



# **WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**LOT 62, 142 WAGAIT TOWER ROAD  
7:00PM TUESDAY 21 May 2024**

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## 1. OPENING OF MEETING

### 1.1. ADDRESS BY CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

The President:

1. Declares the meeting open at 7:00pm and welcomes all in attendance
2. Makes an acknowledgment of country
3. Advises that the meeting will be audio taped for minute taking purposes only as authorised by the Chief Executive Officer.

### 1.2. ATTENDANCE

#### ELECTED MEMBERS

Councillor	President Neil White (Chair)
Councillor	Michael Vaughn
Councillor	Peter Clee
Councillor	Sarah Smith

#### STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Virginya Boon
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#### PUBLIC PRESENT

#### VISITORS PRESENT

### 1.3. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

#### PURPOSE

This report is to consider any Councillors attendance at this meeting via electronic means.

**RESOLUTION No. 2024/100**

**That Council acknowledges and approves Cr Clee to attend the meeting electronically.**

**Moved: President N White**

**Seconded: Cr M Vaughan**

**Vote: AIF**

#### STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 95 *Local Government Act 2019*

### 1.4. APOLOGIES

#### PURPOSE

This report is to record and consider any apologies from Councillors.

**RESOLUTION No. 2024/ 101**

**That Council approve the apologies of Vice President T Dyer**

**Moved: President N White**

**Seconded: Cr S Smith**

**Vote: AIF**

## STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 95 *Local Government Act 2019*

### 1.5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

NIL

### 3. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES

NIL

### 4. PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

NIL

### 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 5.1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

##### PURPOSE

Minutes of the previous meeting of Council are to be submitted to Council for confirmation to approve them as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

##### **RESOLUTION No. 2024/102**

**That Council confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 16 April 2024 are a true and accurate record.**

**Moved: Cr P Clee**

**Seconded: Cr M Vaughan**

**Vote: AIF**

## STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 101 *Local Government Act 2019*

### 5.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

NIL

### 6. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

#### 6.1 President's Report

##### PURPOSE

To update the Council on the activities undertaken by the President since the last Council meeting.

**RESOLUTION No. 2024/103**  
**That Council receives and notes President Neil White’s report for the period 15 April to 16 May 2024.**  
**Moved: President N White**  
**Seconded: Cr M Vaughan**  
**Vote: AIF**

**7. OFFICERS’ REPORTS**

**7.1 CEO REPORT FOR THE PERIOD**

**PURPOSE**

To update the Council on the activities of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and other significant operational information since the last Council meeting.

**RESOLUTION No. 2024/104**  
**That council receives and accepts the CEO’s report for the period 14 April to 16 May 2024.**  
**Moved: Cr S Smith**  
**Seconded: President N White**  
**Vote: AIF**

**7.2 WORKS MANAGER’S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD**

**PURPOSE**

To update the Council on the activities carried out by the Works and Services Team and other significant relevant information since the last Council meeting.

**RESOLUTION No. 2024/105**  
**That Council receives and notes the Works Manager’s report for the period 15 April to 16 May 2024.**  
**Moved: Cr. M Vaughan**  
**Seconded: President N White**  
**Vote: AIF**

**8. REPORTS REQUIRING DECISIONS OF COUNCIL**

**8.1 RATES ASSESSMENT RECORDS**

**PURPOSE**

In accordance with Part 11.4 Section 230 of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Section 29 of the *Local Government Regulations (General) 2021*, the Chief Executive Officer must certify to

Council that, to the best of her knowledge, information and belief, the Council Rates Assessment Record for 2024-2025 is a true and correct comprehensive record of all rateable land within the Wagait Shire Council area.

The CEO has reviewed the rates assessment record for 2024-25 and found it to be true and correct and requests that council accepts the certification.

**RESOLUTION No. 2024/106**  
**That Council:**  
**Receives and accepts the CEO Certification of the Rates Assessment Record.**  
**Moved: President N White**  
**Seconded: Cr P Clee**  
**Vote: AIF**

**8.2. PROPOSAL TO NAME HEALTH CENTRE**

**PURPOSE**

To advise council of correspondence received from local resident Richard Creighton and how Council would like to respond.

**RESOLUTION No. 2024/107**  
**That Council:**  
**a) receives and notes the report on the proposal to name the Wagait Beach Health Centre; and**  
**b) approves the naming of the Health Centre or the Re-Discovery Hub after Fred Gilis pending a discussion and confirmation from Fred’s partner**  
**Moved: President N White**  
**Seconded: Cr S Smith**  
**Vote: AIF**

**8.3 SUPERANNUATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**PURPOSE**

To inform Council of the correspondence from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, Local Government regarding superannuation contributions for Elected Members and whether any action is required.

**RESOLUTION No. 2024/108**  
**That Council receives and notes the report on Superannuation for Elected Members.**  
**Moved: Cr S Smith**  
**Seconded: Cr M Vaughan**  
**Vote: AIF**

**9. MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

## 9.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

### PURPOSE

This report is to provide a summary of the financial position of Council for the period ending 30 April 2024.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2024/109**

**That Council:**

- a) notes the Chief Executive Officer certifies to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief that the internal controls implemented by Council are appropriate, and that Council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of Council; and
- b) receives and notes the monthly financial report for April 2024.

**Moved: President N White**

**Seconded: Cr P Cleo**

**Vote: AIF**

## 10. REPORTS FOR RECEIVING AND NOTING

### 10.1 REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS LIST TO 15 MAY 2024

#### PURPOSE

To update Council on the status of the Actions List to 15 May 2024.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2024/110**

**That Council receives and notes the updated Actions List to 15 May 2024.**

**Moved: Cr. M Vaughan**

**Seconded: Cr S Smith**

**Vote: AIF**

### 10.2 CORRESPONDENCE

#### PURPOSE

To update Council on incoming and outgoing correspondence from 14 April to 15 May 2024.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2024/111**

**That council receives and notes the incoming and outgoing correspondence from 14 April to 15 May 2024.**

**Moved: President N White**

**Seconded: Cr S Smith**

**Vote: AIF**



### 10.3 COMPLAINTS REGISTER

#### PURPOSE

To update Council on complaints received from 15 April 2024 to 15 May 2024.

#### RESOLUTION No. 2024/112

That Council receives and notes the Complaints Register to the 15 May 2024.

Moved: Cr M Vaughan

Seconded: Cr S Smith

Vote: AIF

### 11. CURRENT / UPCOMING EVENTS

#### RESOLUTION No. 2024/113

That Council receives and notes the report on current and upcoming events.

Moved: President N White

Seconded: Cr M Vaughan

Vote: AIF

#### 11.1. SENIORS MORNING TEA – 22 MAY 2024

Seniors Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday 22 May 2024 in the Community Centre from 10am to 12pm.

#### 11.2. SUICIDE AWARENESS FOR PARENTS – 22 May 2024

Dementia Australia will visit on 22 May 2024.

#### 11.3. MEN'S SHED DAY – 15 JUNE 2024

Men's Shed Day will be held on Saturday 15 June 2024. Local men are all invited to join in the style of a "Men's Shed", share skills and enjoy a BBQ. This is funded by the NT Men's Places Grant.

#### 11.4. TERRITORY DAY – 1 JULY 2024

Territory Day will be held Monday 1 July 2024, hosted by Council at Cloppenburg Park and supported by NTG.

### 12. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

#### 12.1. WAGAIT BEACH HEALTH SERVICE

##### PURPOSE

To advise Council that a local resident has approached one of Council's Councillors to discuss why Council has not pursued Belyuen Health Clinic servicing Wagait Beach as it has done

previously. The Councillor concerned did advise the resident to put the question in writing to Council and also to the Chief Minister of Health.

**RESOLUTION No. 2024/114**

**That Council:**

- a) receives and notes the verbal report on Council being questioned regarding a Health Service in Wagait Beach, provided by Belyuen Health Clinic; and
- b) advise the resident to put the question in writing.

**Resolved by General Consensus**

**12.2. COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

The Community Benefit Fund Minor Grant has been approved for the amount of \$2,460 to assist with the purchase of the Wagait Beach community adult sports equipment.

**12.3. REQUEST TO LAND ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT AT SPORTS GROUNDS**

**PURPOSE**

To advise Council of the request from the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to land Rotary Wing Aircraft on the oval at the Cloppenburg Park Sports Ground.

**RESOLUTION No. 2024/115**

**That Council:**

- a) receives and notes the verbal report and correspondence regarding the request from the ADF; and
- b) does not approve the request to land Rotary Wing Aircraft on the oval at Cloppenburg Park and suggest looking at areas west of Wagait Beach

**Resolved by General Consensus**

**12.4 PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES – CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET 2023-24**

**PURPOSE**

To seek Council's approval to re-purpose a portion of the budgeted Capital Expenditure funding to purchase a Front-End Loader attachment for the John Deere Tractor.

**RESOLUTION No. 2024/116**

**That Council:**

- a) receives and notes the report titled 'Plant and Equipment Purchases'; and
- b) approves the purchase of a new Front End Loader for the John Deere Tractor within the Capital Expenditure budget

**Moved: Cr P Clee**

**Seconded: President N White**

**Vote: AIF**

**13. IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

**RESOLUTION No. 2024/117**

**That Council close the meeting to the general public in accordance with section 99(2) of the Local Government Act to enable Council to discuss in a Confidential Session an item described under Local Government (General) regulation Division 2;**

- a) information about the personal circumstances of a residence or rate payer;
- b) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: (iv) prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;
- c) information provided to the Council on condition it be kept confidential.

**Moved: President N White**

**Seconded: Cr M Vaughan**

**Vote: AIF**

At 8:18 pm Council closed the meeting to the general public.

### **13.1 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO BE RAISED IN-CAMERA**

- Minutes of In-Camera Meeting held on 16 April 2024
- Draft Declaration of Rates and Charges 2024-25
- Draft Budget for 2024-25
- Draft Shire Plan 2024-25
- Draft Fees and Charges 2024-25
- Community Grants 2023-24
- Request for Letter of Support

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2024/125**

**That Council re-open the meeting to the general public in accordance with section 99(1) of the Local Government Act.**

**Moved: President N White**

**Seconded: Cr S Smith**

**Vote: AIF**

At 9:14 pm Council opened the meeting to the general public.

### **14. CLOSE OF MEETING**

Next Meeting: Tuesday 18 June 2024

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9:15 pm.