



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD

TUESDAY 27 MAY 2014

AT

6.00 pm

**Council Chambers Civic Centre
Stuart Highway, Katherine**

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE KATHERINE CIVIC CENTRE TUESDAY 27 May 2014 AT 6.25 PM

1. OPENING PRAYER

Mayor Fay Miller
Deputy Mayor Lis Clark
Alderman Steven Rose
Alderman Donald Higgins
Alderman Rob Phillips
Alderman Toni Tapp-Coutts
Alderman Peter Gazey

IN ATTENDANCE Mr David Laugher – Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Neroli Dickens – Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Director
Works & Services
Mr James Rowe – Director Corporate and Community Services
Mrs Sophie Henderson – Community Services Executive
Manager

4 x members of the Katherine Community
1 x member of the Media

Mrs Heather Kirk – Minute Taker

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Elected Members Leave of Absence
and Apologies

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Confirmation of Previous Minutes

MOVED: Phillips/Clark

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 29 April 2014 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

That the Confidential Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 29 April 2014 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

That the Minutes from the Special Meeting of Council held 13 May 2014 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED: 7/0

5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Elected Member Disclosure of Interest and Declared Interest

Nil

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

7. MAYORAL BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Mayoral Business to be considered

- Congratulated Director Works & Services/Deputy CEO Neroli Dickens who has been awarded a Scholarship to attend the Excellence in Local Government Leadership Program in Canberra in July. This is a fantastic achievement for Neroli who has been awarded a fully paid scholarship from 40 participants across Australia and New Zealand. We are very proud of her achievements and wish her lots of enjoyment and satisfaction in attending this Program. Well done Neroli.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS TO BE TABLED

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Correspondence and Documents Tabled

Nil

9. QUESTIONS

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Questions

9.1 With Notice

Nil

9.2 Without Notice

Nil

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

MOVED: Mayor/Tapp-Coutts

- 10.1** Fay Miller, Mayor of Katherine Town Council hereby gives notice of her intention to move a motion of rescission of a decision taken by Council in respect to Item 16.3 of the Confidential Agenda (Lease Negotiations Katherine Aquatic Centre) held on 29 April 2014.

CARRIED: 7/0

10.2 LEASE NEGOTIATIONS – KATHERINE AQUATIC CENTRE

File: Legal Documents/Lease/Katherine Swimming Pool

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

That Council:

Determines to direct the Chief Executive Officer to renew negotiations with a view to entering into a new ten (10) year lease and MOU with YMCA Katherine for the operation of the Katherine Aquatic Centre.

CARRIED: 7/0

11. REPORT OF OFFICERS

11.1 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Chief Executive Officer Reports

MOVED: Clark/Tapp-Coutts

That the report of the Chief Executive Officer for the month of March 2014 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.2 MONTHLY WORKS AND SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Works and Services Department Reports

MOVED: Higgins/Gazey

That the report of the Works and Services Department for the month of April 2014 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – APRIL 2014

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Phillips/Tapp-Coutts

That Council endorse the Financial Report for the month of April 2014.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Gazey; page 32 – pay adjustment of \$20K of total wages for month – would like some clarity on this. The CEO advised that he would get back to him.
- Alderman Rose said that it was nice to see the repairs had been done to the boat ramp. The CEO advised that there was an opportunity to do the work within the existing budget. Application had been made for extra funding, but was unsuccessful. Funds came internally.

11.4 KATHERINE AQUATIC CENTRE – CAPITAL UPGRADE WORKS

File: Property Management / Maintenance / Swimming Pool

MOVED: Tapp-Coutts /Clark

That Council:

Determines to directs the Chief Executive Officer to give effect to a transfer of \$160,000 from Internally Restricted funds, to carry out sand filter equipment replacement at the Katherine Aquatic Centre.

CARRIED: 7 /0

- Alderman Tapp-Coutts commented that it was good to see Council fixing this problem and keeping the standard up.
- Alderman Phillips agreed.

11.5 TENDER 14/01 – RURAL ROADS AND URBAN STREETS RESEALING

File: Tenders / Works / Road Reseals – Urban and Rural / T14/01

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That the submitted price by Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd of \$345,304.67 GST exclusive for Tender 14/01 to be accepted.
2. That supplementary works to the value of \$60, 695 GST exclusive be undertaken by Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd in line with the pricing structure of their submitted tender.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Rose commented that there was a reduction in square metres from last year. The CEO advised that from the tenders submitted there was a massive variation in cost. Prices from last year on comparison are down which enables Council to get some more work done.
- Alderman Gazey asked about the quality of work – asked that there was no question of there being a cheaper job. The CEO commented that the companies that tendered are reputable companies and have a reputation to maintain. Council will be monitoring their work. There can be no guarantee of the quality of work but processes will be monitored.

12. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

File: Community Relations / Committees / Elected Member Representatives on Committees

The following meetings/activities were attended by the Elected Members:

Alderman Peter Gazey

Elected Members Workshops
Council Meeting
LGANT meeting and dinner
ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Alderman Steven Rose

Elected Members Workshops
Council Meeting
LGANT Conference and Dinner
Chamber of Commerce
ANZAC Day dawn service and parade

Alderman Toni Tapp-Coutts

Elected Members Workshops
LGANT Conference

Alderman Rob Phillips

Elected Members Workshops
Council Meeting
Katherine Museum Meeting
Sydney Girls High School Orchestra – very pleasant afternoon with very talented children

Alderman Donald Higgins

Elected Members Workshops
Council Meeting
LGANT Conference and Dinner

Deputy Mayor Lis Clark

Elected Members Workshops
Council Meeting
LGANT Conference and Dinner
ANZAC Day Parade and Service
YMCA Meetings

13. LATE AGENDA

Nil

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

Alderman Phillips asked for clarification on meetings the Mayor had;

- the meeting with member of the public x 7. The Mayor had advised that there were various reasons for the meetings that members of the public had requested.
- The moving of the train – the Mayor advised that there had been a meeting to discuss this. This will happen when funding is available. The train will be moved and fenced.
- Alderman Tapp-Coutts; a member of the public approached her about closing Hibiscus Lane, from around 9pm – 6am. Asked what was happening with this. The Mayor advised that this has been discussed before with the owner of the house who lived adjacent to the lane re opening and closing the gates. Rangers closed it for a period of time. Fences were wrecked. Painted Indigenous artwork on fences – this also did not work. The only lane that worked was one where there was a total closure and completely blocked off – Glencoe – with the land being purchased by an adjoining owner.
- Alderman Phillips advised that a lane which was fenced off stopped others like wheelchair users and mothers with prams using the lane.
- The Mayor spoke also about the Principal of Katherine High School who has spoken about vandalism and the lane being used as an escape route.
- The Mayor advised this would be discussed at a workshop.
- Alderman Tapp-Coutts will suggest that the member of the public should come and speak to the Mayor to get the background history.

15. PETITIONS

Nil

16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

17. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting was closed at 6.50pm.

Fay Miller
MAYOR OF KATHERINE