



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF COUNCIL

HELD

TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2013

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 25 JUNE 2013 AT 6.05 PM

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE Mr David Laugher - Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Sophie Henderson – Administration Manager
Mrs Neroli Dickens – Manager Assets and Infrastructure
Mrs Alice Anastacio – Finance Manager
Mrs Heather Kirk – Administration and Executive Support Officer
Mr James Rowe – Economic Development Manager
Mr Warwick Jack - Works Manager
3 x Members of the Katherine Community
1 x Member of the Media

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/Phillips

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 28 May 2013 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

That the Confidential Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 28 May 2013 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on the 14 June 2013 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

- Raised the issue of Recognition of Local Government and that Elected Members raise their awareness of this.
- Heavy Vehicle Bypass funding from the Federal Government – discussion re conversations with Federal Ministers.

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

10.1 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

MOVED: Ganley/Clark

Council provide in kind support via subsidised venue hire for approved events in the Katherine Festival.

AMENDED MOTION:

MOVED: Ganley/Creighton

Motion is to lie on the table for a decision on whether Motion is rescinding.

CARRIED: 7/0

10.2 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

MOVED: Ganley/Creighton

Minutes of Council meetings include statements made by Elected Members and that questions asked by Elected Members are included in the minutes and that audio recordings are kept.

AMENDED MOTION:

MOVED: Miller/Ganley

Minutes of Council meetings include statements made by Elected Members and that questions asked by Elected Members are included in the Minutes. Council will commit to investigating the cost of audio equipment.

CARRIED: 7/0

10.3 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

MOVED: Ganley/Creighton

Council develop a proposal for the allocated \$10m by the Federal Government for the Heavy Vehicle Bypass.

CARRIED: 7/0

11. REPORT OF OFFICERS

11.1 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2013

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

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

That the report of the Chief Executive Officer for the month of May 2013 be received and noted.

- Alderman Phillips asked if there was an escalation in dog attacks and the Works Manager undertook to research and provide answers.
- Alderman Phillips queried the illegal camping figures small numbers. The CEO responded that this was likely due to a shortage of Rangers.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.2 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE WORKS MANAGER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2013

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Works Manager Reports

MOVED: Higgins/Clark

That the report of the Works Manager for the month of May 2013 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – MAY 2013

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Clark/Higgins

That the Finance Report for the month of May 2013 prepared by the Finance Manager be received and adopted.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.4 MINUTES OF THE ART AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 MAY 2013

File: Community Relations / Committees / Art and Cultural Committee / 2013

MOVED: Clark/Ganley

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 May 2013 be received and noted.

- Alderman Clark notified the public that the Festival brochure was available for viewing.
- Alderman Clark gave a big thank you to Pam Franklin who is leaving Council and welcomed Daniel Chapman to the role of Community Liaison Officer.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.5 KATHERINE DIGITAL STRATEGY

File: Technology and Telecommunication/National Broadband Network

MOVED: Creighton/Phillips

That Council:

1. Note the importance of and the implications of the forthcoming NBN rollout, and to
 2. Endorse the Katherine Digital Strategy and Action Plan.
- Alderman Ganley noted the motion and queried if Council had adequate resources to implement the action plan. The Economic Development Manager confirmed there would be no financial implication to Council.
 - Alderman Ganley queried page 46 recommendation stakeholder plan which includes plan to engage the public. She asked if there would be no budget implications associated with this. The CEO confirmed this was correct.
 - Alderman Rose commented that it would be a good opportunity to get the best results for Katherine.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.6 KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL – ACCOUNTING AND POLICY MANUAL

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Phillips/Creighton

That Council endorse the attached Katherine Town Council Accounting and Policy Manual.

- Alderman Rose noted in previous policy there was a member on the national Nitmiluk Board and this is omitted and also the Mt Todd Reference Group from the last policy is not included and Katherine Tourism Committee not included. The Mayor advised that these Committees were external, not Council run, and that Council had not appointed anyone to the Mt Todd and Katherine Tourism Committee groups.
- The Economic Development Manager – there was an expectation that he would be partly funded by taking on work from other agencies and queried this. The CEO confirmed the appointment of the Economic Development Manager was not based on this expectation
- Assets and Infrastructure need to be catalogued with a record of condition for budgeting requirements. The CEO confirmed that the position description for the Manager Assets and Infrastructure was still a work in progress..
- Alderman Ganley queried page 52 – clarification on the extent of the functions of Council and housing and community amenities. It was confirmed that the house at the Katherine Musuem was listed as an asset.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.7 MULTIPLE DWELLINGS – AMENDED METHODOLOGY STATEMENT

File: Finance / Rates / Multiple Dwellings

MOVED: Phillips/Creighton

That Council support the amended methodology of determining the quantity of Multiple Dwelling establishments per parcel of land, for those properties zoned Agricultural, whom operate a commercially viable industry with the provision of onsite workers' accommodation.

- Alderman Rose wanted confirmation that dormitory type accommodation on agricultural land with several rooms with shared ablutions would be classed as one dwelling. The CEO confirmed this was correct.

CARRIED: 7/0

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

Katherine Regional Arts AGM
Elected Members Workshops
Council Meeting

Alderman Steven Rose

Elected Members Workshops
Council Meeting
NBN Stakeholders Meeting
Opening of Katherine Museum
Meeting with Works Department regarding Weeds Policy

Alderman Adrian Creighton

Council Meeting
Elected Members Workshops
Citizenship Ceremony
Opening of Katherine Museum

Alderman Rob Phillips

Council Meeting
Elected Members Workshops
Opening of Katherine Museum
Showgrounds Advisory Committee Meeting

Alderman Higgins

Elected Members Workshop
Council Meeting
Sports Precinct Meeting
Opening of Katherine Museum

Alderman Lis Clark

Elected Member Workshops
Council Meeting
Opening of Katherine Museum
Art and Cultural Meeting
Saturday Markets - KTC Alderman Stall
Grants Funding Meeting
YMCA Meeting
Biggest Morning Tea

13. LATE AGENDA

Nil

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Alderman Rose has had queries at the Alderman Stall about the \$2 toilet fee. A suggestion was that if you purchase \$10 worth of goods in the centre this would entitle you to free access to the toilets.
- Alderman Rose has had a complaint about the smell of alcohol being tipped down the drains at the Visitor Information Centre by Police.
- Alderman Clark commented that there were no lights on in the Main Street and side streets at 6.30am.
- Alderman Phillips commented that Police told someone they could park on the nature strip and the next day they were fined by Council.
- Alderman Rose advised there was a wild fire at Edith Farms and commented how well the Bush Fire Brigade dealt with it.

15. PETITIONS

Nil

16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

17. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting was closed at 7.20pm.

Fay Miller
MAYOR OF KATHERINE