



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF COUNCIL

HELD

TUESDAY 22 MAY 2012

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 THURSDAY 22 MAY 2012 AT 6.00 PM**

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PRESENT

Mayor Fay Miller
Alderman Lis Clark
Alderman Adrian Creighton
Alderman Kate Ganley
Alderman Steven Rose
Alderman Henry Higgins
Alderman Rob Phillips

IN ATTENDANCE Mr David Laughler – Chief Executive Officer
 Mr Warwick Jack – Works Manager
 Mrs Sophie Henderson – Administration Manager
 Mrs Alice Anastacio – Finance Manager
 Mr Richard Hunt – Local Government Support Unit
 14 x Members of the Katherine Community
 2 x Media Representative from the Katherine Times

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

MOVED: Clark / Rose

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 12 April 2012 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

The Mayor raised the following issues:

- Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Elected Member Workshop and Good Governance Conference in Darwin in early May was very successful and well worth attending.
- Katherine Cultural Precinct 'Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre' is still facing financial operating funding difficulties.
- Alcohol Plan of Management Community Consultative Meeting – 24 May 2012 at 4.00pm at the Civic Centre.
- Northern Territory Hat Yak Competition Winner Mr Tom Curtain – Katherine Township renamed Tom Curtain for the day – 21 May 2012. Mr Tom Curtain will make a great ambassador for Katherine. Will write to Tourism NT to request, in the future, more notice in order to promote such events.
- Biggest Morning Tea – 24 May 2012 from 10.00am till 12.00noon at the Visitor Information Centre and other locations around the community.
- Biodiversity Grant Meeting – 22 May 2012. Katherine Town Council, Katherine Country Club and Greening Australia held first planning meeting to develop eco-corridors.

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

REPORT OF OFFICERS

11.1 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2012

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

MOVED: Clark / Creighton

That the report of the Chief Executive Officer for the month of April 2012 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

Chief Executive Officer advised of the following amendment:

The National Youth Week Opening/Closing Ceremony funding of \$4,000 was incorrectly entered twice.

Alderman Higgins queried the number of computer hour usage and the cost associated at the Katherine Public Library. The Administration Manager advised that members are charged \$2.00 per half hour and non-members are charged \$4.50 per hour.

11.2 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE WORKS MANAGER FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2012

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Works Manager Reports

MOVED: Phillips / Creighton

That the report of the Works Manager for the month of April 2012 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

Chief Executive Officer advised of the following amendment:

Under the mowing of nature strips the Council slashed between the high and railway bridges and not between the high and low level bridges.

Alderman Rose queried the increase in vandalism in April 2012 when in previous years vandalism in April had been non-existent. The Works Manager was unsure of the reasons but would advise.

Alderman Rose requested that the graphs used be formatted differently in order to see the results clearly. The Works Manager will amend.

Alderman Phillips questioned who is responsible for the amenities at the Cemetery as they are currently in a poor state. The Works Manager advised that Council is responsible but there is a water issue that is currently being repaired.

11.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – APRIL 2012

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Clark / Rose

That the Finance Report for the month of April 2012 prepared by the Finance Manager as at 2 May 2012 be received and adopted.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

11.4 MINUTES OF ART AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2012

File: Community Relations / Committees / Art and Cultural Committee / 2012

MOVED: Clark / Higgins

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19 April 2012 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

11.5 MINUTE OF LAMBERT FAMILY TRUST 19 APRIL 2012

File: Community Relations / Committees / Lambert Family Art & Craft Trust / Lambert Family Trust Meeting 2012

MOVED: Higgins / Phillips

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19 April 2012 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

11.6 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

File: Community Relations / Committees / Council Representatives on Committees

MOVED: Higgins / Clark

Alderman Higgins requested an amendment for the representatives on the Showgrounds Advisory Committee.

That Alderman Phillips and Alderman Higgins exchange places.

With the consent of the mover and seconder

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

CARRIED: 7 / 0

11.7 ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

File: Finance / Allowances / Elected Members Expenses and Allowances

MOVED: Higgins / Rose

1. That pursuant to Section 71 of the Local Government Act 2008 the following allowances be paid in arrears to Elected Members for 2012/13:

	MAYOR	DEPUTY MAYOR	ALDERMAN
BASE ALLOWANCE	\$60,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$11,000.00
ELECTORAL ALLOWANCE	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
TOTAL	\$65,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$14,000.00

Acting Mayoral Allowance \$165 per day
(not applicable to Deputy Mayor)

Allowances to be paid by Electronic Fund Transfer or Cheque.

2. That pursuant to Section 72 of the Local Government Act 2008 conveyance and subsistence expenses for Members attending meetings/conferences/functions be paid as follows:
 - Travel within the Municipality as a consequence of attendance at a function or activity on the business of Council will be at the Elected Member's own expense.
 - Travel outside the Council area as a consequence of attendance at a function or activity on the business of Council will be met by Council but only if such attendances have been approved by Council resolution.
 - The conveyance component will be paid at the rate of 74 cents per kilometre if and when a Council vehicle or suitable commercial travel is unavailable. This is consistent with the Motor Vehicle Allowance detailed in Clause 15.2 of the Local Government Industry Award 2010.
 - Actual and necessary expenses incurred by Members in attending functions or activities on Council business outside the Municipality will be reimbursed. Examples of such expenses include registration fees, accommodation and taxi fares. Receipts for all expenses are to be obtained. Attendance to be approved by Council resolution.
 - That any Elected Member who is a representative on a committee will be reimbursed for attendance at committees only to the extent that their expenses are not covered by that committee. Council's purchase orders or credit cards are not to be issued for any reason except those directly relating to Council business. Representatives on committees shall seek the reimbursement of expenses directly from the committee involved and not via Council.

CARRIED: 6 / 1

Alderman Clark noted that she was quite happy with the current arrangement. Alderman Clark asked that her vote be recorded 'against' the motion.

11.8 DRAFT MUNICIPAL PLAN – 1 JULY 2012 – 30 JUNE 2017

File: Local Governance / Compliance / Municipal Plan

MOVED: Higgins / Ganley

That Council approve the Draft Municipal Plan 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2017 for public exhibition.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

Alderman Higgins questioned the capital purchase for the Katherine Public Library of six new public computers but realised that the costs received in revenue cover this expense.

Alderman Phillips questioned the capital purchase of the Central Business District Street Lighting. Alderman Phillips noted that this type of street lighting is often vandalised and not really necessary.

Alderman Rose queried the above street lighting in relation to laser lights proposed by the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer noted that the laser light funding is monies being carried forward from the current financial year and where in fact a separate purchase.

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 Kate Ganley

LGANT Good Governance Conference
Anzac Day
Landcare Meeting

Alderman Lis Clark

LGANT Good Governance Conference
Anzac Day
YMCA Meeting
Council Budget Meeting
Katherine Area School Reunion
Gamba Grass Removal on Florina Road
Mosaic Mural Official Opening

Alderman Steven Rose

LGANT Good Governance Conference
Anzac Day
Weeds Advisory Meeting
Chamber of Commerce Meeting
Council Budget Meeting
Mosaic Mural Official Opening

Alderman Adrian Creighton

LGANT Elected Member Workshop and Good Governance Conference
Anzac Day
Council Budget Meeting
Mosaic Mural Official Opening

Alderman Donald (Henry) Higgins

LGANT Elected Member Workshop and Good Governance Conference
Anzac Day
Jewels of Katherine Opening

Alderman Rob Phillips

LGANT Elected Member Workshop and Good Governance Conference
Council Budget Meeting
Hat Yak Competition Unveiling

13. LATE AGENDA

13.1 APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORISED PERSONS

File: Local Governance / Authorisation

MOVED: Phillips / Clark

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That pursuant to Part 9.6, Division 1 of the Local Government Act 2008 that Council appoints:

Ranger	Bob Trew
Casual Depot Employee	Steven Fleming

As an authorised person for the purpose of enforcing the Local Government Act, Regulations or By-Laws and any other Act, Regulation or By-Law or any part thereof the enforcement of which is vested in the Council.

2. That pursuant to Part 9.6, Division 1 of the Local Government Act 2008 that Council revokes the appointment of:

Ranger	Donna Simms
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CARRIED: 7 / 0

Alderman Ganley queried the method on how a new employee is inducted and trained to be an Authorised Person. The Chief Executive Officer explained that there is a provision within the Local Government Act for such persons and Authorised Persons can face penalties if the law is not followed. Katherine Town Council's staff will be placed on a roster system to assist with early morning and early evening in order to focus on the illegal camping currently occurring with the Katherine municipality.

Alderman Phillips queried if this focus would also include those in motor homes and casual campers. The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council would not discriminate.

14. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

15. **PETITIONS**

Nil

16. **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT**

File: Local Governance / Council Meeting / Questions from the Public

Mr Bruce Francois – sought clarification that the increase in Council staff pursuing illegal campers would include Indigenous itinerants. The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council would not discriminate.

17. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

MOVED: Higgins / Creighton

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.

MOVED: Higgins / Creighton

That Council resume the meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED: Higgins / Creighton

That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to affix the common seal on the Registration of Overriding Statutory Charge on the noted property.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

18. **MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting was closed at 6.48pm.

Fay Miller
MAYOR OF KATHERINE

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES AS AT 22 MAY 2012					
ADVISORY COMMITTEES	GOVERNING BODY	INTERNAL / EXTERNAL	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE	APPOINTED BY	MEETING
Katherine Arts and Cultural Committee	Council	Internal Advisory	Alderman Clark	Council	Monthly
Katherine Sports Precinct Network Group	Council	Internal Advisory	Alderman Higgins / Alderman Phillips	Council	Bi Monthly
Lambert Family Art & Craft Trust Management Committee	Council & Lambert Family	Internal Advisory	Mayor / Alderman Ganley	Council	Monthly
Showgrounds Advisory Committee	Council	Internal Advisory	Alderman Phillips / Alderman Higgins	Council	Bi Monthly
Katherine Town Council – Festival Grants Committee	Council	Internal Advisory	Alderman Rose / Alderman Ganley	Council	As required
Katherine Town Council – Community Benefit Grants Committee	Council	Internal Advisory	Alderman Rose / Alderman Ganley	Council	As required
Development Review Committee	Council	Internal Advisory	Alderman Rose / Alderman Higgins Mayor Miller (alternate)	Council	As required
Administrative Review Committee	Council	Internal Advisory	Mayor / Alderman Higgins / Chief Executive Officer	Council	As required
Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Interim Board of Management	Council	External	Mayor	Council	As required
Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Control Group	Department of Natural Resources, Environment & the Arts	External	Mayor	Council	As required
Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Action Group	Katherine Region Cultural Precinct Action Group Inc.	External	Mayor	Council	As required
Katherine Region Action Group	Department of Justice	External	Mayor	Council	Monthly

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES AS AT 22 MAY 2012					
ADVISORY COMMITTEES	GOVERNING BODY	INTERNAL / EXTERNAL	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE	APPOINTED BY	MEETING
Communities for Children Committee	Smith Family	External	Mayor	Council	Monthly
Counter Disaster Planning Committee	Police, Fire & Emergency Services	External	Mayor	Council	As required
Development Consent Authority	Department of Planning & Infrastructure	External	Alderman Rose / Alderman Higgins Mayor Miller (alternate)	Minister	Monthly
Inter-Agency Tasking & Coordination Group	Department of Justice	External	Mayor	Council	Fortnightly
Katherine Chamber of Commerce	Chamber of Commerce	External	Alderman Rose	Council	Monthly
Katherine Museum	Historical Society	External	Alderman Creighton / Alderman Phillips	Council	Monthly
Katherine Regional Arts	Katherine Regional Arts	External	Alderman Ganley	Council	Monthly
Local Government Association of the Northern Territory	Local Government Association of the Northern Territory	External	Mayor	Council	As required
Nitmiluk National Park Board	Nitmiluk National Park Board	External	Mayor	Minister	Quarterly
Tourism Top End Katherine Region Group	Tourism Top End	External	Mayor	Council	Monthly
YMCA Management Committee	YMCA Board	External	Alderman Clark	Council	Monthly