



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF COUNCIL

HELD

TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2015

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 28 APRIL 2015 AT 6.26 PM

1. OPENING PRAYER

2.

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Robert Jennings – Chief Executive Officer
Ms Neroli Dickens – Director Works & Services / Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Ms Claire Johansson – Director Corporate & 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: Clark/Phillips

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 24 March 2015 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

Her Worship the Mayor attended the following meetings for the month of March 2015:

- Katherine Times Mayors Message x 5
- Funeral – Darwin
- ABC Interview x 6
- FM Radio Interview
- Katherine Civil Airport Discussions Meeting
- Meeting with Member of the Public x 3
- Hosted St Joseph’s School Year 1 and 2 Visit to Civic Centre
- Meeting with Alderman Phillips
- Clontarf Morning Training Session
- Business at Sunset
- Meeting with Katherine Times Editor x 2
- Elected Members Workshop x 2
- Allira Braun’s IMP Graduation
- Katherine Emergency Committee Meeting
- Industry Briefing by Lend-Lease Stakeholder Manager
- WALGA Teleconference
- Woolworths Shave for a Cure
- Meeting re Strategic Alliance Paper
- Meet and Greet with Lidia De Lembo, A/g Regional Executive Director, Chief Ministers Office
- Katherine Flood Mitigation Committee Meeting X 2
- Budget Workshop
- LGMANT Management Challenge Dinner
- Minister’s Advisory Council for Senior Territorians (MAC-ST) Meeting – Darwin Open Public Meeting
- Interview with Rural Weekly News
- Meeting re REDC
- Meeting with Christopher Smythe – State Director ABC
- Tourism Industry Road Show
- Meeting with Jonathan Sumner, Director of Energy, Department of Mines and Energy
- Open Forum
- Council Meeting
- ALGWA Conference – Barossa Valley
- Visit to Lakeview Transitional Centre, Port Augusta
- 94th Royal Australian Air Force Birthday Celebrations, Tindal
- Borella Ride “Welcome to Darwin”
- Meeting with Minister Styles Advisor
- Australia Day Conference Meeting
- Meeting with TIO CEO
- Katherine East Stage 1 Design Discussion

Mayor Miller advised of the following:

- I wish to thank the CEO Robert Jennings and the staff for the hard work that has gone into preparing the Municipal Plan for 2015/2016. The draft document is before Council tonight for approval to be placed on public exhibition to give our ratepayers the opportunity to comment. Council has endeavoured in this budget to service a wide range of areas with the limited funding that we have.

As is always the case with something as important as this working document a considerable amount of time and lengthy discussion has taken place to compile the draft. The detail that Elected Members and I have been provided with this year has been very much appreciated. Thank you to all concerned.

- Following Council's February meeting, Lyndon Keane, Editor of the Katherine Times, lodged an enquiry with the Department of Local Government of a procedural motion regarding unconventional oil and gas fracking within the Katherine Municipal boundaries. The Department has investigated the claim and has advised that there have been no breaches of the Local Government Act or the Administration Regulation. I seek leave to table the response from the Department of Local Government. Elected Members gave leave.
- Mayor Miller will provide separately a report on her visit to ALGWA.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS TO BE TABLED

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

8.1 Letter from Department of Local Government and Community Services Procedural Motion – Katherine Town Council meeting date 24 February 2015.

8.2 Report from Alderman Tapp-Coutts in relation to the ALGWA conference.

9. QUESTIONS

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Questions

9.1 With Notice

Nil

9.2 Without Notice

- Alderman Gazey queried if we have had any requests regarding the river loop walk. The CEO advised we have no formal service requests but through the Mayor an issue had been identified and Council are working to take care of this.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

11. REPORT OF OFFICERS

11.1 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2015

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

MOVED: Higgins/Clark

That the Chief Executive Officer Report for the month of March 2015 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Phillips asked about the visit to Lakeview, which Mayor Miller spoke about at the Open Forum.
- Alderman Phillips asked about the industry briefing. The Mayor advised that this was in relation to Tindal.
- Alderman Clark commented that there was an increase in animals at large.

11.2 MONTHLY WORKS AND SERVICES DIVISION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2015

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

MOVED: Clark/Tapp-Coutts

That the report of the Works & Services Division for the month of March 2015 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Tapp-Coutts commented on the wilful damage at the Sportsgrounds.
- Alderman Clark asked if the Rangers could patrol the Museum area inside the gate for illegal campers.

11.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – MARCH 2015

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Phillips/Gazey

That Council endorse the Financial Report for the month of March 2015.

CARRIED: 7/0

The CEO distributed a page missing from the original report.

11.4 MINUTES OF THE KATHERINE SPORTSGROUNDS PRECINCT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

File: Community Relations / Committees / Katherine Sportsgrounds / Sportsgrounds Advisory Committee / 2015

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That the Minutes of the Katherine Sportsgrounds Advisory Committee meeting held on 19 February 2015 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Deputy Mayor Higgins advised Council to start a 5 year plan for the Sports Precinct now. The Director Works & Services advised the establishment of plans sits in the Municipal Plan as KPI.
- Alderman Gazey queried, in other business, if the Tennis Club had supplied Council with a letter. The CEO confirmed that this has happened.

11.5 USE OF COUNCIL SEAL – CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR EMUNGALAN ROAD FLOOD IMMUNITY WORKS.

File: Road Civil and Traffic Works / Planning / Roads – Emungalan Road

MOVED: Phillips/Clark

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That Council approves the use of the Common Seal for this purpose.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.6 TENDER 15/01 – OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF THE KATHERINE AQUATIC CENTRE

File: Tenders / Works / Sportsground – Aquatic Centre/T15-01 Operational Management

MOVED: Clark/Tapp-Coutts

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That the 2015/16 forward budget projection of \$242,500 specifically allocated to the Katherine Aquatic Centre be endorsed prior to implementation.
2. That the submitted price by YMCA of Katherine Inc. of \$221,945.45 GST exclusive for the 2015/16 for Tender 15/01 to be accepted.
3. That the extended costing of \$665,836.35 GST exclusive for the full 36 month term of T15/01, as provided by the YMCA of Katherine Inc., be accepted noting an annual indexation in line with March Darwin CPI figure.
4. That within the first 12 months of operation, negotiations commence with the Department of Local Government and Communities to extend the current tenure of T15/01 and develop a long term lease arrangement with the YMCA of Katherine Inc.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Deputy Mayor Higgins advised the figures show the YMCA have won the tender, but would like noted all figures the YMCA have collected over the years were supplied to other tenderer to enable them to make a fair and honest tender.
- The CEO advised this was a well written report, which would be a model for the future.
- Alderman Gazey asked about the YMCA funding, has the sustainability been taken into consideration. The Director Works & Services advised the tender was released as 36 month contract. All tenderers demonstrated the ability to undertake this requirement. If they are unable to do this, it would be dealt with as a separate issue.

11.7 LOT 3217 KATHERINE SPORTSGROUNDS – LAND TENURE, HENRY SCOTT BUILDING

File: Legal Documents/Agreements/YMCA of Katherine

MOVED: Clark/Gazey

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That support be given to the principle of formalising the long-term land tenure of the Henry Scott building within the Katherine Sportsgrounds, in favour of the YMCA of Katherine Inc.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.8 PRE-APPROVAL OF 2015/16 BUDGET LINE ITEM – AUTHORITY ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

File: Finance / Budgeting / Budget 2015-16

MOVED: Rose/Tapp-Coutts

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That Council pre-approve a commitment for the budget line item (3050/100/404 Electronic Data Processing) in the proposed 2015/16 budget, to purchase the Authority Asset Management System from Civica, to the value of \$165,000 GST exclusive.

CARRIED: 7/0

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 in March:

Alderman Peter Gazey

Open Forum
Ordinary Council Meeting
Elected Members Workshops
Public Meeting - Municipal Plan and Budget
Anniversary of the Bombing of Katherine
Meeting with Katherine Aviation
Meeting with Chief Executive Officer, KTC
Nitmiluk Brochure Launch

Alderman Steven Rose

Open Forum
Ordinary Council Meeting
Elected Member Workshops
Anniversary of the Bombing of Katherine
94th RAAF Birthday Celebrations

Alderman Toni Tapp-Coutts

Open Forum
Ordinary Council Meeting
Katherine Museum Historical Society Meeting
Municipal Plan and Budget Workshop
Public Meeting - Municipal Plan and Budget
ALGWA Conference - SA

Alderman Rob Phillips

Open Forum
Ordinary Council Meeting
Elected Member Workshops
Public Meeting - Municipal Plan and Budget
Nitmiluk Brochure Launch

Deputy Mayor Donald Higgins

Open Forum
Ordinary Council Meeting
Elected Members Workshops
Allira Braun's Graduation
Municipal Plan and Budget Workshop
Nitmiluk Brochure Launch
Tindal Land Lease Meeting

Alderman Lis Clark

Open Forum
Council Meeting
Elected Members Workshops
Meeting with Chief Executive Officer, KTC
Municipal Plan and Budget Workshop
Clean Up Australia Day
Borella Ride – Introduced Dr Tom Lewis
Anniversary of the Bombing of Katherine
Meeting with Member of the Public
94th RAAF Birthday Celebrations
Allira Braun's Graduation
Nitmiluk Brochure Launch

13. LATE AGENDA

13.1 DRAFT MUNICIPAL PLAN – 1 JULY 2015 TO 30 JUNE 2016

File: Local Governance / Compliance / Municipal Plan

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That council approve the Draft Municipal Plan 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 for public exhibition.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Gazey hopes the public will take the opportunity to read the document, as a lot of work has gone into it, and this document is for the community.
- Mayor Miller commented the format is much more readable, and easier to understand.
- Alderman Clark commended the CEO and staff and everyone that had input as it has taken a lot of time and hard work, and is one of the best documents we have had.
- Alderman Tapp-Coutts commented that copies would be needed for the Market Stall.
- The CEO explained the process. The focus of the document is about community engagement, and we have to consult the public for 21 days. Comments received will be noted and an action point made against each comment. The plan should be adopted in May. This is part of a plan over the next 3 years to move to community consultation, and in time we can put together a document from the community.
- Alderman Tapp-Coutts suggested that a hard copy is delivered to all main stakeholders.

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Alderman Phillips commented on the Showgrounds activity happening: An old dump, Neem trees, dead trees and all steel will be removed.
- Alderman Phillips requested leave of absence from 7-9 May 2015.
- Deputy Mayor Higgins attended a Katherine Show Committee Meeting. Commented on the hard work that the small committee are doing is phenomenal. This is a show Katherine can be proud of.
- Deputy Mayor Higgins thanked everyone for the free community movie. The organisation ran very smoothly and Rosemary Jennings deserves congratulations.
- Alderman Tapp-Coutts asked the Mayor to give an update on Katherine Museum. Mayor Miller advised that the ANZAC Ghan came through Katherine last week. Over 200 were people bussed to the Museum and then to Nitmiluk. The Museum staff had not been fully briefed on events, and did a good job improvising. Fortunately, the Museum had provided chairs and bottled water for everyone, and the staff had put together an ANZAC exhibit.
- Mayor Miller advised that without volunteers we would not have lots of events happening. We need to value the volunteers for the work they do.

15. PETITIONS

Nil

16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

That standing orders be suspended to allow Council to consider a confidential matter in Committee.

Meeting closed to the public. All members of the public left the Chambers.

CARRIED: Higgins/Clark

16.1 WRITE OFF BAD DEBTS

MOVED: Clark/Phillips

CARRIED: 7/0

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

That Council resume the meeting.

CARRIED: 7/0

17. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting was closed at 7.02pm.