

**Minutes**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
LOT 64 WAGAIT TOWER ROAD**

**19 January 2016**

- 1.0 PRESENT:** President Peter Clee  
Vice President Brad Irvine  
Cr VJ Thorpe  
Cr Lisa-Marie Stones  
Cr Shenagh Gamble  
Cr Kurt Noble  
Deborah Allen - CEO

**1.1 MEETING OPENING**

- 1.2** President Peter Clee declared the meeting open at 7.00pm at the Council Conference Room and welcomed all Councillors to the meeting.

**1.3 APOLOGIES: -**

**Resolution No. 2016/0001 – That the apology of Cr Alex Richmond be accepted and approved.**

Moved: Vice President Brad Irvine

Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones

Vote: AIF

**2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - NIL**

**3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Resolution No. 2016/002 - That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 17 November 2015 as tabled be confirmed.**

Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones

Seconded: Cr VJ Thorpe

Vote: AIF

**Resolution No. 2016/003 - That the minutes of the Special Meeting of 1 December 2015 as amended be confirmed.**

Moved: Cr VJ Thorpe

**Seconded: Vice-President Brad Irvine**

**Vote: AIF**

#### **4.0 QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC - Nil**

#### **5.0 INWARDS AND OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015**

**5.1** Refer to the January 2016 Agenda for a copy of the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence.

**Resolution No. 2016/004 - That the Inwards and Outwards correspondence for the month of November/December 2015 be noted.**

**Moved: President Peter Clee**

**Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones**

**Vote: AIF**

#### **6.0 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Nil

#### **7.0 OFFICERS REPORTS**

**7.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report – Deborah Allen** – refer to the January 2016 Agenda for a copy of the Chief Executive Officers report.

**7.2 Works Supervisors Report – Gary Zikan** - refer to the January 2016 Agenda for a copy of the Works Supervisor's report.

**7.3 Sport & Recreation Officer's Report – Robyn Presley** – refer to the January 2016 Agenda for a copy of the Sports and Recreation Officer's report.

**Resolution No. 2016/005 - That the Officer's reports' for the month of November 2015 be received and accepted.**

**Moved: Vice President Brad Irvine**

**Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble**

**Vote: AIF**

#### **8.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**8.1** Refer to the January 2016 Agenda for a copy of the Cash Income & Expenditure Report and the Financial Report for November 2015.

**8.2** CEO Deborah Allen to inform all councillors before the next meeting why the \$12,000 that was allocated in the budget against "Grant-Sports Ground – Carried Over" has not been entered into "Actual" because the grant has been acquitted.

- 8.3** In comparison the last Financial Year's budget, the rental income is much less, and this is because Council was receiving rent from the Health Department for the medical centre.
- 8.4** There has been some money spent in Professional Assistance to the CEO. This amount should be showing in the Actual spent. CEO to investigate.
- 8.5** CEO Deborah Allen has received quotes for the line marking for the roads. The quote includes the cost to have every single road in Wagait marked. A quote to repair the shoulders has also been received by CEO Deborah Allen. The allocation from the Roads to Recovery Program for Wagait is \$173,000.00. The program is over 5 years 2015/2019.

**Resolution No. 2016/006 - That the financials for the month of November 2015 be received and accepted.**

**Moved: Councillor Brad Irvine**

**Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones**

**Vote: AIF**

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

- 9.1 Power Point Presentation – Financial Reporting System** – A presentation of the Financial Reporting was presented to councillors showing the budget, money spent and variance in a simple bar graph. CEO has asked councillors if this is something they would like in future for all council meetings.

President Peter Clee suggested that this should be presented in two graphs, one showing the actual and the other showing the budget to date. It was decided that there is not need to show the variance.

- 9.2 Furies Shed – Lease to be provided and update from Furies** – Captain Patrick McIntyre was not at the meeting to give an update to councillors on his perspective. A quote from the electrician was received to connect power to this shed. This money has not been allocated in the budget. CEO to discuss further with Pat McIntyre and submit a new proposal to councillors at the next meeting.
- 9.3 Overdue Rates** – No action.
- 9.4 Asset Write-Off** – This is ongoing.
- 9.5 Cyclone Shelter Group Checklist** – CEO Deborah Allen has forwarded the cyclone checklist for the forthcoming cyclone season to Ken Lehmann from the NT Government. Wagait Shire Council is now prepared for a cyclone should the facilities be needed.
- 9.6 Unimproved Capital Value of Lands** – There are 388 rateable properties in Wagait Beach. The Valuer General's report shows that there are 387 on their database. There are four properties on the report that should have been identified as rateable and 3 that should have been identified as unrateable. CEO Deborah still awaiting reply from the Valuer General's office to have the database amended.

**9.7 Roads to Recovery** – CEO Deborah Allen has received quotes from Downer Group. Allen Chisholm from the R2R, Department of Infrastructure in Canberra has informed CEO Deborah Allen that the length of every road including the edge and potholes must be included in the submission. This road repairs are due commence in the coming months.

**9.8 Mandorah Ferry Service – No action.**

**9.9 Animal Management – By-Laws** – A second dog trap is currently being built by the Workshop staff. One of the traps will be set up on the other side of the town and the 2<sup>nd</sup> trap will be set up near the council property. President Peter Clee notified councillors that there is a stray dog hanging around the Jetty area. CEO Deborah Allen to contact the NT Government to see if their department can arrange to have this animal removed or if they would prefer Council to remove it at a cost.

**9.10 Boundary Reform** – Minutes and Agenda’s will be made available on council website. No action.

**9.11 Remediation Project** – Waste Management – no action.

**9.12 Darwin Duchess** – refer to item 10.6.

## **10.0 AGENDA ITEMS**

**10.1 VOTING FOR NEW VICE-PRESIDENT** – As per resolution No. 2015/202 “That the deputy Vice-President’s position be filled for a period of 6 months from todays date” dated 21 July 2015.

Only one nomination was received for the position of Vice-President.

**Resolution No. 2016/007 - That Vice-President Brad Irvine be re-elected for the position of Vice-President.**

**Moved:** Cr Lisa-Marie Stones

**Seconded:** Cr Shenagh Gamble

**Vote:** AIF

President Peter Clee congratulates Vice President Brad Irvine and hereby declares that Brad Irvine be elected as Vice-President unopposed.

**10.2 MEDIA RELEASE - New Oil and Gas guidelines exclude Watarrka and Coomalie from exploration** – a media release from the NT Government was circulated late last year that explained that oil and gas exploration permit applications for Watarrka National Park and the Coomalie Council Region will not be granted. Cr Shenagh Gamble informed councillors that Wagait has already been excluded. Noted.

**10.3 Notice of Consent** – A Notice of Consent has been received in the office notifying that approval to build a carport on a resident’s property has been approved.

**10.4 Review of Draft Waste Transfer Station Design** - A detailed plan and costing of the waste transfer station has been circulated to all councillors for their review. The design and works costing is based on 500 households. As the cost is excessive, Vice-President Brad Irvine and CEO Deborah Allen will work together before the next meeting

to revise this plan. To reduce the cost, they will look into having the house hold waste removed as the Shire already have a kerbside collection in place. The Cardboard and Paper as well as the glass, plastic and aluminium cans will also need to be removed and the contractor will be asked to provide a word version of the plan.

#### **10.5 Chief Minister's Department – Regional Economic Development Fund – grant**

Vice-President Brad Irvine has asked for Council to submit a grant application to have the access dirt road to the B24 Liberator Bomber Milady airplane wreckage heritage site repaired. The improvement of the road would be attractive to tourists and new comers to the area.

**Resolution No. 2016/008 - That council apply for a grant for development of a road to the B24 Liberator Bomber Milady wreckage heritage site from the Chief Minister's Department, in the form of a Regional Economic Development Grant**

**Moved: Vice-President Brad Irvine**

**Seconded: Cr Peter Clee**

**Vote: 5 For, 1 Against**

#### **10.6 Tourism NT – Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund – grant**

Vice-President Brad Irvine has asked for Council to submit a grant application to Tourism NT 's Tourism Infrastructure "Development Fund to have the "Darwin Duchess" refurbished. The grant application closes at the end of January 2016.

**Resolution No. 2016/009 - That a grant application be submitted to Tourism NT's Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund for the purpose of refurbishing the "Darwin Duchess".**

**Amount to be confirmed.**

**Moved: Vice-President Brad Irvine**

**Seconded: Cr VJ Thorpe**

**Vote: AIF**

#### **11.0 UPCOMING EVENTS**

**11.1 Australia Day – 26 January 2016.** Preparations are underway. Hon Gary Higgins and the Navy Cadets have accepted our invitation to attend the ceremony.

**11.2 Pink Stump's Day – 20 February 2016 -** Discuss with Sports & Recreation Officer.

**11.3 Easter Weekend – 25/28 March 2016 –** long weekend only, no council run activities.

**11.4 ANZAC Day – 25 April 2016 –** celebrations as per previous years.

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

**12.1** Vice-President Brad Irvine has confirmed that the Wagait Wagon no longer operates as the bus is not licensed to carry passengers.

**12.2** A resolution has been passed that Council would hold public consultation meetings with the community . CEO Deborah Allen has drafted a 2015-2016 Annual Shire Plan Consultation survey. In this survey, the public will be encouraged to submit their ideas for the future of Wagait Beach. Those who submit will be eligible for a draw to win a prize.

### **13.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

**13.1** Nil

### **14.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 16 February 2016 in the Council Chambers, 64 Wagait Tower Road, Wagait Beach.

### **15.0 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.14pm.