



Special Council Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday 9 May 2017
6:00PM**

Council Chambers, Civic Centre,
Stuart Highway, Katherine

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL HELD
AT THE KATHERINE CIVIC CENTRE TUESDAY, 9 MAY 2017 AT 6.00PM**

1. Present:

**Mayor Fay Miller
Deputy Mayor Peter Gazey
Alderman Lis Clark
Alderman Toni Tapp Coutts
Alderman Steven Rose**

**Robert Jennings - Chief Executive Officer
Claire Johansson – Director of Corporate & Community Services
David Moore – Director of Works & Services
Naomi Hunter - Communications Officer
Sue Crammond - Minutes**

2. Apologies and Leave of Absence:

The apology of Alderman Donald (Henry) Higgins was received and noted.

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

NIL

4. Reports of Officers

4.1 Draft Municipal Plan 2017-2018

Moved: Clark/Tapp Coutts

The CEO thanked the Communications Officer and other KTC staff for their good work in producing the document. He stated that the document would provide a strong strategic direction for Council, now and into the future. It was noted that there are minor grammatical and typographical errors, which needed fixing as well as work on developing clearer explanations around some of the financial information. These changes would be completed for the June 2017 Council meeting.

Page 14 – Mayor Miller asked how many street lights will be upgraded? The question was deferred through to the DWS, who stated an independent audit had differed to the audit by Power & Water. However, Council are working on a figure of about 860 lights.

Page 16 – Alderman Tapp Coutts questioned the completion of works on the Buntine Pavilion. The CEO stated it was almost complete and the costings will be noted in this year's budget.

Deputy Mayor Gazey noted on pages 38-39 that the diagrams are difficult to read due to small font sizes and requested the font size be increased.

Alderman Rose noted the cost of maintaining toilets is rather high. Ryan Park toilets are of particular concern. He questioned the possibility of changing the structure and cleaning routines, so that the current state of cleanliness is not a high talking point. Mayor Miller agreed there was need for discussion on possible solutions to the identified problems.

CEO noted the toilets receive high traffic and there is consideration of changes to cleaning routines and structure; that there was money in the budget for this and that Council is speaking to DIPL to ensure there is no duplication.

Alderman Rose thanked staff for the break down on Elected Member expenses and stated he would like to see more information which would provide better transparency. He also commended the KTC staff for their good work on the document, stating it is a very open, clear plan and is the best he has seen produced during his time with Council.

Deputy Gazey also complimented the KTC staff and was keen to ensure the public were given ample opportunity to make comment and provide feedback through the use of media networks, i.e. social media, KTC website and Katherine Times.

The CEO advised that in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, The Municipal Plan would be advertised as being on "Public Exhibition" in the Katherine Times.

Alderman Tapp Coutts expressed her desire for major stakeholders to be given a copy of the document for their review, e.g. YMCA, Show Society etc. to ensure they have the opportunity to provide feedback.

Mayor Miller congratulated the CEO, Directors and all KTC staff for their excellent work on the document, stating the Plan produced made it easy for the Community to read, understand and make comment.

CARRIED: 5/0.

7. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 6.14pm



Fay Miller
MAYOR OF KATHERINE