



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD

TUESDAY 25 JANUARY 2011

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 25 January 2011 AT 6.00 PM

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PRESENT

Mayor Anne Shepherd
Deputy Mayor Lis Clark
Alderman Chrissy Harris
Alderman Jodie Locke
Alderman Toni Coutts

IN ATTENDANCE Mr Geoff Brooks – Chief Executive Officer
Mr Warwick Jack – Works Manager
Mrs Alice Anastacio – Finance Manager
8 x Members of the Katherine Community
1 x Media Representative from the Katherine Times

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

MOVED: Locke/Harris

That the apology of Alderman Ford be accepted.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

The Mayor welcomed Alderman Coutts back after her recent stay in Darwin Hospital and wished her a speedy recovery.

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

MOVED: Clark/Coutts

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 7 December 2010 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED: 5 / 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

The Mayor raised the following issues:

- Residents are invited to Council's Australia Day celebrations commencing at 9.00am.
- On Tuesday 1 February at 5.30 pm there will be a candidates briefing for the upcoming By-Election.
- Council will make a substantial financial contribution to flood affected communities in Queensland and Victoria.
- On 16 February at 4.00pm there will be a public meeting at the Civic Centre to discuss the Katherine Alcohol Plan which will be facilitated by Charles Darwin University, Clare Martin.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS TO BE TABLED

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

The following documents were tabled:

IPAA National Annual Report 2009 - 2010

9. QUESTIONS

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Questions

9.1 With Notice

Nil

9.2 Without Notice

Nil

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

REPORT OF OFFICERS

11.1 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2010

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

MOVED: Harris/Locke

That the report of the Chief Executive Officer for the month of December 2010 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

In response to a question from Alderman Harris the CEO advised of the corrected figures for 2010 visitor numbers and booking revenue.

11.2 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE WORKS MANAGER FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2010

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Works Manager Reports

MOVED: Clark/Coutts

That the report of the Works Manager for the month of December 2010 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

11.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – DECEMBER 2010

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Coutts/Clark

That the Finance Report to the month of December 2010 prepared by the Finance Manager as at 31 December 2010 be received and adopted.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

In response to a question from Alderman Clark the CEO advised that EFT payment 853/638 was for cleaning up an overgrown block. This expenditure is recoverable from the land owner.

11.4 2011/12 Budget Timetable

File: Finance / Budgeting / Budget 2011-12

MOVED: Locke/Harris

That the 2011/12 Budget timetable be received and noted.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

11.5 MUNICIPAL PLAN – QUARTERLY REVIEW

File: Governance / Compliance / Municipal Plan

MOVED: Coutts/Locke

That Council Notes the status of the quarterly review of the Municipal Plan for 2010/2011 as at the 31 December 2010.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

In response to a question from Alderman Locke the CEO advised that where there is no comment on an item, the project has yet to commence.

11.6 KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL BY-LAWS

File: Legal Documents / Administration / By-laws

MOVED: Clark/Coutts

That Council authorise the Mayor and CEO to sign the attached updated Katherine Town Council Amendment By-laws and along with the legal practitioner's certificate forward them to the Department of Local Government with the request that they be notified in the Gazette and thereafter laid before the legislative Assembly.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

11.7 DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY

File: Property Management/Disposal/Asset Disposal and Auctions

MOVED: Locke/Coutts

That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to dispose of the obsolete items as listed above.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

11.8 PASTORAL LEASES – CONDITIONALLY RATEABLE LAND 2011/2012

File: Finance / Rates / Declarations

MOVED: Coutts/Harris

That Council approve the rating of pastoral leases in 2011/2012 as per the "Agricultural" zoning contained in the 2010/2011 Rates Declaration with the applicable rate adjusted by the Darwin CPI as at 30 June 2011.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

11.9 KATHERINE MUSEUM MASTER PLAN AND STAGE ONE BUILDING

File: Property Management / Asset Register / Museum

MOVED: Clark/Coutts

That Council notes progress towards construction of the Stage 1 building at the Museum to house the Clyde Fenton Gypsy Moth Aeroplane.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

In response to a question from Alderman Locke the Mayor advised that it was not proposed to appoint a town representative to the Museum Project Management Group.

11.10 REPLACEMENT OF FINANCE MANAGER'S VEHICLE

File: Fleet Management/Contracting Out/Vehicle Replacement

MOVED: Coutts/Harris

That the Wyn Holden change over price of \$26,546.99 GST exclusive including trade in be accepted.

CARRIED: 4 / 1

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 Clark

Conducted a Citizenship Ceremony on behalf of the Mayor
Early Intervention Pilot Program
Museum Christmas Function
Playground Official Opening
Roper Gulf Christmas Function
YMCA/Council Meeting – Aquatic Centre Operations
VIC Meeting – Location of New Automatic Toilet
Tick Market Meeting – Location of Stage
Funeral for Mr Jim McHours
Australia Day Awards Selection Committee Meeting
Art and Cultural Meeting
YMCA – Packing of donations for flood victims
Tindal Expo

Alderman Harris

Playground Official Opening
Australia Day Awards Selection Committee Meeting
YMCA/Council Meeting – Aquatic Centre Operations

13. LATE AGENDA

Nil

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / General Business

Alderman Locke requested that the Works Manager replace a Giveway sign at the Aquatic Centre that had been vandalized.

Alderman Coutts thanked Elected Members for the flowers that she received whilst in hospital.

Alderman Coutts indicated that consideration should be given to the following items in the next five year Municipal Plan:

- Further upgrade of the Tick Market to increase utilization.
- Additional Christmas lights in Katherine Terrace.
- Completion of the Katherine Region Cultural Precinct.
- CBD Traffic Management Plan.
- Amphitheatre between the Old Railway and Stuart Highway Bridges.
- Long John Creek issue.
- Anti-social behavior.
- Landscaping of Railway Terrace area and the installation of new toilets.
- Tree planting along Giles Street including giving families an opportunity to purchase "memorial trees".

15. PETITIONS

Nil

16. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT

File: Local Governance / Council Meeting / Questions from the Public

Mr Jim Forscutt advised that the memorial plaques in Katherine Terrace should be reinstated before any new ones were offered for purchase.

17. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

18. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting was closed at 6.25pm

Anne Shepherd
MAYOR OF KATHERINE