



**WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF**

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**LOT 62, 142 WAGAIT TOWER ROAD**  
**7:00PM TUESDAY 20 AUGUST 2024**

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## 1. OPENING OF MEETING

### 1.1. ADDRESS BY CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

The President:

1. Declared the meeting open at 7:01pm and welcomed all in attendance
2. Made an acknowledgment of country
3. Advised 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
Finance Consultant	Dale Campbell

#### 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. 2024/176**

**That Council acknowledges and approves Dale Campbell 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. 2024/177**

**That Council approve the apologies of Vice President Tom Dyer.**

**Moved: President N White**

**Seconded: Cr P Clee**

**Vote:** AIF

## **STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS**

Section 95 *Local Government Act 2019*

### **1.5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

#### **PURPOSE**

This report is to consider any notification of leave requests from Elected Members.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2024/178**

**That Council:**

- a) receive and note the notice of leave from Cr Michael Vaughan; and
- b) approves the notice of leave from Cr Michael Vaughan from 23/8/2024 to 31/10/2024.

**Moved:** President N White

**Seconded:** Cr P Clee

**Vote:** AIF

## **STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS**

Section 95 *Local Government Act 2019*

### **2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

#### **PURPOSE**

This report is to ask the Councillors if they:

1. Have read the agenda papers; and
2. Wish to declare any conflicts of interest regarding any item in the agenda for this Council meeting.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2024/179**

**That Council receives the declarations of interest as listed below:**

- a) Cr Michael Vaughan declares an interest in item 8.2 – Community Project

**Moved:** President N White

**Seconded:** Cr S Smith

**Vote:** AIF

## **STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS**

Section 114 and 119 *Local Government Act 2019*

### **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. 2024/180**

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

**Moved: Cr P Clee**

**Seconded: President N White**

**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

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Neil White, Shire President

#### PURPOSE

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

**RESOLUTION No. 2024/181**

**That Council receives and notes President Neil White's report for the period 13 July to 16 August 2024.**

**Moved: President N White**

**Seconded: Cr M Vaughan**

**Vote: AIF**

## 7. OFFICERS' REPORTS

### 7.1 CEO REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** CEO

#### 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. 2024/182**

**That council receives and accepts the CEO's report for the period 13 July to 16 August 2024.**

**Moved:** Cr P Clee

**Seconded:** Cr S Smith

**Vote:** AIF

### 7.2 WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Work's Manager

#### 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. 2024/183**

**That Council receives and notes the Works Manager's report for the period 13 July to 16 August 2024.**

**Moved:** Cr P Clee

**Seconded:** President N White

**Vote:** AIF

## 8. REPORTS REQUIRING DECISIONS OF COUNCIL

### 8.1 ASSETS REVALUATION

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** CEO

#### PURPOSE

To seek approval from Council to engage the services of a property valuer for the purpose of asset revaluations which will exceed the amount budgeted for in the original 2024-25 budget.

**RESOLUTION No. 2024/184**

**That Council:**

- a) receives and notes the report on Assets Revaluation; and
- b) approves an addition to the budget of \$12,000 from reserves to cover the cost of the project.

**Moved:** Cr P Clee

**Seconded:** President N White

**Vote:** AIF

Cr Michael Vaughan left the room for discussion on the next item.

## 8.2. COMMUNITY PROJECT

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** CEO

### PURPOSE

To seek a decision from Council for a community project to be sponsored by SMC Marine.

### RESOLUTION No. 2024/185

**That Council:**

- a) receives and notes the report on a sponsored Community Project for Wagait Beach; and
- b) approves the illuminated sign project as the first the choice for the community project; and
- c) requests the CEO to continue with the investigation to seek a permit to install an illuminated sign in the road corridor
- d) agrees that the fence for the Re-Discovery Hub would be the second choice

**Moved:** Cr P Clee

**Seconded:** President N White

**Vote:** AIF

Cr M Vaughan returned to the meeting.

## 8.3 LGANT REPRESENTATION ON THE EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE SERVICE NT BOARD

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** CEO

### PURPOSE

To seek a decision from Council as to whether or not they want to nominate an Elected Member or Staff member to represent LGANT on the Employment Assistance Service NT (EASA) Board.

### RESOLUTION No. 2024/186

**That Council:**

- a) receives and notes the report titled LGANT Representation on the Employment Assistance Service NT Board: and
- b) does not wish to nominate an Elected Member or Staff Member to this board.

**Moved:** President N White



**Seconded:** Cr M Vaughan

**Vote:** AIF

## 8.4 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** CEO

### PURPOSE

This report is for Council to confirm a date for the next community consultation.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2024/187**

**That council receives and notes the report on the Community Consultation meeting and sets the date of Saturday 12 October 2024 for the next meeting.**

**Moved:** President N White

**Seconded:** Cr P Clee

**Vote:** AIF

## 9. FINANCE REPORTS

### 9.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** CEO

### PURPOSE

To inform and update Council of the status of the financials to the end of July 2024.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 2024/188**

**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 updated monthly financial report for July 2024 as tabled at this meeting.

**Moved:** President N White

**Seconded:** Cr M Vaughan

**Vote:** AIF

## 10. REPORTS FOR RECEIVING AND NOTING

### 10.1 REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS LIST TO 12 JUNE 2024

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** CEO

## PURPOSE

To update Council on the status of the Actions List to 14 August 2024.

### **RESOLUTION No. 2024/189**

**That Council receives and notes the updated Actions List to 14 August 2024.**

**Moved: Cr S Smith**

**Seconded: Cr P Clee**

**Vote: AIF**

## 10.2 CORRESPONDENCE

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** CEO

### PURPOSE

To provide Council with a list of incoming and outgoing correspondence from 12 July 2024 to 16 August 2024.

### **RESOLUTION No. 2024/190**

**That council receives and notes the incoming and outgoing correspondence from 12 July to 16 August 2024.**

**Moved: Cr M Vaughan**

**Seconded: Cr P Clee**

**Vote: AIF**

## 10.3 COMPLAINTS REGISTER

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** CEO

### PURPOSE

To update Council on complaints received from 13 July 2024 to 16 August 2024.

### **RESOLUTION No. 2024/191**

**That Council receives and notes the Complaints Register to the 16 August 2024.**

**Moved: Cr P Clee**

**Seconded: Cr S Smith**

**Vote: AIF**

## 11. CURRENT / UPCOMING EVENTS

### **RESOLUTION No. 2024/192**

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

**Moved: President Neil White**

**Seconded: Cr Sarah Smith**

**Vote:**

### **11.1 WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST – SENIORS MORNING TEA WITH ANGLICARE**

The Seniors morning tea will be combined with Anglicare’s visit to promote their No Interest Loans (NILS) program. Anglicare is expanding the NILS program and aims to begin monthly visits to Wagait Beach to make it easier for residents to access the scheme.

### **11.2 THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER – EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING**

We have a booking in our diary for the next Emergency Committee meeting to be held on Thursday 5 September 2024. This meeting will need to be held after hours.

### **11.3 11 -13 SEPTEMBER – DARWIN HARBOUR CLEAN-UP**

Darwin Harbour Clean Up will be held Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September this year. Please see poster below.

### **11.4 WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER – LGANT PRESENTATION TO WAGAIT COUNCIL ELECTED MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Council received an email from the Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT) advising that they would like to provide a brief presentation to elected members and council staff on 17 September prior to the council meeting on this day. LGANT representatives who will be visiting will be President Kon Vatskalis and A/CEO Mary Watson.

The presentation aims to help members connect with their leadership team and gain a better understanding of the services available through LGANT membership. Prior to the Council Meeting, a catch-up meeting will be held between President Neil White and CEO Virginia Boon.

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

### **12.1 LGANT Submission Report**

Cr S Smith inquired whether the Councillors had any opinions on the submission that circulated regarding the incorporation of Belyuen Community Council and Wagait Shire Council into the Darwin Regional Land Use Plan. Cr Smith expressed that she does not fully understand the implications of this incorporation and questioned its relevance.

### **12.2 Official Opening – Re-Discovery Hub**

The Re-Discovery Hub is nearly complete. Cr Smith has requested that a community BBQ be organised for the opening in September.

### **12.3 Rock on Road from Jetty structure**

Cr M Vaughan sent an email to DIPL after discovering numerous rocks that have fallen off trucks during the transport from the Jetty. The bitumen shows bounce marks from the fallen rocks.

## 12.4 Cut-Off times for Agenda's

It was requested that In-Camera Agendas be sent out to Councillors on the Friday before the Council Meeting, along with the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda paperwork.

## 13. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

### RESOLUTION No. 2024/193

**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: Cr P Clee**

**Seconded: President N White**

**Vote:**

At 8:11pm Council closed the meeting to the general public.

## 13.1 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO BE RAISED IN-CAMERA

1. Confirmation of previous In-Camera Minutes
2. Request to Waive Extra Bin Charges

## 13.2 RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

### RESOLUTION No. 2024/197

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

**Moved: Cr P Clee**

**Seconded: Cr S Smith**

**Vote: AIF**

At 8:19pm Council opened the meeting to the general public.

## 13.3 DECISIONS ARISING FROM THE CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

### RESOLUTION No. 2024/196

**That Council move the following items into the Open Meeting in accordance with section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:**

- a) 13.1 In-Camera Minutes from 16 July 2024 accepted by Resolution 2024/194;
- b) 13.2 Waste Charges – Cox Country Club not approved by Resolution 2024/195

**Moved: Cr P Clee**

**Seconded: President N White**

**Vote: AIF**

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

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17 September 2024.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:20pm.