

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**LOT 62, WAGAIT TOWER ROAD
7PM
Tuesday 15 September 2020**



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1.0 PRESENT

Councillors:

Vice-President Tom Dyer
Cr Graham Drake
Cr Michael Vaughan
Cr Peter Clee

Staff: Chief Executive Officer, Renita Glencross
Office Manager, Pamela Wanrooy

- 1.1 **OPENING OF MEETING:** - Vice-President Tom Dyer declared the meeting open at 7.00pm and welcomes everyone to the meeting.

The Vice-President advises that the meeting will be audio taped for minute taking purposes only as authorised by the Chief Executive Officer.

1.2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

<p>Resolution No. 2020/138 That the apology of President Neil White be accepted approved. Moved: Cr Peter Clee Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan Vote: AIF</p>
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2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Tuesday 18 August 2020 Council Meeting

<p>Resolution No. 2020/139 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tuesday 18 August 2020 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record. Moved: Cr Peter Clee Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan Vote: AIF</p>
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3.1.1 Matters arising from 18 August 2020 Minutes

Nil

4.0 GUEST SPEAKERS

4.1 Rocky Magnoli

At 7.05pm Vice-President Tom Dyer suspends standing orders and welcomes Rocky Magnoli to the meeting.

Rocky questioned Councillors as to why unoccupied properties are being charged waste management fees on their rates when they are not receiving weekly kerbside garbage collections.

Resolution No. 2020/140

That Council thanks and notes Rocky Magnoli's concerns on Waste Management Fees for unoccupied properties.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan

Vote: AIF

Agenda Item 10.9 Kerbside Waste Collection Modelling – Discussion, has been brought forward so that discussions can take place while Rocky is still present at the meeting.

Council President White discussed this issue with Rocky Magnoli on the phone and requested the CEO provide some data and simple modelling in order to consider the viability of waste management expenses being reallocated to a user-pays system, releasing undeveloped or unoccupied properties in the estate from waste management fees.

The CEO has provided the following information:

Total number of rated properties in Wagait Beach is 388 and the estimated number of developed & habitable properties is 333 (i.e. undeveloped properties = 55); this amounts to approximately 15% of properties in the estate are unoccupied and not using the weekly rubbish collection service.

The total annual revenue collected for Waste Management fees is \$119,116, currently distributed as \$307/week per property which includes contracted services for a weekly kerbside collection, a pre-cyclone kerbside collection and management of the hard waste and green waste compounds. A redirection of all waste management fees to the 333 occupied properties would amount to \$357.70, an increase of \$50.70 to each occupied property per annum.

Council is asked to note the information and consider the impacts of redirecting all waste management fees to the 355 occupied properties in the estate.

Council discussed options in regards to Rocky Magnoli's concerns and proposed that further consideration would be given to the request including:

- To be considered in the 2021/2022 rate year as the 2020/21 rates and charges have already been declared and cannot be amended.

- To provide a fee model for unoccupied properties to still have access to the hard waste and green waste compounds.
- To be re-visited when next years budget is set. Options would be to drop it for unoccupied blocks, run a split option where there is a reduced fee if weekly collections are not needed.
- Council Newsletter information to show 'Where does your waste levy go?' (similar to the information included in the 2020/2021 rates notice.
- The issue of Waste management fees are to be included in the Agenda for the next Community Consultation meeting and added to the Council Action list.

At 7.21 Council thanks Rocky for speaking at the meeting and moved the meeting back to the main agenda.

5.0 INWARDS AND OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE – July 2020

Since Council's 18 August 2020 Council meeting, the following correspondence has been received and sent.

In addition to the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence

CEO Renita had a meeting with Regional Development Australia NT (RDA NT) last week where they discussed potential projects with a regional focus that can assist with the economic stimulus of the NT. RDANT have Seed funding available for feasibility studies and design. Several ideas were discussed, including the bike path from the Mandorah Jetty to the end of Wagait Tower Road along the border of the RUA, with access to WW2 and other Aboriginal sites of significance. Noted by Council in 16.1 General Business.

Resolution No. 2020/141

That Council receives and notes the Inwards and Outwards correspondence report for the period since 18 August 2020 Council meeting be accepted.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Graham Drake

Vote: AIF

6.0 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

6.1 President's Report – August 2020

Greetings to all from Adelaide, where I am located for the next two weeks to have long-awaited knee replacement surgery. I have already had one knee operated on, and will have the other one carried out on Tuesday the 15th of September, which unfortunately is the date of this Council Meeting. I trust that Vice President Tom Dyer will chair this meeting with his usual aplomb. I plan to fly back to Darwin on Wednesday the 23rd of September, followed by a return to Wagait Beach by car travel, as my mobility will be limited for some weeks thereafter.

It was pleasing to note that the Community Open Day/BBQ at Cloppenburg Park on Saturday the 22nd of August following voting in the Territory election was well received by those in attendance.

I look forward to Council working cooperatively with the new Territory Government to progress the various issues affecting Cox Peninsula, including the proposed Mandorah Marine Project and progressing the nearly finalised Kenbi land claim.

Where I have been:

Friday 31 July: weekly meeting/catch up with CEO, followed by Zoom teleconference with Blair Duncan from Core Lithium regarding the proposed Lithium mine off Cox Peninsula Road near DARWIN River.

Wednesday 5 August: with the CEO, met with Greg Woodford and staff from the Crown Land Management team, to discuss improvements to the RUA beach access points and signage, as well as the issue of restricting vehicular use at these points as well as along the beach.

Friday 7 August: attended the Seniors lunch with the CEO and Sport and Recreation Officer which occurred at the Boatshed restaurant at Cullen Bay with 25 seniors from Wagait Beach. The lunch was a success with a quiz and various raffles of prizes donated by local business operators.

Thursday 13 August: weekly meeting with CEO.

Monday 17 August: together with CEO and VP Tom Dyer, met with Larrakia Development Corporation with a view to establishing and maintaining connection and communication with the L.D.C., who will be an important player in the future development of Cox Peninsula.

Wednesday 19 August: took part in a telephone interview with Adam Steer of the ABC for the program, "Grass Roots".

Saturday 22 August: attended Council's Community Open Day at the sports oval from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Monday 24 August: held a telephone discussion with Andrew Kirkman, CEO of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics including the MMP, the proposed change of speed limit along Wagait Tower Road from 80kmh to 60kmh.

Wednesday 26 August: flew to Adelaide for dual knee replacement surgery, which was originally scheduled for March this year, but postponed due to the Coronavirus lockdown of State borders.

*Neil White
President*

Resolution No. 2020/142

That Council receives and notes President Neil White's report for the month of August 2020.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan

Vote: AIF

7.0 OFFICERS REPORTS

7.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report – August 2000

CEO Report August/September 2020	
Staff/HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time and part-time staff JDs review completed in line with Local Government Industry Award 2020 and PDP reviews completed for full-time staff. • New contracts in place for Office Manager, Works Manager and Works Labourer. • PowerWater accreditation in process for works staff (RR) <p><u>Coming Up</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement accredited training 31 Sept-2 Oct (PW, RG) • Rates Workshop (LGANT), 15 Oct (PW)
WHS	<p><u>Prevention, Mitigation and Awareness</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worksite Inspection Reports • COVID-19 restrictions and modifications ongoing • Lock up procedures for all work areas reviewed and delegated <p><u>Incidents reported during the month</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13/08/2020 – Works staff accident, finger jammed under verge kerbing • 23/08/2020 – Works vehicle minor scratch from jetty rail <p><u>Actions Outstanding at 13/08/2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power & Water Induction Works labourer. • Evacuation Procedures for Workshop, Community Centre, Administration Office, Cloppenburg Park to be finalised
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Toolbox x4 • President x4 weekly catchups • Larrakia Development Corporation ; 17 Aug • LGANT HR & Governance RG ; 21 Aug • Belyuen CEO ; 20 Aug, 27 Aug • Ironbark CDP ; 25 Aug • Residents complaints ; 26 Aug, 8 Sept • Dog Incident Complaints ; 10 Sept • DIPL – Speed Limit Reduction on WTR ; 24 Aug • DIPL - Waste Management Masterplan ; 7 Sept • DIPL - Jetty Management contract ; 8 Sept • Audit Committee ; 8 Sept • Regional Development Australia (NT) ; 10 Sept <p><u>Coming Up</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIPL - Local Area Planning ; 24 Sept • Procurement Symposium (LGANT) 31 Sept-2 Oct (PW, RG) • Waste Management Symposium (LGANT) 7-9 Oct (RG) • LGANT CEO & Presidents Forum and AGM 4-6 Nov (RG,NW)
Projects	<p><u>COVID-19 Council Compliance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jetty washes recommenced 31 July ; DIPL contract continuing with approval for month-to-month only • Council facilities have all been assessed and have COVID Operation Plans

	<p><u>Welcome to Wagait Beach</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed site agreed by Council in 21 April meeting was not approved by DIPL; alternative sites are being considered <p><u>Disaster/Emergency Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meetings held in August/September No response to Eol for Committee Chair, approaches to individuals non-productive Cyclone Shelter review checklist and contacts <p><u>Dog Management Campaign and Bylaw Implementation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog Day on 29 August very successful with 70 dogs now registered; thanks to Parap Vet and Palmerston rangers who also assisted on the day PropertyWise database being prepared to include dog registration and info <p><u>Local Area & Environmental Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by Kevin Hoults & Climate Change Report tabled at 21 July meeting Email to Crown Lands Estate (DIPL) to follow up meeting discussion points regarding RUA on beachfront and shared responsibility areas post Kenbi settlement + other estate roads related issues Briefing paper and action plan proposal for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction prepared for Council Grant submission to NT Risk Reduction Program submitted Gamba grass and local weed plan in progress; request made to DENR for consideration of Area A zoning; DENR 2020-21 Gamba Action Program will commence Mon 30 Nov and finish on 30 April, with WSC as distribution point Meeting with DIPL arranged for mid-Sept to discuss consultation process for local area planning and mapping, boundary road construction
<p>Actions</p>	<p><u>Administration and Reporting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for 2019-20 Annual Report Liaison with bookkeeper and auditors in preparation for annual audit Liaison with Crown Lands Office and DENR regarding RUA management Liaison with DENR Weeds Branch regarding planning for 2020-30 Ongoing review of WSC policy papers to meet compliance issues Liaison with CouncilWise to progress implementation of PropertyWise rates management system Preparation and research for Dog Management By-law implementation, policy and registration day 29 August 2020 Liaison with Coastcare Group to prepare briefing papers and action plan for Climate Change report to Council Sept meeting Sport & Rec planning and program development, mid-year reports and acquittals for Youth-vibe and Seniors grants Preparation of agenda and liaison with Audit Committee for meeting 8 September <p><u>Public Communications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council e-newsletter (September) Notices: Senior's events, Dog Registration open day, Council Events Calendar <p><u>Repairs and Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEO tyres replaced

7.2 Works Report – August 2020

Works Report August/September 2020	
Staff/HR	Leave – GZ (PLx3, RDO x1); RR (RDO x3, RecLx5, PersLx1) Ongoing work planning for casual staff
Meetings	Staff Toolbox x4 PowerWater x2 DIPL – Jetty Maintenance contract, 8 Sept
Actions	<p><u>Power Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bore Runs x 12 • Water Samples x 8 • Imulak Spring compound fence replaced <p><u>Jetty Maintenance + COVID-19</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jetty Wash x 12 • Jetty Handrails and bins sanitised x 58 • Jetty Carpark turf watering weekly • Remove boat ramp algae and jetty stairway barnacles • Secure dislodged jetty landing grates and made area safe <p><u>Waste Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Waste push up x 8 (total fire ban, unable to burn) • Council bins x 8 in, out & cleaned weekly <p><u>Dog Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Day tagging and chipping, 29 Aug <p><u>Roads Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete shoring of roadside barriers on Vangemann • Pothole repairs WTR <p><u>General Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sportsground and playground equipment checked and repaired • Council grounds garden maintenance & turf watering daily • General plant & equipt maintenance • Painting of concrete picnic tables in Council ground and playground • Repair Community Centre door • Assist with Seniors gardening day • Completed tidy-up of Council easement on Erickson <p><u>Planning for September/October</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope of works Cox Drive floodway • Scope of works Green Waste track & Cloppenburg Park culvert/drain issues • Community mapping of drain, road and verge issues in preparation for wet season and disaster risk management • Contract works for DIPL, Charles Pt Rd fencing, potholes, verge and signage • Construction of 2 new concrete picnic tables in Council grounds • Construction of Dog Containment area

7.3 Sport & Recreation Report – August 2020

Sport & Recreation Report August/September 2020	
Staff	Leave -Nil PD-Nil
Meetings	<p>4 x Staff Toolbox</p> <p>1 x Make and Create Brainstorming Session</p> <p>2 x Kenbi Rangers – Seniors Month Activities</p> <p>2 x Helen Montgomerie – Seniors Month Activity</p> <p>1 x Tactile Arts – Seniors Month Activity</p> <p>1 x Wild Poppy Arts – Seniors Month Activity</p> <p>1 x Yots – Seniors Month Activity</p> <p>2 x Boatshed – Seniors Month Activity</p> <p>4 x Works staff re Extra Planning & Collaboration Seniors Month Activities</p> <p>1 x CEO re Library Conditions, Terms of use.</p> <p>4 x Dr Sandra Thibodeaux – Seniors Month Activity</p> <p>4 x Catering Seniors Month Activity</p>
Administration Grants Applied Grants awarded Grants Reported Planning Activities/Events Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate venue use, key exchange, communications. • Running program and calendars. • Planning 8 Week Challenge Commencing Sept 8th Runners & Walkers. • Sponsorship and logistics for hosting a City to Surf event (Belyuen to Beach) including MVR forms, traffic management plans. • Prepare equipment and cleaning materials in line with Covid 19 guidelines from NTG. • Seniors Month Events administration for increased programs from 1 to 5 in 2020. • Facebook Statistics. • Advertising Healthy Bones Week – Link into sport & rec program. • Collect testimonials for award nomination Runners & Walkers. • Liaison with local artists programming workshops for Make & Create Community group. • Preparation of reports for DTSC and Territory Families grants
Community Events	<p><u>Seniors Luncheon:</u> Seniors invited to luncheon at Boatshed. Activity, social inclusion and celebration of being a senior this senior’s month.</p> <p><u>Write Your Story Part 1:</u> Dr Sandra Thibodeaux hosted a workshop for interested seniors to write their story with the theme How I landed in Wagait Beach.</p> <p><u>Tell Your Story Part 2:</u> Dr Sandra Thibodeaux hosted a platform for seniors to share their written works with members of the public.</p> <p><u>Horticulture: Grow your own food garden Day:</u> Specialist Helen Montgomery presented an engaging workshop on how to grow your own food garden using soils, mixtures, building materials from what you find in the yard. A practical session ended with a display garden at the Community Centre. The knowledge shared very valuable and able to be passed down the generations for families of food gardeners to come.</p> <p><u>En Plein Air Art Excursion:</u> Local artist Aileen Blyth led a group of seniors on an excursion out to the termite mounds where participants tuned in to the natural environment sketching what caught their eye. A bush morning tea</p>

	<p>then back to the community centre to compose and paint their masterpiece. Another enjoyable senior's month activity.</p> <p><u>Movie Night:</u> Support Parent Volunteer with access to data projector, screen, keys to facility. Coordinate pick up, drop off and accountability procedures for council assets.</p>
Programs	<p><u>Runners & Walkers.</u> All ages. Weeks 12 to 15 of the Belyuen to Beach training program. Final race day was altered due to NTG weather warnings and limited resources available through Wagait Shire Council. Winner of the Inaugural premier distance event for Wagait Beach (15km) Christhol Swanson.</p> <p><u>Stretch & Mobility.</u> 15yrs plus, mid-week, mid-morning program well attended. August saw a massive jump in numbers participating in the weekly stretch class. Chairs and tables need to be stored in a different room to allow more space for participation.</p> <p><u>Cricket:</u> Hosted Wednesday nights by the Wagait Beach Big Bash Cricket Group at Cloppenburg park. A WSC sponsored BBQ was held during the month of August.</p> <p><u>Pilates.</u> External Service Provider facilitated by WSC S&R staff. Weekly sessions.</p> <p><u>Functional Movement.</u> School aged children. Functional movement, balance, catching & throwing skills. Weekly sessions.</p>
2020-21 Shire Performance Indicators	<p>I (Deliver at least 4 activities every month) Achieved.</p> <p>II (Maintain current attendance & participation numbers) Achieved.</p> <p>III (Maintain SafeNT Reg) Achieved.</p>
Thank you	<p><u>Kenbi Rangers</u> - Steve Brown and Ian. Use of bus and driver for Seniors Luncheon transport and En Plein Air Art Excursion to the termite mounds.</p> <p><u>Christhol Swanson, Rick Barton</u> - Volunteer time planning of the Belyuen to Beach FunRun.</p> <p><u>Lorna Manning</u>- additional support of Runners & Walkers duties such as track marking.</p> <p><u>Wagait Beach Supermarket, Wagait Shire Council, Beckie Taylor Massage, Gary and Rhonda Higgins</u> - Donations of prizes for senior's luncheon:</p> <p><u>Dave Elliott</u> - donation of ingredients toward senior's month activity.</p> <p><u>S&R Staff Volunteer Hours</u></p> <p><u>NTG Territory Families</u> - Seniors Day Grant for above mentioned programs</p> <p><u>WSC Works Department</u> - Ongoing support of recreation programs, shopping and planning Seniors Garden Day, planning for Clean Up Harbour Day.</p>

In addition to the Officers Reports

Councillors have questioned the Sports and Recreation Officers report as most of the activities being offered cater for adults and the youth in the community appear to be neglected. Councillors would like to see the activities be balanced out between the adults and the children. Council suggested that another youth survey be performed to assess demand for after-school activities.

Council requested a report be presented at the October Council meeting that proposes how we can develop more activities and engage the youth in the S&R activities.

Resolution No. 2020/143

That Council receives and accepts the Officers Reports for the month of August 2020.

Moved: Cr Michael Vaughan

Seconded: Cr Graham Drake

Vote: AIF

8.0 ACTION SHEET – August 2020

In addition to the Action List

- Council to approach our new local Member – Ian Sloan MLA and ask him to lobby on our behalf for tourist access to water at the Power and Water site. This is to be added to the action list.
- The water truck working for the remediation project at the old tip site is once again accessing water from our standpipes. CEO Renita Glencross to investigate.
- The marketing campaign for use of the hard waste facility for residents is completed and can be removed from the Action List.
- Waste Charges modelling to be added to the Action List.
- Health Service delivery in the community to be added to the Action List.

Resolution No. 2020/144

That Council receives and notes the Action Sheet for the month of August 2020.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Graham Drake

Vote: AIF

9.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

In addition to the Financial Report:

Councillors requested that both accrual and cash reports be prepared for comparison for the October 2020 meeting.

Resolution No. 2020/145

That Council receives and accepts the Financial Reports for the month of August 2020.

Moved: Cr Michael Vaughan

Seconded: Cr Graham Drake

Vote: AIF

10.0 AGENDA ITEMS

10.1 Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting dated Monday 18 May 2020

At the Audit Committee meeting held on 8 September 2020 in Wagait Shire Council Chambers, the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting dated 18 May 2020 were accepted by resolution of the Audit Committee and provided to Council.

A report of the May Audit Committee meeting was provided by the Audit Committee Chair and presented to Council at the meeting in June and accepted by Resolution 2020/090.

Resolution No. 2020/146

That Council receives and accepts the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting dated Monday 18 May 2020

Moved: Cr Graham Drake

Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan

Vote: AIF

10.2 Report of Audit Committee Meeting 8 September 2020

WAGAIT SHIRE AUDIT COMMITTEE – REPORT TO COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2020

The Audit Committee met on 8 September 2020. The minutes of its previous meeting were ratified and are presented to Council at this meeting.

The primary items of business for the September meeting was consideration of the Councils Draft Financial Statements for the 2019-20 financial year. The Committee discussed the Financial Statements in detail noting that the revaluation of Council assets was not taken up as it was provided as an insurance valuation. The valuers will be asked to extend this to encompass a financial reporting valuation, however this is unlikely to be available in time for inclusion in the financial statements. The Committee was satisfied, after discussion with the auditors, that any revaluation is likely to increase the value of the Councils assets and thus there was no risk of overstatement in the financial statements. The Committee held a discussion 'In Camera' with the auditors, Nexia Edwards Marshall, who confirmed they had no further issues to raise. The Audit Committee recommends the Draft Financial Statements for 2019-20 to Council for approval.

The Audit Committee is also tracking progress against the statutory Compliance Review and is satisfied that management have progressed these requirements.

The following Policy recommendations were made by the Audit Committee at this meeting:

Policy	Action
P13 Use of Council Firearms	Recommended to Councils for approval, noting that an ammunition audit has been conducted.
P14 Dog Management Policy	Recommended to Council for approval and management was recognised for its positive engagement initiatives in this area.
P38 Waste Management Policy	Recommended to Council for approval
P46 Council Verge Management Policy	Recommended to Council for approval.

There remain some concerns with regard to clarity of current period financial reporting presented to the Audit Committee and specific work will be invested in improving this before the November meeting.

Clare Milikins

Chair, Audit Committee

Resolution No. 2020/147

That Council receives and accepts the Report of Audit Committee Meeting 8 September 2020.

Moved: Cr Graham Drake

Seconded: Cr Peter Clee

Vote: AIF

10.3 Compliance Audit Review – Actions Update

At the meeting in August, Council requested an update.

A spreadsheet of the Compliance Audit Recommendations and Council actions undertaken to date was prepared and presented to Council at the meeting.

10.4 Policies Endorsed by the Audit Committee

At the Audit Committee meeting held on 8 September 2020, the Committee considered the following new and revised policies and recommended Council to adopt:

- a) P13 Use of Council Firearms (revised) p32
- b) P14 Dog Management (new) p34
- c) P38 Waste Management (revised) p39
- d) P46 Council Verge Management (revised) p42

And rescind:

- e) P06 Vehicular Crossovers and Drainage p47

Councillors have requested the following:

- P14 Dog Management Policy – that the prescribed infringement values relevant to 2020 Penalty Unit values are taken out of the policy (actual Penalty Units remain as they do not change).
- P46 Council Verge Management Policy and P06 Vehicular Crossovers – to be brought back to the next meeting as they need further refinement.

Resolution No. 2020/148

That Council adopts the following policies, as endorsed by the Audit Committee:

- a) **P13 Use of Council Firearms**
- b) **P14 Dog Management**
- c) **P38 Waste Management**

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Graham Drake

Vote: AIF

10.5 Draft 2020 Audited Financial Report

At the Audit Committee meeting held on 8 September 2020, the Committee considered the Wagait Shire Council draft Audited Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2020.

The Auditors, Nexia Edwards, attended the meeting via Zoom video-conference to provide a brief of the report findings and respond to any queries from the Committee.

The Draft 2019-2020 Audited Financial Report was prepared by the auditors nominated by Council and is included as an attachment to the Agenda.

Resolution No. 2020/149

The Audit Committee recommends that Council accept the draft Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2020, after confirmation with the bookkeeper that the final adjustments are complete.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan

Vote: AIF

10.6 Climate Change Action Plan

At the July meeting Council noted the information provided in the *Climate Change Risk Assessment and Adaption Planning Report* (2010 LGANT Report) and requested a briefing and action plan proposal be presented at the September meeting.

A brief and draft Action Plan for implementing recommendations from the 2010 LGANT Report was prepared for Councils consideration.

Resolution No. 2020/150

That Council receives and notes the information provided in the Brief and accepts the proposed Action Plan for Climate Change.

Moved: Cr Graham Drake

Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan

Vote: AIF

10.7 Grant Application – NT Risk Reduction Program

Council were provided a project brief for endorsement out-of-session of a grant application to the NT Risk Reduction Program, as the application closing date was 31 August 2020. An extension was sought from NTG however the latest possible submission date was 2 September 2020.

The project relates to the Action Plan at 10.6 and will undertake to engage consultants and a Council-based research officer to review the 2010 LGANT Report to confirm data, prepare a Disaster Risk Reduction Implementation Plan and develop appropriate communications collateral for our local area.

Resolution No. 2020/151

That Council receives and accepts the Project Brief for Wagait Beach NT Risk Reduction Program and endorses the funding application to the NT Risk Reduction Program.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Graham Drake

Vote: AIF

10.8 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Profiles for NT Councils

Regional Development Australia NT (RDANT) have provided a copy of the 2018 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Profiles for Wagait Beach, produced for all NT Councils.

Resolution No. 2020/152

That Council receives and notes the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Profiles for Wagait Beach.

Moved: Cr Michael Vaughan

Seconded: Cr Graham Drake

Vote: AIF

10.9 Kerbside Waste Collection Modelling – Discussion

This item was tabled and discussed at Item 4.1 – Guest Speakers.

10.10 Notice of Travel to LGANT AGM

The Council CEO and President are invited to attend the LGANT AGM in Alice Springs in November and travel arrangements will be made as set out in P44 Travel and Accommodation Policy. An amount is allocated in the approved budget for this travel.

Resolution No. 2020/153

That Council note the notice of travel for the CEO and President to attend the LGANT AGM in Alice Springs in November.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Vice-President Tom Dyer

Vote: AIF

10.11 Call for Policy and Action Motions

LGANT is calling for Policy and Action Motions to be put forward at the General Meeting to be held in Alice Springs on 5-6 November 2020. Motions put forward by Councils require resolutions from Council and there are timeframes for submission. Council is asked to consider if there are motions to be proposed from Wagait Shire.

Resolution No. 2020/154

That Council propose the following policy action be put forward as a motion for a LGANT General Meeting:

- a) **NT Local Government Councils should make public the viability ratios that show the fiscal health and sustainability of the organisation, as a point of transparency and integrity to the public they serve.**

Moved: Vice-President Tom Dyer

Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan

Vote: AIF

11.0 AGENDA ITEMS FOR RECEIVING AND NOTING

Nil

12.0 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS – WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

12.1 Health of Community - In the July Council Meeting Council raised their concerns that the Health service to the community has been reduced and requested for this to be added to the action list.

12.2 Water Cartage by Brooks Hire – Council noted that water is still being carted from the Wagait Beach standpipes to the old tip site and requested CEO to follow up.

12.3 Restricted use Area (RUA) – Cr Graham Drake questioned the maintenance of the outlet from the Billabong past the Cox Country Club to the Ocean. CEO responded that this would be considered as part of the Crown Lands inspection of the RUA.

13.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – WITH NOTICE

Nil

14.0 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

15.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

15.1 Community Campfire Dinner – Saturday 19 September 2020

The Community Campfire Dinner will be held from 6pm to 9pm. Everyone is welcome.

16.0 LATE ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 Seed Funding Grant

Resolution No. 2020/155

That Council apply to Regional Development Australia NT (RDA NT) for Seed Funding to engage a consultant to develop a design proposal and feasibility study for a bike path and walkway from the Mandorah Jetty to the end of Wagait Tower Road along the RUA.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Vice-President Tom Dyer

Vote: AIF

17.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

Nil

18.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 20 October 2020 in the Council Chambers, 142 Wagait Tower Road, Wagait Beach NT 0822

19.0 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.