



# **MINUTES**

OF THE

# **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**HELD**

**TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2014**

**AT**

**6.00 pm**

**Council Chambers Civic Centre  
Stuart Highway, Katherine**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT  
THE KATHERINE CIVIC CENTRE TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2014 AT 6.20 PM**

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**1. OPENING PRAYER**

Mayor Fay Miller  
Deputy Mayor Lis Clark  
Alderman Steven Rose  
Alderman Donald Higgins  
Alderman Rob Phillips  
Alderman Toni Tapp-Coutts-Coutts  
Alderman Peter Gazey

IN ATTENDANCE      Mr David Laugher – Chief Executive Officer  
                                 Mr James Rowe – Director Corporate and Community Services  
                                 Mr David Moore – Operations Manager

2 x members of the Katherine Community

Mrs Heather Kirk – Minute Taker

**3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

File:      Local Governance / Council Meetings / Elected Members Leave of Absence  
                                 and Apologies

That the apologies of Director Works & Services be accepted and that leave be granted.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

File:      Local Governance / Council Meetings / Confirmation of Previous Minutes

MOVED:      Clark/Tapp-Coutts

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 25 March 2014 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED:      7/0

**5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

File:      Local Governance / Council Meetings / Elected Member Disclosure of Interest  
                                 and Declared Interest

Nil

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

File:      Local Governance / Council Meetings / Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

## **7. MAYORAL BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Mayoral Business to be considered

- Last Friday the ANZAC Dawn Service and the street parade followed by the 10am Service were very well attended – the biggest crowds ever. It was very pleasing to see so many young people participating at each commemorative event. I would like to thank the Katherine Town Council Works & Services staff for their preparation of the Cenotaph area which I consider was the best ever this year.
- Last night all Elected Members attended a briefing where the Executive Director of Energy Directorate, Department of Mines and Energy – Victoria Jackson – gave a detailed and informative presentation of Fracking within the NT. Ms Jackson's factual presentation clarified many areas where members were unsure or unclear of the Fracking process.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS TO BE TABLED**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Correspondence and Documents Tabled

Nil

## **9. QUESTIONS**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Questions

### **9.1 With Notice**

Nil

### **9.2 Without Notice**

Nil

## **10. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

## **11. REPORT OF OFFICERS**

### **11.1 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2014**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Chief Executive Officer Reports

MOVED: Clark/Rose

That the report of the Chief Executive Officer for the month of March 2014 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

- The Mayor commented she was pleased to see a significant increase in sales at Visitor Information Centre.

## **11.2 MONTHLY WORKS AND SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2014**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Works and Services Department Reports

MOVED: Rose/Phillips

That the report of the Works and Services Department for the month of February 2014 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Rose commented urban litter collection figures have increased. The Mayor commented that this had been explained by Director of Works & Services last month – this is the most accurate way of reporting. The CEO advised that it is actual weight and not estimated weight and volume.
- Alderman Gazey feels there may be fluctuations for a while.
- The Mayor and CEO have been having meetings with Lands and Planning. There are some areas where it is unsure which department is responsible for which parcel of land, however Council is now not responsible for Low Level bridge. The CEO advised that a different set of interpretations have been placed on asset management. Debate has arisen over what areas of the bridge Council is responsible for. The new road reserve which was put in recently will cause issues during the wet, as it was completed without a permit.
- Alderman Higgins stated that if a park is in a boundary which is halfway, this should be the demarcation line.
- Alderman Phillips complimented Council on tidying up the Cenotaph and the Bell Tower.
- Deputy Mayor Clark asked if the fence is permanent. The CEO stated that the fence will come down as it is too prone to damage. Sleeves have been cemented into the area, and next time around steel panels will be dropped into sleeves. They are not locked in at the moment, and will be removed.
- Alderman Gazey queried inspectorate service which said due to leave there were no figures available but Attachment A had figures. The CEO advised that there was one Ranger here and some figures would have been captured, specifically the hours breakdown. The CEO will need to clarify this.

## **11.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – MARCH 2014**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Clark/Phillips

That Council endorse the Financial Report for the month of March 2014.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Deputy Mayor Clark asked about page 24 - ABC lease – is this going to continue? The CEO advised that this has been renewed but they have asked for a one year lease with 2 further one year options. Same terms and conditions apply. They wanted the ability to terminate during that process.
- Alderman Rose asked about a cost which he felt excessive (Ram?). The CEO advised they are under contract to deliver those services and it is an expensive piece of equipment.

#### **11.4 PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

File: Community Relations / Committees / Place Names Committee

MOVED: Tapp-Coutts/Clark

That Council:

1. Approves the proposed place names – being McManes Road and Loch Road; and
2. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to formally convey this decision to the Place Names Committee for the Northern Territory.

CARRIED: 7/0

#### **11.5 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES**

File: Community Relations / Committees / Council Representatives on Committees

MOVED: Phillips/Gazey

That Council appoint Representatives on Committees and external bodies as per the attached listing.

CARRIED: 7/0

#### **11.6 MUNICIPAL PLAN – QUARTERLY REVIEW**

File: Governance / Compliance / Municipal Plan

MOVED: Rose/Tapp-Coutts

That Council notes the status of the quarterly review of the Municipal Plan for 2013/2018 as at the 31 March 2013.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Gazey asked about no 14 – declaration of rates – has this been finalised? The CEO advised that this has been completed for this financial year and carried forward.

#### **11.7 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 13 MAY 2014**

File: Local Governance / Media Relations / Administration

MOVED: Higgins/Tapp-Coutts

**That Council:**

1. Determines to hold a Special Meeting of Council for 5.30pm on Tuesday 13 May 2014 to consider the 2014-15 Municipal Plan and budget.

CARRIED: 7 /0

- The CEO reminded Elected Members that a workshop will be called on Tuesday 6 May 2014 at 5.30pm.
- It was agreed that 5pm would suit the Elected Members better.

## 12. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

File: Community Relations / Committees / Elected Member Representatives on Committees

The following meetings/activities were attended by the Elected Members:

### **Alderman Peter Gazey**

Elected Members Workshop  
Council Meeting  
Clean Up Australia Day

### **Alderman Steven Rose**

Elected Members Workshop  
Council Meeting  
Municipal Plan Workshop  
Launch of Katherine Central Apartments  
Chamber of Commerce Meeting  
Tindal Expo  
Afternoon Tea with The Administrator  
TIO Board Dinner  
93<sup>rd</sup> RAAF Birthday Party

### **Alderman Toni Tapp-Coutts**

Elected Members Workshop  
Council Meeting  
Municipal Plan Workshop  
Afternoon Tea with The Administrator  
Volunteer for Youth Week at the Library

### **Alderman Rob Phillips**

Elected Members Workshop  
Council Meeting  
Municipal Plan Workshop  
Historical Society Meeting  
Afternoon Tea with The Administrator  
TIO Board Meeting

### **Alderman Donald Higgins**

Elected Members Workshop  
Council Meeting  
Afternoon Tea with The Administrator  
TIO Board Dinner  
Municipal Plan Workshop

### **Deputy Mayor Lis Clark**

Elected Members Workshop  
Council Meeting  
Open Forum  
Clean Up Australia Day  
YMCA Meeting  
Afternoon Tea with The Administrator  
TIO Board Dinner  
Municipal Plan Workshop

**13. LATE AGENDA**

Nil

**14. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**15. PETITIONS**

Nil

**16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

MOVED: Clark/Tapp-Coutts

That standing orders be suspended to allow Council to consider a confidential matter in Committee.

Meeting closed to the public. All members of the public left the Chambers.

**16.1 LEASE NEGOTIATIONS – KATHERINE CIVIL AIRPORT**

MOVED: Phillips/Rose

Council adopt the recommendation contained within the Confidential Report.

CARRIED: 7/0

**DECISION RESCINDED – ORDINARY COUNCIL –  
24 JUNE 2014**

**16.2 PROPOSED LAND SALES**

MOVED: Phillips/Clark

**That it be recommended to Council:**

Council adopt the recommendations contained within the Confidential Report.

CARRIED: 7/0

**16.3 LEASE NEGOTIATIONS – KATHERINE AQUATIC CENTRE**

MOVED: Rose/Tapp-Coutts

Council adopt the recommendation contained within the Confidential Report.

CARRIED: 4/3

- Alderman Philips, Gazey and Deputy Mayor Clark wished their vote against recorded

MOVED: Clark

That Council resume the meeting.

**DECISION RESCINDED – ORDINARY COUNCIL  
– 27 MAY 2014**

CARRIED: 7/0

17. **MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting was closed at 7.35 pm.

Fay Miller  
**MAYOR OF KATHERINE**