



# **MINUTES**

OF THE

# **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

***HELD***

**TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2011**

AT

**6.00 pm**

**Council Chambers Civic Centre  
Stuart Highway, Katherine**



**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 Council's new Chief Executive Officer Mr David Laughher and his wife Anne.
- Acknowledge and pass on Council's condolences for the passing of Mrs Mae Govan.
- USA Presidential Visit to Darwin on the 17 November 2011.
- Two Referendums are scheduled for 2013 :
  - Constitutional Recognition of Local Government .
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Elected Members must promote the Yes vote. They are the best marketers and are the ones people know. Constitutional Recognition of Local Government will bring more benefits to Communities by direct funding from the Federal Government.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS TO BE TABLED**

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

Nil

**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 OCTOBER 2011**

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

MOVED: Ford / Locke

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

CARRIED: 6 / 0

### **11.2 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE WORKS MANAGER FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2011**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Works Manager Reports

MOVED: Coutts / Clark

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

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Alderman Rose noted that it was good to see that the installation and trial of LED lights in both Roney and Rundle Parks has occurred.

### **11.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – OCTOBER 2011**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Ford / Locke

That the Finance Report for the month of October 2011 prepared by the Finance Manager as at 7 November 2011 be received and adopted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Alderman Locke thanked the Finance Manager for the clearer descriptions provided.

Alderman Ford queried the payment for the installation of a 3D camera at the ANZ laneway. The Acting Works Manager advised that the camera was motion censored and designed to take pictures of anyone accessing the gate once it was closed.

Alderman Rose queried the payment made to the Fines Recovery Unit. The Administration Manager advised that this payment was for administration costs.



**11.4 APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORISED PERSONS**

File: Local Governance / Authorization

MOVED: Clark / Coutts

1. That pursuant to Part 9.6, Division 1 of the Local Government Act 2008 that Council appoints:

Chief Executive Officer                  David Laughler

As an authorised person for the purpose of enforcing the Local Government Act, Regulations or By-Laws and any other Act, Regulation or By-Law or any part thereof the enforcement of which is vested in the Council.

2. That pursuant to Part 9.6, Division 1 of the Local Government Act 2008 that Council revokes the appointment of:

Chief Executive Officer                  Geoff Brooks

CARRIED: 6 / 0

**11.5 MINUTES OF ART AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2011**

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

MOVED: Ford / Locke

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 October 2011 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

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

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

MOVED: Ford / Locke

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

CARRIED: 6 / 0





**11.7 MINUTES OF THE SHOWGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 OCTOBER 2011**

File: Community Relations / Committees / Showground's Advisory

MOVED: Coutts / Locke

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2011 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

**11.8 TENDER 11/15  
OPTION 1: SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) DUAL FULLY ACCESSIBLE SELF MANAGING UNISEX DISABLED TOILET FACILITY  
OPTION 2: SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) ANTI VANDAL DUAL MANUAL FULLY ACCESSIBLE UNISEX DISABLED TOILET FACILITY**

File: Tenders / Works / Disabled Toilet

MOVED: Coutts / Ford

1. That the submitted price by Moodie Outdoor Products of \$159,706.36 GST exclusive for Tender 11/15 Option 1 be accepted.
2. That \$50,000.00 GST exclusive remain in the budget and be allocated to the installation and connection of the toilet facility.

Alderman Rose noted concerns regarding the recommendation. If Council uses Option 1 the ongoing maintenance costs may be expensive in the long term.

MOVED: Rose / Coutts

That item 11.8 Tender 11/15 lay on the table until the New Year to enable further discussion.

CARRIED: 5 / 1

**11.9 TENDER 11/16 – RURAL ROADS AND URBAN STREETS RESEALING**

File: Tenders / Works / Road Reseals – Urban and Rural

MOVED: Ford / Locke

1. That the submitted price by Fulton Hogan (NT) Pty Ltd be increased to the Council budgeted sum of \$523,699.00 for Tender 11/16 to be accepted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Alderman Ford noted that it was pleasing to see costs reducing.



**11.10 TENDER 11/17 – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 35 HP, 72” CUT SIDE DISCHARGE FRONT DECK MOWER OR SKID STEER EQUIVALENT**

File: Tenders / Works / Outdoor Plant and Machinery

MOVED: Ford / Locke

1. That the submitted price by RJ Motors of \$21,078.45 exclusive for Tender 11/17 and trade in price of \$11,000.00 for the replacement front deck mower be accepted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Alderman Locke sought clarification of figures provided. The Acting Works Manager explained the layout.

**11.11 TENDER 11/19 – CLEANING OF RYAN PARK TOILETS**

File: Tenders / Works / Ryan Park

MOVED: Coutts / Rose

1. That the submitted price by Rene Ten Homple of \$20,000.00 excluding GST for the six (6) month period, with the option to extend for a further two (2) x 12 month period for up to two (2) years for Tender 11/19 for the Cleaning of Ryan Park Toilets be accepted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0



## 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 Committee Meetings x 2  
Special Council Meeting  
Art & Cultural Committee Meeting  
Ryan Park – Master Plan Meeting  
Indonesian Day  
Council Land Use Meeting  
Gymnastics Judging

### **Alderman Rose**

Meeting with Preston Lee – Jawoyn Association  
Meeting with Tony Lyle – Charles Darwin University  
Meeting with Annie Hesse – Katherine Times  
Special Council Meeting  
Elected Member Workshops x 2  
Katherine Chamber of Commerce Committee Meeting  
Katherine Historical Society Meeting  
Katherine Museum Thank You Function  
Inspection of Cultural Precinct  
Council Chamber Refurbishment Meeting  
Remembrance Day Ceremony  
Meeting with the Honorable Warren Snowden MP – Telstra Mobile Tower  
Meeting with Chris Smyth – ABC  
Katherine Planning for the Future Forum  
Graduation Ceremony Job Networks Katherine

### **Alderman Coutts**

Tourism Top End Meeting  
Tourism Top End Dinner  
LGANT Meeting  
Art & Cultural Committee Meeting  
Lambert Family Trust Committee Meeting  
Ryan Park – Master Plan Meeting  
Inspection of Cultural Precinct  
Remembrance Day Ceremony  
Loose Group Exhibition – O'Keefe House  
'The Mikado' – Katherine High School  
Carols by Candlelight  
Mimi Arts Christmas Exhibition

### **Alderman Ford**

Inspection of Cultural Precinct  
Carols by Candlelight

### **Alderman Locke**

Loose Group Exhibition – O’Keefe House  
Museum Meeting  
Development Consent Authority Meeting x 2  
Katherine High School Council Meeting  
Clyde Fenton Primary School Meeting  
Management Meeting – TQUAL Grant  
30th Anniversary Swimming Carnival  
Council Chamber Refurbishment Meeting  
Cultural Precinct (Gorrinydamljard Rivers Art Centre) Board Meetings x 2

## **13. LATE AGENDA**

Nil

## **14. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### Deputy Mayor Clark

- Welcomed Council’s new Chief Executive Officer Mr David Laugher and his wife Anne.
- Wished Elected Members, staff and the Katherine community a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

### Alderman Locke

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- Acknowledged and passed on condolences for the passing of Mrs Mae Govan.
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### Alderman Ford

- Welcomed Council’s new Chief Executive Officer Mr David Laugher and his wife Anne.
- Carols by Candlelight were well organized and well attended.

### Alderman Coutts

- Katherine Regional Arts were successful in receiving an \$8,000 grant to assist with the painting of murals at the Tick Market site.
- Fundraising Ball for Emily Tapp scheduled for the 17 December 2011 at Club 23. Would like to thank all those who have already donated to this worthy cause.
- Wished Elected Members, staff and the Katherine community a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.
- Australia Day Ball – money raised at this function will be donated to Valeesha Chong.
- Welcomed Council’s new Chief Executive Officer Mr David Laugher and his wife Anne.

### Alderman Rose

- Welcomed Council’s new Chief Executive Officer Mr David Laugher and his wife Anne.
- Successful nomination as LGANT’s representative on the Northern Territory Government’s Weeds Advisory Committee.
- Meeting with the Honorable Warren Snowden MP and Telstra ended on a positive note with both parties agreeing to look at the proposal for a mobile tower at Mt Billy Todd.

15. **PETITIONS**

Nil

16. **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

Mr Jim Forscutt – sought clarification that the Western Australian Government is not supporting the Constitutional Recognition of Local Government.

17. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

18. **MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting was closed at 6.35pm.

Anne Shepherd  
**MAYOR OF KATHERINE**