



# **Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday 26 July 2016  
Ordinary Meeting 6.22pm**

Council Chambers, Civic Centre,  
Stuart Highway, Katherine

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 26 JULY 2016

### MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE KATHERINE CIVIC CENTRE TUESDAY 26 JULY 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 Robert Phillips  
Alderman Peter Gazey  
Alderman Steven Rose

**In attendance**

Ms Claire Johansson – Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Mr David Moore – Acting Director of Works and Services  
Ms Sophie Henderson - Community Services Executive Manager  
Ms Sarah Bevington – Executive Assistant (Minute Taker)

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

**4. Apologies and Leave of Absence**

The apologies of the Chief Executive Officer Robert Jennings and Alderman Donald Henry Higgins were received and noted.

**5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

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

MOVED: Phillips / Tapp Coutt

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 28 June 2016 be confirmed as true and accurate.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

**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

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### 8. Mayoral Business to be Considered

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

#### Mayor's Calendar of Events for June 2016

- RAAF Community Forum
- Katherine Community Safety Committee Meeting
- St Pauls Anglican Church – New Priest
- Tourism Top End Meeting
- National Reconciliation Week walk at Binjari Health
- Meeting with Senator Nigel Scullion
- Defence Community Organisation Meeting
- Nitmiluk Tours Board Meeting
- ABC Grass Roots
- 2016/17 Budget Roadshow
- Meeting with Nitmiluk General Manager
- Meeting with Police Commander Bruce Porter
- Meeting with Creative Partnerships Australia
- Katherine Community Market Stall
- Meeting with Katherine Times
- Elected Members Workshop x 2
- Open Forum
- Council Meeting
- KREDC Planning Workshop
- RRR Project NT Reference Group – teleconference
- LGANT Executive Meeting
- BMX Official Opening
- Meeting with community members x 2

### 9. Correspondence and Documents to be Tabled

Nil

### 10. Petitions

Nil

### 11. Questions

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Questions

#### 11.1 With Notice

Nil

#### 11.2 Without Notice

Nil

### 12. Notice of motion

Nil

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### 13. Report of Officers

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

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

MOVED: Clark / Phillips

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

CARRIED: 6 / 0

- Alderman Gazey questioned (page 1) the sick leave stats under total hours used in the executive staff and why it was so high for only two (2) staff.
- The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that there are only two (2) members in this and it relates to last the financial year where there were three (3) members.
- Alderman Clark noted that we seem to be increasing in dog issues and animals at large and what we can do about the dog issue.
- Alderman Phillips noted the figures for dogs and the dog issues in Katherine.
- Mayor Miller requested the Acting Chief Executive Officer & Director of Works and Services to comment on the dog issue and that people are complaining more because there is a big issue in Katherine and some residents are not controlling their dogs.
- The Director of Works and Services noted that this is and owners responsible for repeat issues are being dealt with.
- Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts questioned the one (1) complaint made against elected members.
- Mayor Miller advised this was made against an elected member and information would be provided to elected members.

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

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

MOVED: Clark / Gazey

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

CARRIED: 5 / 0

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- Alderman Clark questioned (page 5) the sprinklers vandalism has doubled in replacement cost and if these cost include replacement as well as new sprinklers.
- The Director of Works and Services advised yes all sprinklers new and replacements are included in this cost.
- Alderman Gazey queried what the six (6) other animals under inspectorate services were.
- The Director of Works and Services noted they were cats.
- Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts questioned the one (1) dog that was carried over.
- Director of Works and Services noted that the dog is still in the pound until the owner is able to find alternative arrangements.
- Mayor Miller noted this report highlights that we need to continue addressing the dog issue in Katherine and especially at Katherine north.
- Alderman Gazey questioned (page 5) the parks and open areas Stephen Murphy and which toilets were unblocked at Ryan Park.
- Director of Works and Services noted that it was the orange toilets at Ryan Park.

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

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

MOVED: Tapp Coutts / Phillips

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

CARRIED: 6 / 0

- Mayor Miller noted the excellent work the Visitor Information Centre provides and great service and tourism NT has marketed the Northern Territory really well in there campaign this year. Mayor Miller passed on a big thank you to Faith and all staff and she knows how busy it is at this time of the year. Mayor Miller noted the increase in sales and that it is great to see as well as the feedback on customer surveys.
- Alderman Clark advised the seed library is going well.

### **13.4 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – JUNE**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Phillips / Clark

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

CARRIED: 5 / 0

- Alderman Clark noted the cleaning at Lindsay Street was for a number of things and not just the complex.
- Alderman Phillips questioned (page 27) what was purchased from Green Frog Systems.
- Director of Works and Services noted that it is solar for the cricket grounds as part of a grant.
- Alderman Gazey questioned (page 25) the Fig Leaf Pool Products.
- Director of Works and Services noted it is a filter system for the aquatic centre.

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### 13.5 KATHERINE PUBLIC LIBRARY – POLICY DOCUMENTS

File: Library Services / Policies and Procedures

MOVED: Tapp-Coutts / Phillips

**That Council:**

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

CARRIED: 6 / 0

- Alderman Gazey question the administration fee of \$8.00 and cost of item and (page 60) the lost and damage fee and why it is \$7.30 on administration fee.
- The Corporate and Community Service noted that the fee will need to be amended on (page 60) to reflect the \$8.00 charge.

### 13.6 ENDORSE JOINT INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT

File: Government Relations / Liaison / Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)

MOVED: Clark / Gazey

**That it be recommended to Council:**

To endorse the attached Joint Infrastructure Statement.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

### 13.7 ACQUITTAL – 2016 LIBRARY OPERATING FUNDING

File: Finance / Grant Funding / NT Library

MOVED: Phillips / Clark

**That it be recommended to Council:**

That the acquittal for the 2015/2016 Library Operational Funding be received and noted and the acquittal be forwarded to Northern Territory Library, Department of Arts and Museums.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

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### 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 June:

#### **Alderman Peter Gazey**

Elected Members Workshop X 2  
Open Forum  
Council meeting  
Katherine Beat "Riversong"  
National Reconciliation Week walk at Binjari Health  
2016/17 Budget Roadshow  
Wurli-Wurlijang Board Meeting  
Katherine Community Market Stall  
YMCA Board Meeting

#### **Alderman Steven Rose**

Elected Members Workshop X 2  
Open Forum  
Council meeting  
Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

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

Elected Members Workshop X 2  
Open Forum  
Council meeting  
RAAF Community Forum  
National Reconciliation Week walk at Binjari Health  
2016/17 Budget Roadshow  
Katherine Community Market Stall  
Wurli-Wurlijang Board Meeting  
Community Members 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

#### **Alderman Rob Phillips**

Elected Members Workshop X 2  
Open Forum  
Council meeting  
Showgrounds Advisory Committee Meeting  
Katherine Historical Society Meeting  
Katherine Community Market Stall

#### **Alderman Donald Higgins**

Elected Members Workshop X 2  
Open Forum  
Council meeting  
RAAF Community Market Stall  
Katherine Community Market Stall  
Council Social Night

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### **Alderman Lis Clark**

Elected Members Workshop X 2  
Open Forum  
Council meeting  
Katherine Community Market Stall  
Council Social Night  
Showgrounds Advisory Committee Meeting  
RAAF Community Forum

### **15. Late Agenda**

MOVED: Miller / Phillips

Mayor Miller moved a motion to include the Late Agenda items.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

### **15.1 DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY**

File: Property Management / Disposal / Asset Disposal and Auctions

MOVED: Tapp-Coutts / Clark

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

That Elected Members approve the disposal of the above vehicle in line with the report.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

- Alderman Gazey noted that he has only just received this late item and questioned why Council is going outside Katherine for auctioning.
- The Director of Works and Services noted that the local company does not hold regular auctions and that we didn't get as much of a return, this company use the internet as well for a live auction online and fees are cheaper.

### **15.2 2016/17 PERIOD CONTRACTS – SUMMARY ADVICE**

File: Tender / Works / Tenders and Quotations Register

MOVED: Phillips / Clark

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

1. That the summary advice for the noted three (3) Period Contracts for services be noted and received

CARRIED: 6 / 0

- Alderman Clark noted that the price of the contact and that it has come down quite a bit.



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### 16. General Business

- Mayor Miller thanked the volunteers and staff who ensured that the Katherine Show ran smoothly this year. The grounds were in great condition and the weather was pleasantly on the cooler side. Well done to all who took the time to enter their chosen category and congratulations to all the winners.
- As always the chook pen was a highlight with the decorated cut out chooks adding so much color and interest for all the family. Well done to Terry and Rosita Avenell who introduced this innovative idea many years ago. Without a doubt it is the best poultry shed at any show in the Territory.
- Well done to our one armed elected member Alderman Henry Higgins who managed to comper the 2 days of arena activities despite having a full shoulder reconstruction earlier in the week. It was a marathon effort Alderman Higgins.
- Mayor Millers adrenalin rush was not on any of the show rides, but as a passenger in the V8 Ford ute competing against the V8 Holden ute. Mayor Miller thoroughly enjoyed it — although I did grimace at the beautiful turf of the arena flying past my window during the skids. Thankfully it will be restored very quickly.
- Mayor Miller passed on a big thank you to everyone involved to make this a very pleasant 2016 show.
- Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts brought up the illegal camping and that Council might need to meet with Department of Infrastructure to discuss strategies to move on campers and that people are camping in bad conditions.
- Mayor Miller noted we certainly can do it as it is an issue.
- Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts noted that Lockheed Road is a problem area.
- Alderman Clark mentioned that Katherine has sadly lost two long times Katherine members Don Locke and June Burnett who had a long history in Katherine.
- Mayor Miller noted that it was a special memorial ceremony.
- Alderman Clark let everyone know that this week is National Kidney Week and that people are passing away from kidney problems and that people can have bloody pressure and sugar tested in Katherine
- Mayor Miller noted that we are having a celebration at 10:00am Thursday 3 August for 28 years for Harry Saddler at the Council depot and the Senior's Morning Tea on Wednesday 2 August 10:00 and that the more people that come and the better.
- Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts is also hosting an event at 10:30 Friday at the Katherine Public Library for her book A Sunburnt Childhood.

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- Mayor Miller mentioned the White Ribbon Sleep Out at the showgrounds for White Ribbon Day on Friday 29 July 2016.
- Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts congratulated the KTown Rap Group for winning the people choice award for the song 'Shadows' at the NT Music Awards.
- Mayor Miller noted the Good People of Katherine video from the Katherine Dance Mass.
- Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts noted the local Katherine ABC Heywire winner Jessica Phelan and congratulated her.
- Alderman Gazey advised that the Rejex Rally is on this weekend and he will be the event with his children.
- Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts mentioned that with the development of the new Council website we could have a section for this news and events.
- Alderman Clark noted that on 19 & 20 August there is an event for senior's seed library.
- Mayor Miller noted the articles in the NT News a couple of days ago regarding the POSI's (Point of Sale Interventions) and the member for Nhulunbuy made a comment saying that the POSI's were going to be removed.
- Mayor Miller responded that Katherine is the best it has ever been and that we can focus on other issues.
- Mayor Miller said that she would be happy for council to write a letter regarding this to political parties.

MOVED: Tapp Coutt / Phillips

Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts put forward a motion that Katherine Town Council advises all political parties represented in the NT and independents to state that we support the continued presence of POSI's (Point of Sale Interventions) in Katherine.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

### **17. Confidential Items**

Nil

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

The eighth Ordinary Council Meeting for 2016 will be held on 23 August 2016

### **19. Meeting Closed**

The meeting was closed 7:06PM

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