



**MINUTES**

OF THE

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**OF COUNCIL**

HELD

**TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2011**

**6.00pm**

Council Chambers Civic Centre  
Stuart Highway, Katherine

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL HELD  
AT THE KATHERINE CIVIC CENTRE TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2011**

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**1. OPENING PRAYER**

**2. PRESENT**

Mayor Anne Shepherd  
Deputy Mayor Liz Clark  
Alderman Toni Coutts  
Alderman Trevor Ford  
Alderman Chrissy Harris  
Alderman Steven Rose  
Alderman Jodie Locke

IN ATTENDANCE    Mr Geoff Brooks                      Chief Executive Officer  
                         Mr Warwick Jack                      Works Manager  
                         Mrs Sophie Henderson                Administration Manager  
                         Mrs Alice Anastacio                    Finance Manager  
                         13 x Members of the Katherine Community  
                         1 x Representative from the Katherine Times

**3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

Nil

**4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

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

Alderman Locke advised with respect to Item 6.1 – Festival Grants – Acceptance of Successful Grants – that she is an active member of the Katherine Museum and her husband is the president of the Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts Club. It was noted that there is potential for a perceived conflict of interest under the Act and Alderman Locke volunteered to excuse herself from the meeting prior to consideration of this item.

Alderman Coutts advised with respect to Item 6.1 – Festival Grants – Acceptance of Successful Grants – that she is an employee of Katherine Regional Arts. It was noted that there may be a conflict of interest under the Act and Alderman Coutts will be required to excuse herself prior to this item.

Alderman Rose advised with respect to Item 5.1 – Municipal Plan 2011 to 2016 – that his partner is a stall holder at the Katherine Community Markets. It was noted that there may be a conflict of interest under the Act and Alderman Rose will be required to excuse himself prior to this item.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**5.1 MUNICIPAL PLAN 2011 TO 2016**

File: Local Governance/Compliance/Municipal Plan

MOVED: Harris / Locke

**SUBMISSIONS**

MOVED: Harris / Locke

1. That Council notes the submission from Mrs Donna Capes and defers construction of the Emungalan Road crossing at Leight Creek until 2012/2013 to enable a more cost effective solution to be determined.

In response to a question from Alderman Locke the CEO confirmed that the \$20,000 allocated would allow for short term works in 2011/2012 with funding of \$425,000 being provided in both 2012/2013 and 2013/2014.

An amendment to the above was put forward by Alderman Rose.

MOVED: Rose / Clarke

That the installation of a cable barge be referred to in the motion.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

MOVED: Rose / Clarke

**AMENDED MOTION**

That Council notes the submission from Mrs Donna Capes and defers construction of the Emungalan Road crossing at Leight Creek until 2012/2013 to enable a more cost effective solution including a cable barge to be determined.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

MOVED: Locke / Harris

2. That Council notes the submission from Mr Denis Coburn and includes the items requested in the Municipal Plan.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

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Prior to discussion and vote on item number 3 Alderman Rose left the room.

MOVED: Locke / Coutts

3. That Council notes the submission from the Katherine Community Market Committee and agrees to enter into discussion with a view to preparing a comprehensive plan for Ryan Park.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Alderman Coutts stressed the need for discussions and consultation with the Katherine Community Market Committee and the need for the comprehensive plan for Ryan Park.

Alderman Rose returned to the room following determination of this item.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

MOVED: Harris / Clarke

That Council considers the following recommendation with respect to proposed amendments:

1. That Council endorses the proposed amendments listed above in relation to LED lighting, the levee bank and drainage survey, alterations to the NT Planning Scheme and construction of the Edith Farms to Douglas Daly road link.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

**AMENDMENTS REQUIRING DETERMINATION**

That Council considers on an individual basis the following recommended amendments to the Draft Municipal Plan with respect to the 2011/2012 financial year:

MOVED: Harris / Coutts

1. Ryan Park Installation of Automated Toilet/Demolition of Existing Toilet Block - \$260,000 – that the existing toilet block is retained and the automated toilet at Ryan Park is removed from the Municipal Plan.

LOST: 3 / 4

Alderman Rose provided additional information regarding this proposed amendment by way of a comprehensive presentation. Alderman Rose argued that the current toilet block should be retained as it was a more functional and cost effective alternative.

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Alderman Ford noted that the installation of an Exceloo instead of refurbishment of the existing toilet block is better in the long term and would bring a more cosmopolitan feel to the area.

Alderman Clark believed that the current arrangement with some refurbishment would be the better alternative.

Alderman Harris noted that the current toilets are outdated and the Exceloo would be a cleaner alternative. Alderman Harris also suggested that a community group may like to take over the existing toilet block and be responsible for their upkeep and security.

Alderman Locke suggested that Council will need to work with the community and the users of Ryan Park to move forward and plan a better solution.

The Mayor, Alderman Clark and Alderman Rose voted against the motion.

MOVED: Ford / Harris

2. Railway Terrace Botanical Gardens – Development of Master Plan - \$20,000 – that the project is deferred and included in the unfunded section of the Municipal Plan.

CARRIED: 6 / 1

Alderman Coutts wanted it noted that she was against moving this to the unfunded section of the Municipal Plan. Alderman Coutts noted that Council will need to plan for the future of Railway Terrace and the current \$20,000 is not a large amount of money to start this process.

Alderman Coutts requested that her vote against the motion be recorded.

MOVED: Ford / Locke

3. Katherine River Reserve – Development of a Master Plan for the Area between the Bridges - \$20,000 - that the project is deferred and included in the unfunded section of the Municipal Plan.

CARRIED: 6 / 1

Alderman Coutts wanted it noted that she was against moving this to the unfunded section of the Municipal Plan. Alderman Coutts highlighted the fact that this area of the Katherine River used to be a beautiful section of the river corridor. Now it is being used by itinerants who camp and continue the anti-social behavioural problems facing the Katherine community. Alderman Coutts noted that this area of the river needs to be cleaned up and some infrastructure put in place for the future.

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Alderman Coutts requested that her vote against the motion be recorded.

MOVED: Ford / Rose

4. Museum Wages Subsidy – \$20,000 –as this funding was not sought by the Historical Society that it be removed from the Municipal Plan.

CARRIED: 4 / 3

Alderman Locke noted that the Historical Society did not seek the \$20,000 funding. However, Alderman Locke believes that this funding should still be allocated to the Historical Society to perhaps be used in other areas that require funding.

Alderman Coutts noted that she is currently Council's representative on the Museum Committee and also stated the committee will require financial assistance in order for the Museum to continue to run in a professional manner.

The Mayor advised that Council had allocated \$450,000 in capital funding and \$22,000 in operational funding in 2011/2012.

MOVED: Harris / Clark

5. Community Grant Scheme - \$35,000 – that funding is reduced to \$30,000.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

**MUNICIPAL PLAN**

MOVED: Coutts / Ford

That Council adopts the Municipal Plan 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2016 including the Budget, Revenue Policy, and Fees and Charges subject to the amendments determined above.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

**6. LATE AGENDA ITEM**

**6.1 FESTIVAL GRANTS – ACCEPTANCE OF SUCCESSFUL GRANTS**

File: Grant Funding/Katherine Festival/KTC Festival Grants/Festival Grant 2011

Prior to discussion and vote on item number 6.1 Alderman Locke and Alderman Coutts left the room.

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MOVED: Ford / Rose

That Council approve the awarding of the following grants as per the recommendations of the Festival Grants Assessment Committee minutes of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011.

**Individual/Community Group (Up to \$500)**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Darwin Chorale Inc.	Choir / Concert	\$500
Katherine Museum Inc.	Family Fun Day	\$500
Katherine Regional Arts Inc.	Maharaja's Garden	\$500
Katherine Rotary Club	000 Concert	\$500
Katherine Toy Library Inc.	Playtime at the Park	\$200
Kerryn Taylor	Art Workshop – Indigo Dyeing	\$500
Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts Club Inc.	Show & Shine Event	\$500
Territory Craft Katherine Inc.	Art Workshop – Free Machine Embroidery	\$500
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,700</b>

CARRIED: 5 / 0

The Mayor expressed disappointment that so few grant applications had been received.

Alderman Locke and Alderman Coutts returned to the room following consideration of this item.

**7. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Mr Dennis Mangan** highlighted the use of Exceloo toilets, in addition to an existing toilet block at Halls Creek and how they suit the differing needs of the community.

**Ms Belinda Finke** asked if Katherine Town Council had consulted with Alice Springs Council regarding the current public toilet issue in Katherine. The Mayor advised that Council has consulted with Darwin City Council regarding this matter.

**8. MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting was closed at 6.45pm.

Anne Shepherd  
**MAYOR OF KATHERINE**