

**WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**LOT 62, WAGAIT TOWER ROAD
7PM**

Tuesday 21 November 2017



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1.0 PRESENT

Councillors: President Peter Clee
Vice-President Trish McIntyre
Cr Shenagh Gamble- via telephone conference
Cr Michael Vaughan
Cr Neil White

Staff: Chief Executive Offer Mark Sidey
Officer Manager: Pamela Wanrooy

Visitors: Executive Director, Local Govt & Community Development – Lee Williams
Kate Wheen

1.1 OPENING OF MEETING: - President Peter Clee declared the meeting open at 7.00am and welcomes everyone to the meeting.

1.2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Confirmation minutes of 17 October 2017 Council Meeting

Resolution No. 2017/118

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 17 October 2017, be confirmed by council as a true and correct record.

Moved: Vice-President Trish McIntyre

Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble

Vote: AIF

3.2 Matters arising from 17 October 2017 Minutes

Nil

4.0 QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

5.0 INWARDS AND OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE - October 2017

Resolution No. 2017/119

That council receive and note the correspondence as detailed in the agenda for the month of October 2017.

Moved: Vice-President Trish McIntyre

Seconded: Cr Neil White

Vote: AIF

6.0 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

6.1 President's Report

It is noted that President Peter Clee attended the LGANT General Meeting in Alice Springs on 2 November 2017. A copy of the LGANT Minutes of General Meeting has been circulated by email to all councillors. In the NT Government 10 Year Infrastructure Plan update, the proposed waste transfer station project is back up and funding of \$1,000,000 indicated for the 2018/2019 Financial Year. CEO Mark Sidey received a call from the Department in relation to the waste transfer station. They queried why Wagait Shire Council had declined their offer for a \$800,000 grant to establish a waste transfer station. An offer of the grant of \$800,000 was never offered to Wagait Shire Council and it was pointed out to the department that their information was incorrect.

Resolution No. 2017/120

That the President's report for the month of September 2017 be received and accepted.

Moved: President Peter Clee

Seconded: Vice-President Trish McIntyre

Vote: AIF

7.0 OFFICERS REPORTS

There have been a few updates since the report was written and the Agenda circulated. In relation to dog management, we now have a Draft Dog By-Law from the NT Government which has been circulated to councillors for their review and this will be put out for public consultation in due course. When the process for the consultation is clear, council will undertake whatever statutory is needed which will include publishing this on the website.

WSC has been successful in obtaining \$15,000 grant through the Stronger Communities Programme with the support from Warren Snowdon MP, Federal Member for Lingiari to go towards two new electrical BBQ's for Cloppenburg Park. The BBQ's have now been ordered and we are hoping to have these installed before Australia Day.

Resolution No. 2017/121

That the Officer's reports for the month of September 2017 be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr Shenagh Gamble

Seconded: Cr Neil White

Vote: AIF

At 7.10pm President Peter Clee suspends standing orders and welcomes Lee Williams, Executive Director of Local Government and Community Development and Kate When from the NT Government to talk about council amalgamation.

Resolution No. 2017/122

That the standing orders be suspended.

Moved: Vice-President Trish McIntyre

Seconded: Cr Neil White

Vote: AIF

Lee Williams informed councillors that at present both Coomalie Community Government Council and Belyuen Community Government Council are in discussions about amalgamating. Both Coomalie and Belyuen have formed a working group to look at how they can join together and whether they will actually go ahead with this. The department is assisting these councils.

Lee Williams confirmed to council that it is policy not to force amalgamations on councils.

President Peter Clee advised Ms Williams that a previous community meeting and a subsequent council resolution confirmed that Wagait Shire Council was willing to work with both councils on options. Indeed Council has been an active participant in the Tri-council meetings to date.

Wagait Shire Council has been actively encouraging shared services with Belyuen community Government Council. Lee Williams confirmed that Council's do not need to amalgamate to share services and the Government will be happy to help to identify where services can be shared if council wants to.

Councillor Trish McIntyre asked about misinformation being supplied to other councils by staff from the Department. President Peter Clee confirmed that he had spoken with Lee Williams on that matter.

President Peter Clee asked why the Department only offered this council a Special purpose Grant of \$150,000 to build a Waste transfer station on the Cox Peninsula. It has now come to light that the Government was prepared to fund the full amount of \$800,000. We note that funding for a waste transfer station is now on the government's 10 year infrastructure plan for 2018-19 financial year.

Council is scheduled to take part in an audit "Compliance Review" with the NT Government in February 2018.

Resolution No. 2017/123

That normal business recommences.

Moved: President Peter Clee

Seconded: Vice-President Trish McIntyre

Vote: AIF

8.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

Cr Shenagh Gamble questioned the transfer of funds from reserves to the CEO vehicle, Note 14 (Item 8.1.1 Finance Report Notes). To date, no transfers have been done. Council is currently working on an amended budget which is just about finalised and this is one of the items which will be mentioned in the amended budget. The purchase of a new vehicle was not budgeted for because council was looking at alternative means of financing the vehicle.

The outsourcing of the cleaning position from Wages to Contracts will also be accounted for in the amended budget.

Council had a \$500,000 term deposit with CBA which recently matured and this has now been moved over to Bendigo Bank for another 6 months for a substantially higher interest return. In the past there was an agreement between Wagait Shire Council and Bendigo Bank to invest with Bendigo Bank because of the funding of the Furies Shed.

Resolution No. 2017/124

That the financials for the month of October 2017 be received and accepted.

Moved: President Peter Clee

Seconded: Vice-President Trish McIntrye

Vote: AIF

9.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

9.1 2017/2018 Budget

The review process for the 2017/2018 budget is almost finalised and should be ready for the January 2018 council meeting.

9.2 2013/2014 to 2017/2018 Strategic Plan

The existing Strategic Plan expires in 2018 and this agenda has been closed off. Drafting of the 2018/2019 to 2022/2023 Strategic Plan has commenced.

9.3 Water Facilities Tender

Council has submitted a tender for the water facilities at Wagait Beach. The successful tenderer is yet to be announced.

9.4 Health Group

The draft updated Belyuen Clinic/Emergency Contact protocol has been agreed and council is presently awaiting final signoff from the NT Government. In the meantime council is arranging updated signage.

9.5 Tree Planting on Verge

A policy is to be developed and public consultation undertaken.

9.6 Green Waste Management

The Northern Territory Government's 10 Year Infrastructure Plan is reviewed annually. In the latest update, a new waste transfer station for the Cox Peninsula is a proposed project. Such a project would provide Wagait Beach residents with a long term solution for the disposal of green waste.

10.0 AGENDA ITEMS

10.1 Local Government Shared Services Agreement

Wagait Shire Council is a formal party to the LG Shared Services Agreement. The agreement encourages a cooperative relationship between the parties and provides for cost effective access to expertise and skills.

Resolution No. 2017/125

That Council authorise the use of the Wagait Shire Council Common Seal on the Local Government Shared Services Agreement.

Moved: President Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Neil White

Vote: AIF

Resolution No. 2017/126

That council nominate CEO Mark Sidey as the Wagait Shire Council Committee Member for the Local Government Shared Services Agreement.

Moved: President Peter Clee

Seconded: Vice-President Trish McIntyre

Vote: AIF

10.2 Christmas Closure

That Council office will be closed from Friday 22 December 2017 and will reopen on Monday 8 January 2018. The Works Depot will remain open at reduced staffing levels other than public holidays.

Resolution No. 2017/127

That the council administration be closed for business for period Friday 22 December 2017 to Monday 8 January 2018.

Moved: Cr Shenagh Gamble

Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan

Vote: AIF

10.3 Darwin Duchess

Council has received a late item from a member of the community requesting that her option to preserve the Duchess as part of the Wagait history be tabled.

The majority of councillors are not in favour of having council funds spent on the Darwin Duchess as restoration could be very expensive. It would be preferred if funds be utilised on other needs for the community such as roads, bore for the sports ground. CEO Mark Sidey has contacted the National Maritime Museum to see if they can look at the Duchess and see what, if anything is viable to give us some ideas as to what to do with it. This is still a work in progress.

It was suggested that if certain aspects of the community want something done to restore the Darwin Duchess, council would expect that they come with a costed project plan stating exactly what they are proposing.

Council invites the community to put forward a fully costed project plan by January 31, 2018. If there is no interest by the due date, council will look at the costing for the removal the Duchess.

10.4 Policies for Review

Nil

11.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 24 November - TOPROC Meeting

Friday 26 January – Australia Day

12.0 LATE ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 Dog By-Laws

This has been discussed in the CEO Report and council will ascertain their requirements for advertising and putting this out for public display as quickly as possible for interest and comment. This will then be taken to a community consultation meeting if necessary.

Resolution No. 2017/123

That we receive and note the Draft Dog By-Laws legislation and proceed to public consultation.

Moved: Cr Shenagh Gamble

Seconded: President Peter Clee

Vote: AIF

13.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

Nil

14.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 16 January 2018 in the Council Chambers, 62 Wagait Tower Road, Wagait Beach.

15.0 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.55 pm.