

# WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES of ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
LOT 62, WAGAIT TOWER ROAD

**16<sup>th</sup> August 2016**



## 1. PRESENT AT MEETING

President Peter Clee  
Vice President Brad Irvine  
Councillor Kurt Noble  
Councillor Veronica J Thorpe (by telephone)  
Councillor Alex Richmond  
Councillor Shenagh Gamble

CEO Deborah Allen

### 1.1 OPENING OF MEETING

President Peter Clee declared the meeting open at 7.00 pm at the Council Chambers and welcomed all Councillors to the meeting.

## 2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 APOLOGIES - NIL

2.2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - NIL

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 3.1 CONFIRMATION OF 19 JULY 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

**Resolution No. 2016/065**

**That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 19 July 2016, be confirmed.**

**Moved: President Peter Clee**

**Seconded: Councillor Kurt Noble**

**Vote: Carried**

### 3.2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JULY 2016 MINUTES - NIL

## 4. QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC

4.1 QUESTIONS AND FEDBACK - NIL

## 5. INWARDS AND OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE – JULY

### 5.1 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

11/07/2016	Jack Pilkington	Letter of resignation - effective 25 July	admin
12/07/2016	Telstra	Notification of proposal to upgrade mobile phone base station	admin
13/07/2016	Resident	Complaint - Wagait Tower Road Beach access	admin

20/07/2016	CBA	Key card and pin number	P Clee
20/7/216	CBA	Key card and pin number	G. Zikan
26/07/2016	Aboriginal Land Strategic Policy	Annual Client survey for 2015-2016	email
29/07/2016	All Conveyancing	Change of Ownership - 23 Cox Drive	email
8/08/2016	Dept. of Lands Planning and Environment	7 July Wagait Reconciliations	admin
8/08/2016	Territory Conveyancing	Rate Search - 64 DeLissa Drive	email
8/08/2016	Minister for Transport - Peter Chandler	Dept. of Transport Regional Economic Infrastructure Fund round 3 open for submissions	mail

## 5.2 OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

11/07/2016	Territory Wildlife Park	Confirmation of booking for Seniors - Wed 17 Aug 2016	email
13/07/2016	Resident	Reply to Complaint - Beach access at Wagait Tower Road	email
13/07/2016	Lisa Sherry - Dept. of Lands	Wagait Beach RUA	email
13/07/2016	Eunju Kim Baker Dept. of Health	Garbage rate concession follow up question	email
21/07/2016	Dept. of Health	Tax invoice - pensioner rates concession	email
21/07/2016	NT News	Rates Declaration	email
21/07/2016	Country Solar NT	GST refund - \$1,786.00	email
25/07/2016	Hon Bess Price, c/c Dept. of Local Govt and Community Services	Copy of 2016/2017 Shire Plan	mail
25/07/2016	Website	Elected Members allowances	web
25/07/2016	Website	Rates Declaration 2016-2017	web
25/07/2016	website	Elected Members Allowances and Expenses Policy	web
25/07/2016	Dept. of Local Govt	Notice of Payment of Grant - \$70,812.00	
26/07/2016	Sureline	Rate recovery action on 3 properties	email
26/07/2016	Ez Street Asphalt	Credit account	email
26/07/2016	Aboriginal Land Strategic Policy	Reply to Annual Client survey for 2015-2016	email
28/07/2016	Russell Anderson	Audit committee meeting - update	email
28/07/2016	Finn Bins	Fin Bin Tallies	email
28/07/2016	NTEC	Agreement for hire of premises and tax invoice	email
29/07/2016	Dept. of Chief Minister	Aboriginal Land Strategic Policy Unit - Annual Client Survey 2015-2016	email
29/07/2016	All Councillors	Process to make Animal Management By-Laws	email
29/07/2016	7 Property Owners	Letter advising pickup of more than one rubbish bin	mail

1/08/2016	All residents	Rates notice, Community Consultation meeting notice	mail
2/08/2016	Ironbark	Tax invoice - administration costs	email
8/08/2016	Territory Conveyancing	Rate Search - 64 DeLissa Drive	email

**Resolution No. 2016/ 066**

**That the correspondence for the month of July 2016 be noted.**

**Moved: President Peter Clee**

**Seconded: Councillor Brad Irvine**

**Vote: Carried**

## 6. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

### President Peter Clee's Report

#### What's been happening.....

**Waste Management** contractor for kerbside pickup seems to be settling in. They have been operating with a temporary vehicle pending the delivery of a new permanent collection vehicle. There have been no complaints to me about the contractor's operation in the last month. The kerbside pickups are scheduled to commence at 8am in Wagait Beach every Wednesday morning.

The next collections for hard waste have been programmed to occur from 2 – 16 September then 16 – 30 December and 3 – 17 March 2017.

Council have introduced a Waste Management Levy to pay for the relocation and disposal of waste to the Shoal Bay transfer station in Darwin. This includes the collection and disposal of waste from the kerbside, public areas, quarterly hard waste collection and from around the estate in general. The levy has been set at \$300 per annum. There is a supplementary waste disposal levy charged quarterly if an additional wheelie bin is required at any time during that quarter and can be arranged by contacting the council office.

Council has established **an Audit Committee**. The committee consists of two Councillors, one community member and an independent Chairperson. Mr Russell Anderson has been appointed as the Chairperson. The Audit Committee will meet quarterly and will provide oversight and guidance to the CEO. The audit committee is an NTG requirement for all councils. The first meeting of the Audit committee will probably be when the 2015/16 financials are released.

**A Public Meeting** was held on August 2 at the Community Centre. The meeting considered matters requiring review by the Electoral Commissioner and these will be considered by council at its August meeting.

The public meeting also considered the Wagait Shire Council **Strategic Plan** for the next 5 years. Priorities were identified and may be incorporated whole or in part into the Strategic Plan which is currently being reviewed

Now **that KENBI** has settled and handback of lands to the traditional owners has commenced it is appropriate to consider the long term requirements of Local Government on the Cox Peninsula. Whilst I would argue strongly that Wagait Council is sustainable in its present form, there is little doubt that a small council like Wagait Shire can coexist with a larger council in the same area. We must look at options to expand our boundaries and move toward a satisfactory Regional Council solution. The tri Council working group of Belyuen, Coomalie and Wagait have agreed to work with consultants to give the councils and their residents' options to consider moving forward.

**Amalgamation discussions** have been ongoing over the last 12 months. The Department of Local Government advise that if we do not amalgamate then our funding will be in doubt in the future. Council will continue discussions in good faith in anticipation of options and recommendations forthcoming from consultants who have been commissioned to do so.

The council's current position on Amalgamations is based on previous public meetings which have indicated:

- No amalgamations with Darwin City Council
- No amalgamations with Litchfield Municipal Council
- A preference to remain a separate council
- Amalgamate with Belyuen is acceptable
- Incorporate adjacent unincorporated lands into Wagait Shire
- No desire for amalgamation with Coomalie
- No amalgamation with Bynoe / Dundee areas

Council will present amalgamation and regional council recommendations to the community for consideration.

**Ventia**, the contractor that is undertaking the remediation work on the old Radio Australia sites; and the **Australian Communications and Media Authority** are donating the old Radio Towers to Wagait Council to assist in regional communications solutions. Work has been delayed in disassembly of the towers because an Osprey has a nest with chicks at the top of the tower. The disassembly of the towers will commence in August or September.

The **CEO Deborah Allen** has been with council now for just over 1 year. During that time Deborah has done a splendid job at managing the Council, the council workforce and the needs of the community. Deborah is considered a valued member of council staff and of the community.

In early August I tried to meet with Minister Bess Price to present our Shire Plan and to discuss where Wagait Shire Council is heading over the next few years. I was unable to secure that meeting.

I have appeared on ABC radio twice in the last month promoting the community and answering questions.

Council has prepared a briefing paper for all candidates in the forthcoming NT election. The paper briefed candidates on the needs of the community. We need to actively lobby and promote Wagait to the numerous candidates for Daly.

Don't forget to vote on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Also Early Voting commences on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

## **Where have I been .....**

5th July	Weekly meeting with CEO
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Weekly meeting with CEO
11 <sup>th</sup> July	ABC Radio – Cox Peninsula Development proposals
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting with Litchfield Mayor Maree Bredhauer
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Weekly meeting with CEO
19 <sup>th</sup> July	On site meeting Ventia, CEO and Cr Brad Irvine – Donation of ACMA towers to council
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Council Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup> July	ABC Radio – Grass Roots interview
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Weekly meeting with CEO
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Weekly Meeting with CEO

9 <sup>th</sup> August	Weekly meeting with CEO
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Wagait Emergency Recovery Committee
12 <sup>th</sup> August	TOPROC Meeting @ Litchfield Shire Council
16 <sup>th</sup> August	Weekly Meeting with CEO
16 <sup>th</sup> August	Council Meeting

I regret not having a regular monthly report out over the last 12 months as I have been away at times caring for my mother. I also had a lot on my mind with her illness and subsequent death. I will try to get a report out now more regularly.

## **7. OFFICERS REPORTS**

### **7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

#### **Important Dates**

Seniors Day: 17 August  
Hard waste collection: 02 -16 September

#### **Meetings CEO Attended**

Weekly meetings with President  
28 July – Department of Sport and Recreation – Wagait

#### **Waste Management**

The new waste collection contractor has been delivering a reliable and efficient weekly service since their first run on 06 June. The contractor is also providing a weekly summary of the number of bins being emptied and addresses of properties that have more than one bin out for collection. Hard waste collections have been programmed for 02 – 16 September, 16 – 30 December and 03 – 17 March.

Chief Executive Officer's Report (cont)

#### **Administration**

The auditor carried out her interim audit over the days of 16 – 17 June. She identified six minor issues to be rectified prior to her return on 15 – 16 August and one main issue was identified. It is likely that a quantity surveyor will need to be engaged so that a fixed asset register showing valuations and depreciation can be established.

#### *Main Issue*

Property, plant and equipment – there's no complete fixed asset register. There is no supporting documentation showing the beginning balance of \$1.5 million. This may lead to the audit qualification of property, plant and equipment beginning balance.

Nexia Edwards Marshall (formally Barry Hansen Accountants) have been engaged to carry out end of month checks in MYOB and a number of issues were identified for June. A MYOB practitioner will provide assistance with rectifying the issues and provide training in an endeavour to reduce discrepancies in following months. The issues are making it difficult to provide improved financial reporting as the end of financial year can't be finalised until they are rectified.

The Department of Local Government's Compliance Team has been monitoring Wagait Shire Council's compliance with the Local Government Act much more closely than last year. They have required

action regarding the Annual Plan, Long Term Financial Plan, budget, electoral review, setting of councillors' allowances, rates declaration, website management and by-law establishment.

Council's Audit Committee will have its first meeting in September.

## **Roads**

A local civil works contractor has been working on the drop offs from the sealed road edges to driveways that did not have maintenance on the shoulders carried out last financial year. The works team will undertake maintenance on pot holes, utility cuts and edge repairs in the sealed roads throughout this year.

## **Grants**

The NT Government's 'Facility and Capital Equipment Program' grant has been identified as a possible source of revenue to assist with resurfacing Cloppenburg Park's sports court. Applications are currently being accepted and close 26 September. The funding conditions require:

- contribute 20% of the total cost of your project in cash or in-kind donations
- your contribution should be linked to planning, reserves and other fundraising
- you can apply for up to \$100,000 once in a financial year
- your project must cost a minimum of \$10,000

Municipal councils may apply for this grant provided the application includes all of the following:

- a sporting facility master plan
- an asset management plan covering all existing sporting facilities
- total annual expenditure on assets

If an application is submitted by 31 August the department can provide feedback so this is the planned deadline to complete and submit the application.

## **7.2 WORKS SUPERVISOR OFFICER'S REPORT**

The works team identified a fault with the chlorine dispensing unit at the water facility on 13<sup>th</sup> July that was causing excessive amounts of chlorine to be added to the potable water supply. PowerWater was notified and after additional fault finding was carried out, PowerWater advised the system had to be shut down until they could get a technician onsite. Water was unavailable for approximately 5 hours; the system has been operating without fault since then.

Council's tip truck is undergoing maintenance for the intermittent fault identified last month which has continued the leave the truck unusable on occasions when the tray has a load on it. The problem appears to be electrical.

Bins at the beach access points are starting to being used by locals for their household rubbish. One wheelie bin at the jetty had to be replaced after it was destroyed by fire. The boat ramp has been water blasted to remove algae from the concrete surfaces. Sightings of wild dogs has reduced significantly over the last couple of months.

Work has begun on completing of the soil holding bays located between the workshop and the Firies new shed. The bays were originally built for recycling materials in 2011 and funded by a grant from the Keep Australia Beautiful Organisation. The concrete slab at the tip and associated cages, drums and signage were included under the same grant. The grant ran out so the work was unable to be completed at that time.

All obligations in regard to our existing contracts are being met

### 7.3 SPORTS AND RECREATION OFFICER'S REPORT

We had an awesome holiday program with some different activities for the children; which they responded well to. I have included some of these into this terms program so we can continue on with them; being BMX and yoga. Our Thursday afternoon netball game is still limping along with the same keen players turning up. We are going to try for a basketball game as well as there is a bit of interest and also try and resurrect the Tuesday night tennis game.

#### ATTENDENCES-

MONDAY		Jul-04 VP-4 Sewing-10	Jul-11 VP -7 Yoga-10	Jul-18 sewing- 9	Jul-25 sewing 1
TUESDAY		Camping at Douglas-	Netball Clinic- 16	Clean Up day 35	soccer 9
WEDNESDAY		Daly Hot Springs	Soccer Clinic- 17	BMX w/shop 35	basketball 8
THURSDAY		20	craft - 7 Netball - 9	Cooking & movie - 8	BMX - 12 netball - 8
FRIDAY	15	Jul-01 Set up for Territory Day	craft - 3	Lost Darwin' visit at PH 8	Aviation Museum -0 (show day!) 13
SATURDAY	20	Jul-02 Movie Night at CP	AFL game- 2		

VP= veggie patch

#### **Resolution No. 2016/ 067**

**That the officer's reports to council for the month of July 2016 be received and accepted.**

**Moved: President Peter Clee**

**Seconded: Councillor Alex Richmond**

**Vote: Carried**

## 8.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

### 8.1 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE CASH REPORT

<b>WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL - Income &amp; Expenditure Cash Report -31 July 2016</b>							
	Month to Date			Year to Date			Full Year
	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	Budget \$
<b>INCOME</b>							
Rates and charges	\$1,553	\$18,240.83	-\$16,688	\$1,553	\$18,240.83	-\$16,688	\$218,980
Grants	\$72,312	\$20,564.58	\$51,747	\$72,312	\$246,774.96	-\$174,463	\$246,775
Grant - Sports & Recreation		\$1,750.00	-\$1,750		\$21,000.00	-\$21,000	\$21,000
Contract Income	\$5,003	\$12,063.63	-\$7,061	\$5,003	\$144,763.56	-\$139,761	\$132,700
Waste Management		\$9,700.00					\$116,400
Rental	\$200	\$220.00	-\$20	\$200	\$2,640.00	-\$2,440	\$2,640
Interest Received			\$0		\$0.00	\$0	
Other Income	\$17	\$3,083.33	-\$3,066	\$17	\$36,999.96	-\$36,983	\$37,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$79,085</b>	<b>\$65,622</b>	<b>\$23,163</b>	<b>\$79,085</b>	<b>\$470,419</b>	<b>-\$391,334</b>	<b>\$775,495</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>							
Administration	\$7,747	\$6,516	\$1,231	\$7,747	\$78,189.96	-\$70,443	\$78,190
Employment	\$25,240	\$32,600	-\$7,360	\$25,240	\$391,200.00	-\$365,960	\$391,200
Roads	\$8,989	\$5,000	\$3,989	\$8,989	\$60,000.00	-\$51,011	\$60,000
Contracts & materials	\$191	\$238	-\$47	\$191	\$2,850.00	-\$2,659	\$2,850
R&M Town Assets	\$442	\$1,592	-\$1,150	\$442	\$19,099.92	-\$18,658	\$19,100
Veh & Plant Exp	\$709	\$5,508	-\$4,799	\$709	\$66,090.00	-\$65,381	\$66,090
Grant Exp		\$2,145	-\$2,145		\$25,740.00	-\$25,740	\$25,740
Other Operational Exp	\$5,395	\$10,117	-\$4,722	\$5,395	\$121,399.92	-\$116,005	\$121,400
Services	\$2,828	\$858	\$1,969	\$2,828	\$10,299.96	-\$7,472	\$10,300
Capital Purchases					\$0.00		
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$51,540</b>	<b>\$64,572</b>	<b>-\$13,032</b>	<b>\$51,541</b>	<b>\$774,870</b>	<b>-\$723,329</b>	<b>\$774,870</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$27,545</b>	<b>\$1,050</b>	<b>\$36,195</b>	<b>\$27,544</b>	<b>-\$304,450</b>	<b>\$331,994</b>	<b>\$625</b>

## 8.2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2016

<b>WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL</b>					
<b>Financial Report for period ending 31 July 2016</b>					
<b>Cash at Bank &amp; on hand</b>					<b>Total</b>
Petty cash					\$ 311.95
Westpac Operational Account					\$ 34,122.46
Westpac Cash Management Account					\$ 265.64
CBA - Online Saver					\$ 70,000.00
CBA - Investment					\$ 800,000.00
<b>Total Cash at Bank &amp; onHand</b>					<b>\$ 904,700.05</b>
<b>Debtors</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>over 30 days</b>	<b>over 60 days</b>	<b>over 90 days</b>	
Trade	\$ 22,453.40				\$ 22,453.40
Rates				\$ 12,660.34	\$ 12,660.34
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>\$ 22,453.40</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 12,660.34</b>	<b>\$ 35,113.74</b>
<b>Creditors</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>over 30 days</b>	<b>Over 60 days</b>	<b>Over 90 days</b>	
Trade	\$ 2,541.00				
<b>Total Creditors</b>	<b>\$ 2,541.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,541.00</b>

### 8.3 RATE PAYERS

Overdue – 14 – of these 3 properties have a payment agreement. 2 properties have not paid in over 3 years and 9 are overdue for the 2015/2016 rate year.

### 8.4 ASSET LIST

Water Tank for carting water - \$879.35

## **8.5 CHANGES TO FINANCIAL REPORTING AT MEETINGS**

It was decided that the CEO will review the content of the financial report to council meetings over the next few months to present a more user friendly and easily understandable format including the possible use of visual charts or graphs.

The inclusion of supplier payments report will be discontinued immediately as it may reveal commercial in confidence information from time to time. Supplier payment reports will no longer be included in the agenda and minutes. More reports will be tabled at each meeting along with supporting documentation for inspection if required.

Actual data produced by the accounting package is preferable and should be tabled, but the existing summary should continue to be included within the agenda and minutes.

In future rates debtors ageing will be by year that the rates and fees were charged to the ratepayer.

### **Resolution No. 2016/ 068**

**That the financials for the month of June 2016 be received and accepted.**

**Moved: Councillor Brad Irvine**

**Seconded: Councillor VJ Thorpe**

**Vote: Carried**

Councillor Noble requested that implementation of an ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM be made a priority.

## **9.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **9.1 BY-LAWS AND ANIMAL MANAGEMENT – PROCESS OF MAKING BY-LAWS IS ONGOING.**

The process of developing and implementing By-Laws takes around 9 months usually. It is a costly process as it involves legal drafting. Council has the opportunity to develop any number of By-Laws this year at no cost to this community. Accordingly, council should consider what by-laws may well be desired or needed over the next few years in order to take advantage of this cost saving service.

Councillor Noble suggested we look at what by-laws exist for similar NT councils. Suggestions should be forwarded to the CEO for consideration at our September meeting.

### **9.2 COX PENINSULA BUSHFIRE SHED – PEPPERCORN LEASE – HAS NOT PROGRESSED.**

### **9.3 FINANCIAL REPORTING SYSTEM – HAS COMMENCED**

### **9.4 MANDORAH FERRY SURVEY - CR IRVINE TO EMAIL RESULTS TO COUNCILLORS - ONGOING**

### **9.5 DARWIN DUCHESS PROJECT - AWAITING GRANT DECISION DUE END OF AUGUST**

### **9.6 STREET SIGNS - OLD SIGNS TO BE AUCTIONED AT A SUITABLE TIME**

## 10.0 AGENDA ITEMS

### 10.1 SIGNATORIES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA

The bank requires a specific motion by council authorising signatories and method of operation. However, authorisation of payments will still be made in accordance with existing council policy.

**Resolution No. 2016/069**

**That Council authorise the following signatories for the operation of the accounts for The Commonwealth Bank of Australia; The President Peter Clee; The Deputy President Brad Irvine and the CEO Deborah Allen. The method of operation shall be any two to sign.**

**Moved: Councillor Kurt Russell**  
**Seconded: Councillor Alex Richmond**  
**Vote: Carried**

### 10.2 DECEMBER 2016 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was noted that the ordinary meeting due to be held in December was unlikely to have a quorum because of planned absences. Accordingly, it was agreed that the Ordinary Council Meeting for December 2016 be not held.

### 10.3 REVIEW OF ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION

**Resolution No. 2016/070**

**That this council notes the electoral review report included in the community consultation held on 2 August 2016 and accepts the consensus vote on the following:**

- **That this community has expressed a desire to reduce the number of elected representative councillors from 7 to 5 at the next local government elections.**
- **That the community has no wish or desire to partition the council area into wards.**
- **That the community has no wish or desire to establish any local boards or authorities within the current Wagait Shire.**

**Moved: President Peter Clee**  
**Seconded: Councillor V J Thorpe**  
**Vote: Carried**

### 10.4 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING – AUGUST 2016

President Peter Clee reported that the community consultation meeting held on 2 August 2016 was well attended with one of the largest numbers in attendance for some time.

In addition to the Electoral reform matters, a general discussion on council amalgamations and formation of regional councils was held.

It was agreed by the meeting that a small gathering will be held to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the opening of council chambers. This will be held on Saturday afternoon 10 December at the community centre.

The community consultation discussed the strategic plan and long term wishes of the community. These will be incorporated into the council's strategic plan which is to be reviewed over the next 6 months.

A report on the community consultation was tabled and will be made available to the public.

## **10.5 BOUNDARY EXPANSION AND AMALGAMATIONS**

Councillor Richmond expressed ongoing concerns with the process around joint negotiations on regional council solutions and amalgamations. Cr Richmond was expressly concerned that Wagait Shire Council was being placed in a difficult position of being forced to negotiate with a community that has no mechanism for democratic representation. She highlighted that there has been no democratically elected council at Belyuen for over 8 years. The NT government and Department of Local Government are responsible for resourcing and supporting this community to have the same basic rights as citizens elsewhere. In all negotiations with NTG and the Department, Wagait Shire Council should insist of the establishment of a local council that we might meaningfully negotiate with. The NTG have delayed any action on this matter, citing Kenbi land claim negotiations and various commonwealth and NT elections as reasons for not resolving the issue and departmental staff continue to push for amalgamation as the solution to the problem.

It was agreed that Wagait Shire Council should continue to lobby and in particular make representations to any new minister and to the incoming government to move quickly to rectify this anomaly and establish, support and resource a democratically elected council at Belyuen so that meaningful discussion can take place with our neighbouring community on the future of any regional council/s. It was agreed that Wagait Shire Council should continue to resist the great pressure being bought to bear from Departmental staff to enter into any arrangements that deny the basic democratic rights of the people of Belyuen.

### **Resolution No. 2016/ 071**

**That this council notes the report from the Community Consultation held on 2 August 2016 and accepts the following:**

- **That this community endorses the previous report dated July 2014 to the Northern Territory Government recommending the extension of the Wagait Shire Boundaries to include all of the freehold KENBI lands adjacent to Wagait Shire located in the north of the Cox Peninsula.**
- **That this council continue to work with Coomalie Local Government Council, Belyuen Community Government Council, consultants and other interested parties to look at options to form a Regional Council(s).**

**Moved: President Peter Clee**

**Seconded: Councillor Alex Richmond**

**Vote: Carried**

## **11.0 UPCOMING EVENTS**

**11.1 17 AUGUST - SENIORS OUTING – TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARK**

**11.2 8 SEPTEMBER - AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**11.3 10 SEPTEMBER - 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS - COMMUNITY CENTRE**

## **12.0 LATE ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 12.1** Cr Gamble noted that the Electoral Submission to candidates of the Electorate of Daly did not always align with our long term Strategic Plan. It was agreed that it is important that we update our long term strategic plan subsequent to the community consultation as soon as possible.
- 12.2** President Peter Clee advised that the Electoral Submission document was sent to all candidates for the Electorate of Daly. Most candidates had acknowledged the document.
- 12.3** Vice President Brad Irvine advised that he will be working away periodically on FIFO basis. He should still be able to attend meeting with minimal disruption.

## **13.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

- 13.1** CEO REVIEW
- 13.2** CEO WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

## **14.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 20 September 2016 in the Council Chambers, 64 Wagait Tower Road, Wagait Beach.

## **15.0 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.