MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD

TUESDAY 28 JUNE 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 28 JUNE 2011 AT 6.00 PM

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1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE
Mr Warwick Jack – Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Sophie Henderson – Administration Manager
Mrs Alice Anastacio – Finance Manager
6 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: Harris / Coutts

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 24 May 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

Deputy Mayor Clark advised with respect to Item 11.12 – Tender 11/09 – Weed Control Around Street Furniture and Control of Noxious Weed Species Within Parts of the Katherine Municipality – that she is related to the successful tenderer. It was noted that there is potential for a perceived conflict of interest under the Act and Deputy Mayor Clark volunteered to excuse herself from the meeting prior to consideration of this item.

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

- Attended the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Meeting in Canberra last week. Thanked Council for allowing attendance. One of the main issues raised was the constitutional recognition of Local Governments. Possible referendum regarding this issue in 2013.
- Meeting in Katherine to discuss Indigenous Recognition/Acknowledgement in the Australian Constitution next week.
- Council was successful in Black Spot Funding for Florina Road to the value of $250,000.
- The inaugural Katherine Fringe Festival held over the weekend was a huge success.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS TO BE TABLED

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

2011 – 2012 State of the Regions 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 MAY 2011

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

MOVED: Harris / Ford

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

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Alderman Coutts questioned the Department of Families, Housing, Children's Services and Indigenous Affairs Accessible Communities Program grant to the value of $100,000. The Acting CEO advised that the funds were to be used towards the disabled toilets in Ryan Park.

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

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Works Manager Reports

MOVED: Ford / Harris

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

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Alderman Harris commented on the fact that there has only been $500 spent on vandalism costs for the last six months.

Alderman Rose commented on the current state of the toilets in Ryan Park. Alderman Rose noted in the report that there had been additional costs associated with cleaning products for the contractor. Alderman Rose also commented on the current state of the road access to the low level area. The Acting CEO advised that the removal of the sand from the road would be completed shortly and the hand rail had been repaired.

The Mayor advised that both herself and the Deputy Mayor would be doing an inspection of all the public toilets in the Katherine Municipality on Thursday the 30 June 2011.

11.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – MAY 2011

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Ford / Clark

That the Finance Report for the month of May 2011 prepared by the Finance Manager as at 31 May 2011 be received and adopted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Deputy Mayor Clark queried a payment to Mr Fleming for a Solar 3G Camera. The Acting CEO advised that the camera is for the security at the play park. Deputy Mayor Clark also queried the payment made for the supply and installation of soft fall surfacing and cracker dust. The Acting CEO advised that this was to patch the liberty swing area.

11.4 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

File: Local Governance / Elections / Deputy Mayor

MOVED: Coutts / Ford

That Alderman Clark is appointed as Deputy Mayor in accordance with Section 46(2) of the Local Government Act for the period 1 July 2011 to the conclusion of the General Election scheduled for 24 March 2012.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

11.5 VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE OPERATIONAL FUNDING AGREEMENT

File: Legal Documents / Agreements / Visitor Information Centre Operational Funding

MOVED: Ford / Harris

That Council approves the extension of the current Visitor Information Centre operational funding agreement with Tourism NT for a further twelve months to 30 June 2012.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

11.6 TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER – LOT 73 TOWN OF KATHERINE

File: Lot 73/28 Second Street

MOVED: Ford / Harris

That Council authorises the Mayor and CEO to arrange a ten year lease with two five year options to Telstra Corporation Pty Ltd of part of Lot 73 Town of Katherine for the purposes of a telecommunications tower, at an annual rental of $14,000 (excluding GST and subject to CPI adjustments of 4% pa) and to affix the common seal to the lease and sub-division documentation as required.

CARRIED: 5 / 1

Alderman Coutts requested that her vote against the motion be recorded due the proposed location of the tower.

11.7 LEASE – KATHERINE EAST CHILD CARE CENTRE INCORPORATED – LOT 2974

File: Legal Documents / Lease / Katherine East Child Care Centre Lot 2974

MOVED: Ford / Clark

That Council authorises the Mayor and CEO to execute a five year, rent free lease of Lot 2974 with Katherine East Child Care Centre Incorporated for the purpose of a Child Care Centre, and to affix the common seal as required.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

11.8 DECLARATION OF RATES

File: Finance / Rates / Declarations

MOVED: Rose / Harris

That Council makes the following declaration in regard to Rates and Charges for 2011/12:

Local Government Act 2008
KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL

DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2011/2012

Katherine Town Council ("the Council") makes the following declaration of rates pursuant to

sections 155-157 of the *Local Government Act* ("the Act").

1. That pursuant to section 149 of the Act, Katherine Town Council ("the Council") adopts as the basis of the assessed value of all rateable land within the Municipality, the Unimproved Capital Value as it appears on the Valuation Roll prepared by the Valuer-General in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act*.

2. That pursuant to Section 155 of the Act, the Council hereby declares:

   (a) the amount it intends to raise for general purposes by rates is $3,149,024.

(b) those rates will be raised by application of the following differential valuation based-charges ("differential rates") to the assessed value of the rateable land listed opposite to those rates, with the following differential minimum charges ("minimum amounts") payable in the application of the differential rates as follows:

DIFFERENTIAL RATES	ALLOTMENTS TO WHICH RATES APPLY AND MINIMUM AMOUNTS
i) 0.131187%	of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone A (Agriculture) of the *NT Planning Scheme* and Pastoral Lease nos. 525, 735 & 801, the minimum amount being $316.00 multiplied by: (a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or (b) The number 1; whichever is the greater.
ii) 0.146979%	of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone WM (Water Management) of the *NT Planning Scheme,* the minimum amount being $443.00 multiplied by: (a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or (b) The number 1; whichever is the greater.
iii) 0.262443%	of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone R (Rural) of the *NT Planning Scheme,* the minimum amount being $316.00 multiplied by: (a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or (b) The number 1; whichever is the greater.
iv) 0.306141%	of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone RL (Rural Living) of the *NT Planning Scheme,* the minimum amount being $443.00 multiplied by: (a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or (b) The number 1; whichever is the greater.

v) 1.438828% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone CL (Community Living), SK2 (Specific Use), SK3 (Specific Use) or CP (Community Purposes) of the *NT Planning Scheme,* the minimum amount being $677.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(b) The number 1;

whichever is the greater.

vi) 1.010169% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone SD (Single Dwelling Residential), MD (Multiple Dwelling Residential), MR (Medium Density Residential) or SK1 (Specific Use) of the *NT Planning Scheme,* the minimum amount being $677.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(b) The number 1;

whichever is the greater.

vii) 1.711583% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone CV (Caravan Parks) or TC (Tourist Commercial) of the *NT Planning Scheme,* the minimum amount being $677.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(b) The number 1;

whichever is the greater.

viii) 1.704180% of the assessed value of that part of the municipality comprising Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 58, 61, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 270, 271, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 509, 512, 513, 514, 518, 1369, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 2017, 2577, 2918, 2921, 2951, 3046, 3047, 3133, 3134, 3158, 3166, 3167, 3174, 3175, 3208 and 3239 the minimum amount being $677.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(b) The number 1;

whichever is the greater.

ix) 2.078358% of the assessed value of that part of the municipality comprising Lots 2016, 2017, 3114, 3115, 3116 and 3117 the minimum being $677.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(b) The number 1;

whichever is the greater.

x) 1.289908% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone C (Commercial) of the *NT Planning Scheme,* the minimum amount being $677.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(b) The number 1;

whichever is the greater.

xi) 3.004008% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone SC (Service Commercial) of the *NT Planning Scheme,* the minimum amount being $677.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(b) The number 1;

whichever is the greater.

xii) 1.415946% of the assessed value of that part of the municipality comprising Lots 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 446, 447, 454, 519, 520, 521, 522, 529, 1342, 2419, 2517 and 2931, the minimum being $677.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(b) The number 1;

whichever is the greater.

xiii) 1.032713% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone LI (Light industry) of the *NT Planning Scheme,* the minimum amount being $677.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(b) The number 1;

whichever is the greater.

xiv) 1.076848% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone GI (General Industry) of the *NT Planning Scheme,* the minimum amount being $677.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(b) The number 1;

whichever is the greater.

xv) 0.984627% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone FD (Future Development) or RW (Railway) of the *NT Planning Scheme,* the minimum amount being $677.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(b) The number 1;

whichever is the greater.

xvi) 1.490405% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone OR (Organised Recreation) of the *NT Planning Scheme,* the minimum amount being $677.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(b) The number 1;

whichever is the greater.

xvii) 0.131187% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within the rest of Municipality (including the area not covered by the *NT Planning Scheme*), the minimum amount being $307.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(b) The number 1;

whichever is the greater.

3. Waste Management Charges

Pursuant to Section 157 of the Act Council declares the following charges in respect of the waste management service it provides for the benefit of all residential land within the municipality and the occupiers of such land.

For the purposes of interpretation:

- "residential dwelling" means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self contained residential unit or building on residential land used or capable of being used for residential purposes and includes a unit within the meaning of the *Unit Titles Act.*

- "residential land" means land used or capable of being used for residential purposes.

3.1 A charge of $218.00 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of the waste management service provided for the benefit of, or which Council is willing and able to provide for the benefit of, each residential dwelling within the municipality other than a residential dwelling as described in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 and the occupiers of such land.

The waste management service shall consist of:

- a roadside collection service of one garbage collection service per week with a maximum of one 240 litre mobile garbage bin per garbage collection visit; and

- unlimited access by the occupiers of residential land within the municipality to the Council's Waste Management Facility (Dump) solely for the deposit of waste generated from such residential dwelling.

3.2 For each allotment of land within the Municipality, being residential land on which there is no residential dwelling and to which Council is willing and able to provide a weekly roadside collection service and is not a business enterprise, a charge of $77.00 per allotment of land in respect of the waste management service provided for the benefit of such residential land and the occupiers of such land.

The waste management service shall consist of unlimited access to Council's Waste Management Facility (Dump) solely for the deposit of waste generated from such residential land.

3.3 For each allotment of land within the Municipality being residential land to which Council is either not willing or not able to provide a weekly roadside collection service and is not a business enterprise, a charge of $77.00 per allotment of land in respect of the waste management service provided for the benefit of such residential land and the occupiers of such land.

The waste management service shall consist of unlimited access to Council's Waste Management Facility (Dump) solely for the deposit of waste generated from such residential land.

4. Instalments

That pursuant to Section 161 of the Act the Council determines that rates and charges shall, for the financial year ending 30 June 2011, be due and payable by four approximately equal instalments on 30/09/11, 30/11/11, 31/01/12, 31/03/12 and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 11 of the Act.

5. Interest on unpaid rates

(a) That pursuant to Section 162 of the Act, if rates and charges are not paid by the due date, interest accrues on the amount of the outstanding instalment on a daily basis from the date on which the missed instalment is due and payable, until the date payment is made in full, and the amount of the instalment together with any interest shall be rounded to the nearest dollar.

(b) That pursuant to Section 162(3) of the Act, the Council determines that the relevant interest rate is fixed at 17.00% per annum.

6. Recovery of Outstanding Rates and Charges

A ratepayer who fails to pay rates and charges on the due date for payment may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, interest accrued on late payment and costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges.

7. Prompt Payment Draw

That pursuant to section 160 of the Act, Council determines that the benefit to be given for the prompt payment of rates and charges to encourage the early payment for the financial year ending 30 June 2012 shall be the conduct of an Early Bird Draw whereby Council shall refund to the ratepayer selected from the draw the amount paid on account of rates and charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2012 or $500.00 whichever is the lesser, subject to the following conditions:

(a) That the total amount of all rates and charges levied for the financial year ending 30 June 2012 in respect of any parcel of rateable land together with arrears (if any) be paid in full on or before 30 September 2011.

(b) Government agencies, Council Elected Members and employees are excluded from the draw.

(c) The results of the draw shall be published in the Katherine Times and the winning ratepayer shall be notified by post.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Alderman Ford noted that it was good to see that Katherine Town Council is still only increasing rates on an annual basis by the Darwin CPI.

Alderman Coutts sought clarification that the above calculations were correct. The Administration Manager advised that the figures had been checked on numerous occasions.

11.9 ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

File: Finances / Allowances / Elected Members Expenses and Allowances

MOVED: Rose / Coutts

That pursuant to Section 71 of the Local Government Act 2008 the following allowances be paid in arrears to Elected Members for 2011/12

Mayor	$56,192 p.a
Deputy Mayor	$17,910 p.a
Alderman	$11,055 p.a
Acting Mayoral Allowance (not applicable to Deputy Mayor)	$160 per day

Allowances to be paid by Electronic Fund Transfer or Cheque.

1. That pursuant to Section 72 of the Local Government Act 2008 conveyance and subsistence expenses for Members attending meetings/conferences/functions be paid as follows:

- Travel within the Municipality as a consequence of attendance at a function or activity on the business of Council will be at the Elected Member's own expense.
- Travel outside the Council area as a consequence of attendance at a function or activity on the business of Council will be met by Council but only if such attendances have been approved by Council resolution.
- The conveyance component will be paid at the rate of 74 cents per kilometre if and when a Council vehicle or suitable commercial travel is unavailable. This is consistent with the Motor Vehicle Allowance detailed in Clause 15.2 of the Local Government Industry Award 2010.
- Actual and necessary expenses incurred by Members in attending functions or activities on Council business outside the Municipality will be reimbursed. Examples of such expenses include registration fees, accommodation and taxi fares. Receipts for all expenses are to be obtained. Attendance to be approved by Council resolution.
- That any Elected Member who is a representative on a committee will be reimbursed for attendance at committees only to the extent that their expenses are not covered by that committee. Council's purchase orders or credit cards are not to be issued for any reason except those directly relating to Council business. Representatives on committees shall seek the reimbursement of expenses directly from the committee involved and not via Council.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

11.10 DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY

File: Property Management / Disposal / Asset Disposal & Auctions

MOVED: Ford / Coutts

That the items listed above will be sold by public tender a fair and reasonable price as determined by the Mayor or Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

11.11 TENDER 11/10 – MOWING OF NATURE STRIPS IN KATHERINE NORTH, SOUTH AND EAST INCLUDING THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS

File: Works / Tenders / Mowing of Nature Strips

MOVED: Harris / Coutts

That the tender price of $35,000 GST exclusive submitted by Katherine Mowing & Irrigation for Tender 11/10 – Mowing of nature strips in Katherine North, South and East ten (10) times per year including the Industrial Areas be accepted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

11.12 TENDER 11/09 – WEED CONTROL AROUND STREET FURNITURE AND CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEED SPECIES WITHIN PARTS OF THE KATHERINE MUNICIPALITY

File: Works / Tenders / Weed Control

Prior to discussion and vote on item number 11.12 Deputy Mayor Clark left the room.

MOVED: Ford / Coutts

That J & S Landscaping is awarded Tender 11/09 for the full sum of $47,000 GST exclusive.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

Deputy Mayor Clark returned to the room following determination of this item.

11.13 MINUTES OF ART AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 MAY 2011

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

MOVED: Ford / Clark

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19 May be received and noted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Deputy Mayor Clark reminded everyone that the Main Event for the Katherine Festival 2011 will be held at the Showgrounds instead of the Civic Centre grounds.

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:

Deputy Mayor Clark

YMCA Meeting
Big Rivers Region Co-ord Meeting
Municipal Plan & Budget Meeting
Katherine Town Council Festival Grants Submissions Committee Meeting
YMCA Garden Working Bees (3)
Stronga, Smarter, Sisters – Katherine High School
Art & Cultural Meeting
Strongbala March

Alderman Ford

Katherine Community Expo
Tick Market Family Fun Day
Katherine Fringe Festival Events

Alderman Rose

Civic Centre Staff Meeting
Chamber of Commerce Network Breakfast
ABC Forum
PowerWater Conference Call – LED Lighting
Strongbala Events
Chamber of Commerce Meeting
Katherine Historical Society Meeting
Katherine Regional Land Council Meeting
Meeting with Gerry Wood MLA, Karl Hampton MLA, Dr Chris Burns MLA, Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA
Meeting with Minister for Indigenous Health

Alderman Coutts

Chamber of Commerce Network Breakfast
ABC Forum
Katherine Fringe Festival Events

13. LATE AGENDA

Nil

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

Alderman Ford

- Commented on the huge success of the inaugural Katherine Fringe Festival and congratulated all of the volunteers and organizers of the event.

Alderman Coutts

- Discussed the limited funds allocated to the operational budget for the Cultural Precinct. The 2011/2012 funding allocation is only $30,000. However, Council currently spends approximately $1,209,000 on assets such as the pool, scout hall, showgrounds, tennis courts and sportsgrounds where the income from these locations only totals to $426,293. Alderman Coutts strongly suggested that Council increase the budget allocation for the Cultural Precinct in future years.
- Sought clarification on whether Council had sent a letter to the relevant State and Federal ministers regarding the ban on live cattle export. The Mayor advised that Council had indeed sent letters strongly opposing the ban.

Alderman Rose

- Highlighted the fact that currently the Northern Territory Electoral Boundaries do not match those of Municipal boundaries. One example – Edith Farms Road residence belong to a different electorate.

15. PETITIONS

Nil

16. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr Jim Forscutt

- Sought clarification regarding the Financial Assistance Grants currently received by Council. The Mayor advised that Council will eventually be on the minimum grant.

Mrs Jill Kelly

- Congratulated the organizers on such a successful inaugural Katherine Fringe Festival. Noted that the toilets and bins at the events held over the weekend were not sufficient and struggled to deal with numbers attending the events.
- Advised the Acting CEO that the roof of the Ryan Park toilets needs to be cleared and cleaned.

17. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

17.1 OUTSTANDING RATES – REGISTRATION OF OVERRIDING STATUTORY CHARGES

MOVED: Ford / Harris

That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorized to affix the common seal on the Registration of Overriding Statutory Charge on the recorded property and in accordance with the process laid down by Cridlandsmb.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

This item is designated as confidential under Section 8 (b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations – "Information about the personal circumstances of a resident or rate payer."

18. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting was closed at 7.00pm.

Anne Shepherd
MAYOR OF KATHERINE