



WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**LOT 62, 142 WAGAIT TOWER ROAD
7PM TUESDAY 16 January 2024**

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

Councillors:	President	Neil White
	Vice President	Tom Dyer
	Councillor	Michael Vaughan
	Councillor	Peter Clee
	Councillor	Sarah Smith
Staff:	CEO	Virginya Boon
	Finance Manager	Han Na (Hanna) Park

1.1. ADDRESS BY CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and made acknowledgment of country and advised that the meeting would be audio taped for minute taking purposes only, as authorised by the Chief Executive Officer.

1.2. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

NIL

1.3. APOLOGIES

NIL

1.4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY GRANTED

NIL

1.5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST

NIL

2. CHANGE TO STANDING ORDERS

The President asked the Council to accept a change to Standing Orders to Agenda Item 8.4 and hear from Bowman Advisory in regard to the final draft of the Strategic Plan.

RESOLUTION No. 2024/001

That Council accepts the changes to Standing Orders and moves to Item 8.4 to receive Bowman Advisory’s presentation on the final draft of the Strategic Plan for 2025 – 2035 .

Moved: Cr Peter Clee
Seconded: Vice President Tom Dyer
Vote: AIF

After the presentation by Bowman Advisory the President advised the Council to resume Standing Orders and accept agenda as it stands.

RESOLUTION No. 2024/002

That Council resume Standing Orders and accept the Agenda as it stands.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: President Neil White

Vote: AIF

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The President asks councillors if they have read the agenda papers and wish to declare any conflicts.

NIL

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

RESOLUTION No. 2024/003

That Council confirm:

- a. the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 21 November 2023 are a true and correct record; and
- b. the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 6 December 2023 are a true and correct record.

Moved: Cr Sarah Smith

Seconded: Cr Peter Clee

Vote: AIF

4.2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD:

3.2.1 Tuesday 21 November 2023

NIL

3.2.2 Wednesday 6 December 2023

NIL

5. GUESTS

4.1. STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTANTS – BOWMAN ADVISORY

4.1.1. Jordy Bowman

4.1.2. Bec Johnston

6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

6.1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RESOLUTION No. 2024/004

That Council:

- a. receives and notes President Neil White's report for the period 18 November 2023 to 12 January 2024 with the following amendments:
 - i. Remove the sentence advising of the gaining Cr Sara Smith in 2023 as she commenced with Council in 2022; and
 - ii. Insert the word "disappointing" regarding the news of the closure of the CORE Lithium Mine.

Moved: President Neil White

Seconded: Cr Peter Clee

Vote: AIF

7. OFFICERS' REPORTS

7.1. CEO REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 18 NOVEMBER 2023 TO 12 JANUARY 2024

7.2. WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 18 NOV 2023 TO 11 JAN 2024

RESOLUTION No. 2024/005

That council receives and accepts the Officers' reports for the period 18 November 2023 to 11 January 2024.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Sarah Smith

Vote: AIF

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLUTION No. 2024/006

That Council:

- a. notes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) certifies to the best of her knowledge, information, and the belief that the internal controls implemented by Council are appropriate, and that the Council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of Council; and
- b. receives and notes the Financial Reports for the months of November 2023 and December 2023.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: President Neil White

Vote: AIF

9. REPORTS REQUIRING DECISIONS FROM COUNCIL

9.1. NOMINATION TO NT HERITAGE COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 2024/007

That Council:

- a. Receive and note the report on the Nomination to NT Heritage Council; and
- b. Accept and endorse Cr Peter Clee's nomination as a nominee to represent LGANT on the NT Heritage Council

Moved: Cr Sarah Smith

Seconded: President Neil White

Vote: 4/5 – Cr Peter Clee abstained

9.2. GRANT UPDATES & APPROVALS

RESOLUTION No. 2024/008

That council receive and note the special purpose grants update information provided.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: President Neil White

Vote: AIF

9.3. WARM FUNDING ACQUITTAL 2021-22 & 2022-23 AND PROJECT BUDGET

SUMMARY

This report has been created to inform council of the progress with the expenditure of the 2021-22 WaRm funding and of the advice received from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet regarding the status of the project and acquittal due at the 31/12/2023.

RESOLUTION No. 2024/009

That Council:

- a. receives and notes the report on the 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 WaRm Funding; and
- b. approves the Waste and Resource Management (WaRm) funding acquittal as submitted to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet on 13 December 2023 with expenditure of \$25,882.50 and a surplus of \$124,117.50; and
- c. approves the proposed new budget of \$199,117.50 for the upgrade of the ReDiscovery Hub; and
- d. includes the project as a standing agenda item for Council meetings until project completed

Moved: President Neil White

Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughn

Vote: AIF

9.4. WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

SUMMARY

This report has been created to update Council on the progress on the Strategic Plan and to approve the final draft of the plan.

RESOLUTION No. 2024/10

That council:

- a. receives and notes the report on the Strategic Plan progress
- b. approves the final draft of the Strategic Plan

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: President White

Vote: AIF

9.5. WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP

SUMMARY

This report has been prepared to provide the council with information for consideration and discussion regarding a workshop the 2023-24 council budget.

RESOLUTION No. 2024/011

That council:

- a. receives and notes the report on holding a budget workshop; and
- b. sets the date of Thursday 4 April 2024 to hold a budget workshop

Moved: President Neil White

Seconded: Vice President Tom Dyer

Vote: AIF

10. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

10.1 CULLEN BAY DREDGING SCHEDULE

Cr Sarah Smith requested Council write to Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to ask for a schedule for the dredging of Cullen Bay.

10.2 SPORTS COURTS – CLOPPENBURG PARK

Cr Michael Vaugh requested a report showing itemised expenditure of the project funded by the Tourism Town Asset Program grant be distributed to Councillors.

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC WITH NOTICE

NIL

12. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS

NIL

13. REPORTS FOR RECEIVING AND NOTING

13.1 CURRENT / UPCOMING EVENTS

13.1.1 AUSTRALIA DAY – FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2024

Celebrations for Australia Day 2024 are well underway including the following:

- Council has received funds from the Australia Day Council to host this annual community event.
- Dheran Young MLA has been invited to participate in the Ceremonial service and has yet to confirm.
- Lesley Woolf will be our Australia Day Ambassador. Lesley was the 2023 NT Senior Australian of the Year nominee.

The procedure for the day will follow past events:

- 7.00am – Jack Ellis Fun Run
- 9.00am – Awards Ceremony
- 10.00am – BBQ and games

13.1.2 DARWIN LEGAL SERVICES

Darwin Community Legal Services next visit to Wagait Beach is on 6th and 7th February 2024 from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Remnik Walia, the Senior Advocate and Community Network Development Officer will be available to talk to the seniors.

13.1.3 BREAST SCREEN NT

Breast ScreenNT Bus will be visiting Wagait Shire Council/Belyuen Clinic from Monday 25th March to Thursday 28th March 2024 offering free mammograms (Breast X-Rays). All woman aged over 50 years are encouraged to make an appointment.

RESOLUTION No. 2024/012

That council receive and note the report on current and upcoming events in the Wagait Shire Council area.

Moved: Cr Peter Cleo

Seconded: Cr Sarah Smith

Vote: AIF

13.2 COMPLAINTS REGISTER

RESOLUTION No. 2024/13

That council receive and note the complaints register for November / December 2023.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Sarah Smith

Vote: AIF

13.3 CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

RESOLUTION No. 2024/014

That Council receives and notes the Inwards and Outwards correspondence reports for the period since the November 2023 Council meeting.

Moved: Cr Sarah Smith

Seconded: Cr Peter Clee

Vote: AIF

13.4 ACTION SHEET for the period 18 November 2023 to 12 January 2024

RESOLUTION No. 2024/015

That council:

- a. receives and accepts the Action Sheet for 18 November 2023 to 12 January 2024; and
- b. request the CEO to follow up on item 2020/113 regarding the monitoring and weed management services in the RUA and report to the next meeting.

Moved: Cr Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Sarah Smith

Vote: AIF

14. LATE ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

14.1 LRCI PHASE 4 FUNDING

SUMMARY

This report has been provided to advise Council of the Commonwealth funding offer from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts under their Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program and to request a co-contribution from Council towards the nominated projects.

<i>Phase 4</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Council Contribution</i>	<i>Proposed Project Allocation</i>
Project 1	\$ 10,000	Nil	Sports Court Fencing
Project 2	\$ 29,603	10% of Project funds	Drain and Culvert rehabilitation
Totals	\$ 39,603	\$ 2960.30	Total cost of project - \$ 42,563.30

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLUTION No. 2024/016

That council:

- a. receives and notes the report on the LRCI Phase 4 funding and project status; and
- b. approves the following projects and funding amounts:
 - i. \$ 10,000 for Sports Courts Fencing Repairs
 - ii. \$ 29,603 for Drain and Culvert Rehabilitation
 - iii. \$ 2,960.30 as Council's contribution for Project two (2) – Drain and Culvert Rehabilitation

Moved: President Neil White

Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan

Vote: AIF

15. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

NIL

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 20 February 2024 in the Council Chambers, 142 Wagait Tower Road, Wagait Beach NT 0822.

17. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:53 pm.