



# **Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday 30 August 2016  
Ordinary Meeting 6:08PM**

Council Chambers, Civic Centre,  
Stuart Highway, Katherine

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 30 AUGUST 2016

### MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE KATHERINE CIVIC CENTRE TUESDAY 30 AUGUST 2016

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**1. Welcome to the Country**

**2. Opening Prayer**

Grant O God to this Council wisdom, understanding and sincerity of purpose in the Governance of this Municipality. Amen

**3. Present**

Mayor Fay Miller  
Deputy Mayor Tony Tapp Coutts  
Alderman Lis Clark  
Alderman Henry Higgins  
Alderman Robert Phillips  
Alderman Peter Gazey  
Alderman Steven Rose

**In attendance**

Mr Robert Jennings – Chief Executive Officer  
Mr David Moore – Acting Director of Works and Services  
Ms Rosemary Jennings – Acting Director Corporate and Community Services  
Ms Alice Anastacio – Corporate Services Manager  
Ms Sarah Bevington – Executive Assistant (Minute Taker)

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

**4. Apologies and Leave of Absence**

The apologies of the Director of Corporate and Community Services Ms Claire Johansson were received and noted.

**5. 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 26 July 2016 be confirmed as true and accurate.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

MOVED: Clark / Phillips

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on the 3 August 2016 be confirmed as true and accurate.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

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### **6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

Nil

### **7. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

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

Nil

### **8. Mayoral Business to be Considered**

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

#### **Mayor's Calendar of Events for July 2016**

ABC Radio Interview

Defence Community Organisation NT 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Morning Tea

Territory Day Celebrations – Dance Mass

Northern Territory Population Reference Group – teleconference

Home Improvement Scheme Information Session

Elders Morning Tea – NAIDOC Week

Katherine Land Use Plan Meeting

Katherine Community Safety Committee Meeting

Katherine Region Action Group Public Forum

Northern Territory Population Series

Opening Green Snaps Katherine Public Library

Savannah Way Board Meeting – teleconference

Katherine Emergency Committee Meeting

Katherine Hotel Restaurant Opening

ABC Grass Roots

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Junior Rangers Program at Nitmiluk

Country Liberals welcome Function Katherine Show Week

Katherine Show x 2 days

Meeting with Department of Housing x 2

LGANT Executive Meeting – teleconference

Northern Territory Population Summit – Darwin

Katherine Prize

Katherine Accommodation Action Group (KAAG) Meeting

Elected Members Workshop

Simone Montgomerie Cycle to the Top End – welcome fundraiser

Air News Interview

Open Forum

Council Meeting

Population Summit – Darwin

Community member meeting x 5

NT Motor X Titles

NAIDOC Closing Ceremony

St Johns Ambulance – new location announcement

Katherine Rotary changeover dinner

Funeral x 1

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### Mayor Millers Report

August has been a very busy month. It is traditionally Seniors Month in the NT. This year we have had more activities arranged in Katherine than ever before for our Seniors to participate in and enjoy. The Katherine Town Council activities began with the Mayoral morning tea; and followed with some great activities in the Library – Linoleum printing block and painting on canvas (which culminated in an exhibition opening at the Library today and will be open until the end of next week); Facebook for beginners; a reading by Deputy Mayor Toni Tapp Coutts from her recently published book “A Sunburnt Childhood”, a reading by Kim Scott; and a Seed information session Alderman Lis Clarke. Mayor Miller thanked Rosemary Jennings for her assistance in facilitating.

NT Friendship & Support also hosted several very interesting activities including a dinner at Nitmiluk Gorge which was well attended and a morning tea at George and Mary Thompson’s property at Edith Farms, also well attended.

The seniors also bus travelled to the Timber Creek area for 2 days of sightseeing. From all accounts they have had a very busy but interesting Seniors Month this year.

We are coming to the end of the tourist season – traditionally it seems to occur in early September. This year has seen record numbers coming through the visitor information centre, and all operators I have spoken with are very happy.

The visitor centre has recently had a much needed paint to the exterior which has certainly brightened up the whole area. It looks great. Internally the layout has been improved for ease of visitor information access and has worked very well. Congratulations to manager Faith Williams who has been responsible for the upgrades. Congratulations to all the staff who have worked tirelessly to achieve a record this year of \$1m sales over the counter. A fabulous effort. Congratulations for Faith for the longest Canvas Painting with traditional aboriginal painting and four separate designs and her husband Peter. There was a presentation on Friday 26 August to thank the artist.

We have ended this busy month with a change of Government in the Northern Territory from Country Liberal Party to Labor. It is an honour to be elected to represent your electorate. I congratulate all the newly elected representatives in the Legislative Assembly and feel sure you will enjoy your new challenges and responsibilities. I look forward, as is the CEO to continuing the very good relationship Katherine Town Council has with the Northern Territory Government.

#### **9. Correspondence and Documents to be Tabled**

**9.1** Letter Received – Minister for lands and Planning – Development Consent Authority

**9.2** Letter Received – Minister for Mines and Energy – Hydraulic Fracturing Katherine Municipality

- Alderman Higgins made comment regarding the last paragraph that the former Government is now gone.

**9.3** Letter Sent – Leader of the Opposition – Point of Sale Interventions

- Alderman Gazey questioned if this letter went to all political parties.
- The Chief Executive Officer confirmed yes this letter has been sent to all parties.

#### **10. Petitions**

Nil

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### 11. Questions

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Questions

#### 11.1 With Notice

Nil

#### 11.2 Without Notice

Nil

### 12. Notice of motion

Nil

### 13. Report of Officers

#### 13.1 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2016

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

MOVED: Clark / Phillips

That the Chief Executive Officer Report for the month of July 2016 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

- Alderman Gazey noted the animal lost and found section in service request (page 3) and questioned what the breakdown was.
- The Director of Works and Services noted that the twenty two reports were of lost and found animals and that figures were high for school holidays and one complaint was put through four (4) times.
- Alderman Phillips noted the service request received (page 3) for animal menace six (6) and nuisance six (6) and that this figure is still high.
- Mayor Miller advised this question would be taken on notice.

#### 13.2 MONTHLY WORKS AND SERVICES DIVISION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2016

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

MOVED: Rose / Gazey

That the report of the Works & Services Division for the month of July 2016 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

- Alderman Rose mentioned under major works (page 6) that the mentioned Steven Rose is not him and he does not have a conflict to declare.
- Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts commented on the sprinkler replacement cost for the month of July (page 6) as it was show and school holiday time.

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- Mayor Miller noted that the caravans and 4WD are driving over our parks.
- Mayor Miller requested that maybe we put signs up to state not to park there in high use areas.
- The Chief Executive Officer noted that we will take this on notice.
- Deputy Mayor Tapp-Coutts queried if Council spent half this replacement cost on bollards, might it take pressure off?
- The Director of Works and Services noted that Council has put bollards in at the Skate Park.
- Alderman Gazey noted the grammatical error regarding Stephen Murphy preparing a leaking tap (page 7)

### **13.3 MONTHLY CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2016**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Corporate and Community Services Reports

MOVED: Clark / Tapp-Coutts

That the report of the Corporate and Community Services Division for the month of July 2016 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

- Deputy Mayor Tapp-Coutts noted that staff are doing a great job at the Library and Visitor Information Centre.

### **13.4 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – JULY**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Tapp-Coutts / Phillips

That Council endorse the Financial Report for the month of July 2016.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Clark questioned (page 25) in the elected members allowance items, what the \$429 reimbursement for Mayor Miller was.
- Mayor Miller noted it was a reimbursement for a fundraiser and items that Mayor Miller had purchased. The items had been sold at the Visitor Information Centre.
- Mayor Miller would like this wording to note reimbursement for Visitor Information Centre product.

### **13.5 COMMUNITY GRANTS – ACCEPTANCE OF SUCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATION**

File: Finance / Grant Funding / LTC Community Grants 2016

MOVED: Higgins / Phillips

**That Council:**

1. That Council approve the awarding of the following grants as per the recommendations of the Community Grants Assessment Committee Minutes of Friday 12 August 2016 on receipt of necessary paperwork and confirmation of any previous grants being acquitted.

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### Community Group (Up to \$2,000)

Organization	Project	Amount
Katherine Community Markets	Advertising and merchandise	\$1,623.36
Katherine Derby Dolls	Skate Star Program	\$2,000.00
Katherine Museum	Women's Recognition Awards	\$2,000.00
Katherine Volunteer Unit	Refrigeration and freezer	\$1,298.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,921.36</b>

### Major Event (Maximum \$5,000)

Organization	Event	Amount
Katherine Museum	Community Event – Commemoration of Katherine Bombing	\$5,000.00
Katherine Motorsport Club	Infrastructure upgrades for speedway track	\$5,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

CARRIED: 7 / 0

### 13.6 PROGRESS OF THE LEASE AND OTHER ASSOCIATED MATTERS FOR THE KATHERINE CIVIL AIRPORT

File: Legal Documents / Lease / Katherine Civil Airport Lease

MOVED: Phillips / Higgins

#### **That it be recommended to Council:**

1. Receive and note the above report.
2. Approve the commencement of the apron tender for the General Apron and the Regular Passenger Transport apron using the funding provided by the Northern Territory Government and based on the report provided by Aerodrome Designs.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

### 13.7 KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL – ELECTED MEMBER GENERAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

File: Local Governance / Policy/Policy Decisions to be Actioned / Policy Manual Updates

MOVED: Clark / Rose

#### **That it be recommended to Council:**

That the attached amended policy be received, noted and adopted.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

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- Mayor Miller questioned if there was any changes to the policy or it is just a reminder.
- The Chief Executive Officer noted there is minor changes and mostly due to formatting and order of the meeting.

### 14. 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 July:

#### **Deputy Mayor Toni Tapp-Coutts**

Elected Members Workshop  
Open Forum  
Council meeting  
Katherine Show  
Territory Day  
Opening Green Snaps – Katherine Library  
25 Anniversary Junior Rangers Program

#### **Alderman Peter Gazey**

Elected Members Workshop  
Open Forum  
Council meeting  
Katherine Show  
YMCA Board Meeting

#### **Alderman Steven Rose**

Elected Members Workshop  
Open Forum  
Council meeting  
Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

#### **Alderman Rob Phillips**

Elected Members Workshop  
Open Forum  
Council meeting  
Katherine Show  
Showgrounds Advisory  
Katherine Historic Society Meeting

#### **Alderman Donald Higgins**

Katherine Show  
Territory Day  
Country Liberals Welcome Function

#### **Alderman Lis Clark**

Elected Members Workshop  
Open Forum  
Council meeting  
Katherine Prize



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### 15. Late Agenda

MOVED: Tapp-Coutts / Higgins

Deputy Mayor Tapp-Coutts moved a motion to include the Late Agenda items.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

### 15.1 CONSENT TO PROVIDE COMMENTS TO LICENSING NT BIG ASS GRILL

File: Property / 48 / Lot 67 / 16 Second Street

MOVED: Tapp-Coutts / Phillips

#### **That it be recommended to Council:**

That Council endorses the above recommendations and raises no objection to the application.

LOST: 3 / 4

- Alderman Phillips noted that he has had members of the community approach him as to why we need another pub in town when we have pubs, clubs, takeaway and motels. Katherine is only just getting past the alcohol problem. There are a lot of problems in the community that we don't see that happen behind closed doors and why does Katherine need another pub.
- Alderman Higgins noted that Council has listened to a number of the public's concerns. Why do we want to take away business from others already struggling. The golf club have been restricted to their conditions for their noise and that anyone in 1km of this premise will be able to hear the noise from this facility.
- Alderman Rose noted that the club that was mentioned has put up a stage without consent and that it has been over seen by the Development Consent Authority. There was a time for people to come in and voice their concerns on the development and that the objector was satisfied with the response and that it is mainly orientated as a club and not a pub and that it will be another venue for entertainment, employment and local contractors.
- Deputy Mayor Tapp-Coutts agreed that she supports Alderman Rose's comments, that it is an indoor venue and that they will have noise acoustic installation. She also noted that this is a club with a different style of entertainment and attractions and that all our existing venues offer a differentiated product. Kirbys offer a place to drink and dance and the old disco closed down due to clientele. Deputy Mayor Tapp-Coutts thinks this will give an alternate option to our community. She also noted that the golf club received constant noise complaints and that she totally supports the new alcohol licence.
- Alderman Gazey views are that it is not an extra pub in the township as the Sports Club closed down recently and that it is a different type of venue as per the application. If the guidelines are kept to as they appear, then Council shouldn't have concerns regarding the last dot point in the recommendation and that it need not be a concern that the opening time of 10am is too early and that ultimately it is up to licensing and Council should be aware of this and not stand in the way.
- Alderman Clark noted that it is another development and that it is in the wrong place so we will have problems with parking and that she is hoping the conditions we are providing are taken on and we want the food and not just another place you can buy alcohol. The area is too small for what they want to do with the noise and four hundred people.

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- Mayor Miller agreed that Council shouldn't stand in the way of someone who wants to have their own business and we did this once before when Nino wanted to set up his tavern and all objected and that provided our community another area to go drink and that she wishes the venue good luck and that it is another area and it provides local artists another place to entertain. Mayor Miller's biggest concern is parking and that it is licensing responsibility is to ensure that the operator is managed in line with conditions.
- Alderman Rose stated that business is going to operating outside hours of other businesses and parking shouldn't be an issue.
- Mayor Miller noted there is no takeaway alcohol.
- Alderman Higgins noted that the area is zoned residential and that the current permit to operate for parking is currently down the side of it and that the gates are never open for people to park.
- Alderman Phillips noted that it was a strong point to have a meal with alcohol.

MOVED: Rose /Gazey

Alderman Rose put forward an amendment that we remove point seven (7)

LOST: 3 / 4

Amendment loss

Original Motion then voted on and lost with no alternate motion raised.

### 15.2 **DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY**

File: Property Management / Disposal / Asset Disposal and Auctions

MOVED: Tapp-Coutts / Phillips

**That it be recommended to Council:**

That Elected Members approve the disposal of the above vehicle.

CARRIED: 7 /

### 16. **General Business**

- Alderman Gazey noted that he will be on leave from tomorrow and that he is contactable by phone and email.
- Mayor Miller wished Alderman Gazey a successful and fun, fundraising trip.
- Alderman Phillips noted that the Visitor Information Centre artist presentation was excellent and congratulated the local artists on their excellence.

### 17. **Confidential Items**

Nil

### 18. **Next Ordinary Council Meeting**

The ninth Ordinary Council Meeting for 2016 will be held on 27 September 2016.

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**19. Meeting Closed**

The meeting was closed 6:56PM.

Fay Miller

**MAYOR OF KATHERINE**