



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF COUNCIL

HELD

TUESDAY 22 MARCH 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 22 MARCH 2011 AT 6.45 PM

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PRESENT

Mayor Anne Shepherd
Deputy Mayor Lis Clark
Alderman Chrissy Harris
Alderman Toni Coutts
Alderman Trevor Ford
Alderman Steven Rose

IN ATTENDANCE Mr Geoff Brooks – Chief Executive Officer
 Mr Warwick Jack – Works Manager
 Mrs Sophie Henderson – Administration Manager
 4 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: Clark / Ford

That the apology of Alderman Locke be accepted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

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 22 February 2011 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED: 6 / 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

- Welcomed Alderman Rose to Katherine Town Council.
- Anzac Day will be held on Monday the 25 April 2011 which is also Easter Monday.
- Stage 1A of the construction of Katherine's Cultural Precinct has commenced with an expected completion date of November 2011.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS TO BE TABLED

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

- 2010 Indigenous Expenditure Report

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 FEBRUARY 2011

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

MOVED: Ford / Harris

That the report of the Chief Executive Officer for the month of February 2011 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Alderman Ford requested additional information pertaining to meetings listed in the Elected Members Matters. The Mayor advised that the meeting with Nick Thorpe was in response to a letter sent by Council regarding poor planning of the Katherine Municipality especially in regards to the location of the new renal unit. The meeting with Minister Delia Lawrie was in regards to the Northern Territory Government's proposed new legislation that deals with alcohol. The meeting with Rob Knight was simply to say hello.

The Chief Executive Officer highlighted two errors in the VIC bookings and visitor numbers.

11.2 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE WORKS MANAGER FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2011

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Works Manager Reports

MOVED: Ford / Harris

That the report of the Works Manager for the month of February 2011 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Alderman Harris commented on the cost of vandalism still being low and that Council's Depot is looking clean and tidy.

Alderman Ford queried the electrical work being carried out at Binjari. The Chief Executive Officer advised that the agreement with the Northern Territory Government for the provision of core Municipal Services at Binjari is due for renewal in July 2011.

11.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – FEBRUARY 2011

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Coutts / Clark

That the Finance Report to the month of February 2011 prepared by the Finance Manager as at 28 February 2011 be received and adopted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Alderman Clark queried the stationary payments listed. The Chief Executive Officer advised that the majority of these costs were for photocopy paper.

11.4 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

File: Local Governance / Elections / Deputy Mayor

Alderman Harris stated that the current arrangement should stay in place which will allow Deputy Mayor Clark to complete her current term. Alderman Harris suggested that new arrangements regarding the appointment of the Deputy Mayor should not be implemented until after the March 2012 General Election.

MOVED: Ford / Harris

That the current arrangement whereby the Deputy Mayor is appointed on a financial year basis is altered to a new annual arrangement that reflects the local government election cycle.

MOTION LOST: 0/6

11.5 KATHERINE REGIONAL CULTURAL PRECINCT

File: Finance / Grant Funding / Katherine Cultural Precinct

MOVED: Ford / Rose

That Elected Members approve progress payments to the Department of Construction and Infrastructure from Federal, NT Government and Katherine Town Council funds currently held in reserve for the construction of the Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct at the tendered price of \$6,727,085 excluding GST

CARRIED: 6 / 0

11.6 MINUTES OF ART AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2011

File: Community Relations / Committees / Art and Cultural Committee / 2011

MOVED: Coutts / Ford

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 February 2011 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Alderman Clark advised that planning for the 2011 Katherine Festival was well advanced.

11.7 MINUTES OF LAMBERT FAMILY TRUST MEETING - 17 FEBRUARY 2011

File: Community Relations / Committees / Lambert Family Art & Craft Trust

MOVED: Clark / Coutts

That the Minutes of the Lambert Family Art and Craft Trust Committee held on Thursday 17 February 2011.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

11.8 TENDER 11/01 – ARCHITECTURAL BRIEF FOR CONCEPT DESIGN OF NEW MAIN MUSEUM BUILDING AND SITE INCLUDING FINAL CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR STAGE ONE MUSEUM BUILDING

MOVED: Clark / Coutts

That Moonbeam Design be awarded Tender 11/01 - Architectural Brief For Concept Design Of New Main Museum Building And Site Including Final Construction Plans For Stage One Museum Building at their tender price of \$63,363 (excluding GST)

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Alderman Ford commented on the fact that it was pleasing to see that everything is now going ahead with this project, as well as the Cultural Precinct.

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

Meeting with Council's Works Manager at the Tick Market
Clean Up Australia Day
International Women's Day – Tea Towel Exhibition
Sobering Up Shelter Opening
Art & Cultural Committee Meeting
YMCA Board Meetings x 8
YMCA Working Bee to clean up garden beds

Alderman Harris

YMCA Board Meetings x 2
International Women's Day – Tea Towel Exhibition

Alderman Ford

Meeting with Clare Martin
Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Alderman Rose

Library Staff Meeting

Alderman Coutts

Sobering Up Shelter Opening
Cultural Precinct Interim Board Meeting
International Women's Day – Tea Towel Exhibition
Public Consultation Meeting – Alcohol Plan
Meeting with Clare Martin
Function with Chamber of Commerce and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

13. LATE AGENDA

Nil

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

Alderman Harris

- Queried the current state of the demountable accommodation at Kalano. The current state of these demountables is appalling and something needs to be done to either start making use of them for temporary/transient housing or to sell them. The Mayor undertook to raise this issue at the next ITCG Meeting.

Alderman Coutts

- Thanked local police for returning a stolen vehicle.

Deputy Mayor Clark

- Commented on the current state of the car park behind the cinema especially in regards to the amount of broken glass.

15. PETITIONS

Nil

16. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Dennis Mangan – suggested that Council look into using a speaker system in Chambers. The Mayor advised that Council would consider this request in the context of the 2011/2012 budget.

Jim Forscutt – suggested that Council record proceedings at Ordinary Meetings.

17. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

18. **MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting was closed at 7.15pm.

Anne Shepherd
MAYOR OF KATHERINE