATES CONCESSIONS

A Rates Concession policy is proposed to support Australian Government and Northern Territory Government efforts to encourage greater home ownership by Indigenous people.

14 RESOLUTION:

Official Managers Determination

That Council adopts the policy on Rates Concessions as set out in the report (Reference No. 161171).

CARRIED

7 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 HUMAN RESOURCES END OF MONTH REPORT - MAY 2015

The Human Resources & Payroll unit provides processing of timesheets and payroll to staff, employee enquiries on pay and conditions, Work Health and Safety Reports, Workers Compensation claims, maintenance of the organisational structure and staff data, and training either initiated by the unit or requested from other units.

15 RESOLUTION:

Official Managers Determination

That Council notes the content of this report for information.

CARRIED

7.2 CORPORATE SERVICES END OF MONTH REPORT - MAY 2015

16 RESOLUTION:

Official Managers Determination

That Council notes the content of this report for information.

CARRIED



7.3 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - END OF MONTH - MAY 2015

The following summary is a report of activity, issues and initiatives taken for May 2015. It has been a busy month, for the Acting Director, learning the job, meeting staff and gaining an understanding of the outstanding issues.

The budget has been a top priority requiring much investigation and understanding of what has previously been in place. Input was sought and provided in regards to organisation restructure and how the infrastructure section may operate in the near future. Opportunities for creating income are being sought and reviewed to ascertain the viability of proposals.

17 RESOLUTION:

Official Managers Determination

That Council notes this report for information.

CARRIED

7.4 COMMUNITY SUPPORT END OF MONTH REPORT MAY 2015

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

18 RESOLUTION:

Official Managers Determination

That Council notes this report for information.

CARRIED

7.5 FINANCE END OF MONTH REPORT - MAY 2015

19 RESOLUTION:

Official Managers Determination

That Council note the Financial report as at 31 May, 2015

CARRIED

7.6 GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE MANAGERS REPORT - END OF MONTH - MAY 2015

20 RESOLUTION:

Official Managers Determination

That Council notes this report for information.

CARRIED



8 Confidential Items

11:05 AM

21 RESOLUTION

Official Managers Determination

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.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

11:05 AM

22 RESOLUTION

Official Managers Determination

That the open section of the meeting be adjourned to allow the confidential section of the meeting to commence.

CARRIED

The Closed Session of Council was completed at 11:50 am, and the Official Manager re-opened the Ordinary Council Meeting to record those resolutions that may be made public as follows:

It was confirmed that at the conclusion of the discussion on the confidential item(s), the meeting was reopened and the decision on the item(s) noted.

9 Next Meeting

Wednesday 29 July 2015

10 Closure

The meeting closed at 11:58 am.

These Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 29th July 2015.

Signed: 

Official Manager