



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF COUNCIL

HELD

TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 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 26 AUGUST 2014 AT 6.31 PM

1. OPENING PRAYER

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

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs Neroli Dickens – Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Sophie Henderson – A/Director Corporate and Community Services
Mr David Moore – Operations Manager

1 x members of the Katherine Community
1 x members of the Media

Ms Rosemary Jennings – Minute Taker

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

MOVED: Higgins/Clark

That leave be granted to Alderman Peter Gazey for the 26 August 2014 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED: 6/0

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

MOVED: Clark/Phillips

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 29 July 2014 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED: 6/0

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

- **LGANT**

LGANT has been negotiating with the Department of Local Government for several months in relation to reforms to Local Government – with LGANT Executive agreeing to take responsibility for additional functions previously carried out by the Department. In some cases there has been a duplication of responsibilities and this reform seeks to streamline these functions. The agreement is for 3 years initially, is flexible and can be amended where necessary.

The CEO's Forum in Alice Springs held on 19th August endorsed the proposed budget and service plan. A Special General Meeting of LGANT held on Thursday 21st August gave unanimous support to the reforms from all Municipal and Regional Councils.

- **Developing The North**

Wednesday 13th August I was on a panel for community discussion re Developing The North which was held at GYRACC. This forum gave members of the community the opportunity to hear information as well as present questions from the floor. I believe there is goodwill by Government to carry the project through successfully in conjunction with the Federal Government's plans for Developing Northern Australia.

- **Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**

Last week I presented to the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples which was also at GYRACC. It needs to be noted that all political parties and the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) support this change to the Constitution. The key to a positive outcome will include responses from the wider community in support of the recommendations – in addition to an intense community engagement and educational promotion. I have asked all elected members to provide me with their comments to be forwarded to the Select Committee.

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 JULY 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 July 2014 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 6/0

Alderman Rose questioned the meeting of the Mayor with Venture Housing. The Mayor detailed her meeting with them and their developments currently underway in Darwin regarding affordable housing.

Alderman Rose queried the Timber Creek Landfill Forum. The Mayor detailed the presentation that was given – It was purely informational.

Alderman Clark commented that it is pleasing to see that Visitors are spending more even though numbers are down.

11.2 MONTHLY WORKS AND SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2014

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

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

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

CARRIED: 6/0

Alderman Rose queried what happens if the power goes out in an automated toilet. CEO Neroli Dickens believes that there is an automatic opener on the doors when they lose power - will seek clarification.

11.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – JULY 2014

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Clark/Tapp-Coutts

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

CARRIED: 6/0

Alderman Tapp-Coutts queries the expansion of the GYRACC Festival of the Dry Funding- What is this for? Acting Director of Corporate & Community Services Sophie Henderson advised that this was for the Katherine Prize as well as the Councils contribution to The Shadow King.

11.4 MUNICIPAL PLAN – QUARTERLY REVIEW

File: Governance / Compliance / Municipal Plan

MOVED: Clark/Phillips

That it be recommended to Council:

That Council notes the status of the quarterly review of the Municipal Plan for 2013/2018 as at the 30 June 2014.

CARRIED: 6/0

11.5 AQUITTAL – 2012/13 FAMILY SAFE ENVIRONMENT FUND GRANT

File: Finance / Grant Funding / Department of Local Government

MOVED: Tapp-Coutts/Higgins

That it be recommended to Council:

That the acquittal for the 2012/2013 Special Purpose Grant be received and noted and the acquittal be forwarded to the Department of Local Government for compliance purposes.

CARRIED: 6/0

Alderman Higgins queried is this is working? CEO advised that this is still in the trial phase.

11.6 KATHERINE FESTIVAL GRANTS – SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

File: Finance / Grant Funding / Katherine Festival Grants 2014

MOVED: Tapp-Coutts/Rose

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That Council approve the awarding of the following grants as per the recommendations of the Festival Grants Assessment Committee Minutes of Thursday 7 August, 2014.

Organization	Event	Amount
Katherine Judo Club	Flying Fox Festival Judo Tournament	\$500.00
Katherine Regional Arts	Woven Sculpture Workshop	\$500.00
Katherine Regional Arts	Weaving Workshop	\$500.00
	TOTAL	\$1,500.00

2. That Council retains the remaining allocated Festival Grant Budget to conduct a second round of grant funding to open January 2015 and to be concluded by the March 2015 Council Meeting.

CARRIED: 6/0

Alderman Tapp-Coutts believes that this needs to be revamped.
The CEO advised that Council is capable of carrying out the recommendations.
The CEO recommended that this should be taken to a workshop to discuss plans for the Festival of the Dry 2015.
The CEO advised that preliminary discussions have occurred with GYRACC, Katherine Regional Arts & Tony Wood from TAMS.

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 Steven Rose

A Step Through Time
Development Consent Authority Meeting
Chamber of Commerce Meeting
ABARES Regional Outlook Conference
Special Council Meeting
Aircombat Capability Briefing
Ordinary Council Meeting
Workshop x 2

Alderman Toni Tapp-Coutts

Ordinary Council Meeting
Special Council Meeting
Workshop x 2
Museum Meeting

Alderman Rob Phillips

NAIDOC Opening Ceremony
A Step Through Time
Museum Meeting
Showgrounds Advisory Meeting
Ordinary Council Meeting
Special Council Meeting
Workshop x 2

Alderman Donald Higgins

Territory Day
Special Council Meeting
Ordinary Council Meeting
Katherine District Show
Workshop x 2
A Step Through Time

Deputy Mayor Lis Clark

Territory Day
NAIDOC Opening Ceremony
A Step Through time
Special Council Meeting
NAIDOC Closing Ceremony
Aircombat Capabilities Briefing
Ordinary Council Meeting

Elected Members Workshop x 2
Morning Tea with David Laugher

13. **LATE AGENDA**

Nil

14. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

15. **PETITIONS**

Nil

16. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

17. **MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting was closed at 6.52 pm.

Fay Miller
MAYOR OF KATHERINE