



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF COUNCIL

HELD

TUESDAY 24 JULY 2012

AT

6.00 pm

Council Chambers Civic Centre
Stuart Highway, Katherine

The CEO advised that with respect to Item 11.10 and 11.11 he had a conflict of interest. It was noted that there was no potential for a perceived conflict of interest under the Act and therefore the CEO would not need to excuse himself 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

The Mayor raised the following issues;

- Congratulated all Katherine Town Council staff for the work completed at the Showgrounds prior to the Show taking place.
- Will be calling for expressions of interest for an Organising Committee for the Mayoral Debutante Ball.
- Council has received a letter from the Variety Bash requesting support, which she hopes Katherine Town Council and the Katherine Community will support.

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

MOVED: Ganley/Clark

Alderman Ganley would like Council to write to the Management of Katherine Central to suggest improvements to the carpark and amenities, such as providing:

- shade sails
- pram car park spaces
- garden
- extra trolley return bay

CARRIED: 7/0

Alderman Ganley queried whether a registered dog would be impounded and incur fees if picked up by a Ranger.

The CEO confirmed a dog at large does incur a penalty, under the Fees and Charges structure.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

10.1 Festival Grants Funds – Request for Review of Guidelines (refer to Report 11.10)

10.2 Mayoral Appointment to the Board – Godinymayin Yijard Arts and Cultural Centre (refer to Report 11.11)

REPORT OF OFFICERS

11.1 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2012

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

MOVED: Clark/Phillips

That the report of the Chief Executive Officer for the month of June 2012 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.2 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE WORKS MANAGER FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2012

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Works Manager Reports

MOVED: Phillips/Rose

That the report of the Works Manager for the month of June 2012 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – JUNE 2012

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Higgins/Ganley

That the Finance Report for the month of June 2012 prepared by the Finance Manager as at 13 July 2012 be received and adopted.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.4 MINUTES OF ART AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2012

File: Community Relations / Committees / Art and Cultural Committee / 2012

MOVED: Clark/Higgins

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 June 2012 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.5 MINUTES OF LAMBERT FAMILY TRUST MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2012

File: Community Relations / Committees / Lambert Family Art & Craft Trust / Lambert Family Trust Meeting 20122012

MOVED: Higgins/Creighton

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 June 2012 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.6 FINANCIAL DELEGATIONS & AUTHORISATIONS OF PAYMENTS

File: Local Governance / Policy / Purchasing Delegations

MOVED: Clark/Phillips

That Council:

1. Under Section 32 of the Local Government Act 2008 the following amended Financial Delegations be approved:

Financial Delegations		
Position	Purchase Delegations Threshold	Payment Delegation Threshold
Chief Executive Officer	\$50,000	Unlimited
Works Manager	\$10,000	\$10,000
Asset Manager	\$10,000	\$10,000
Finance Manager	\$10,000	\$10,000
Administration Manager	\$10,000	\$10,000
Economic Development Officer	\$10,000	\$10,000
Assistant Works Manager	\$3,000	\$3,000
Senior Ranger	\$2,000	\$2,000
Works Supervisor	\$1,000	NIL
Senior Library Officer/Librarian	\$1,000	NIL
Visitors Information Supervisor	\$1,000	NIL
Administration & Executive Support Officer	\$500	NIL
Community Liaison Officer	\$500	NIL
Works Administration Officer	\$500	NIL
Ranger	\$500	NIL

NOTE:

- A. Subject to being funded in Council's approved budget, the occupants of the above positions are authorised to raise Council orders for the purchase of goods and services and are delegated responsibility for the authorisation of Council expenditure up to the threshold amounts shown.
 - B. The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to raise orders in excess of his/her threshold up to any amount but only where the expenditure is approved by Council resolution or the expenditure involves a fully budgeted item that recurs each year (e.g. Council annual insurance renewal).
- 2 In accordance Section 20 of the Local Government Accounting Regulations Council has authorised the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer, Finance Manager, Administration Manager and Works Manager to process payments as per approved budgets and relevant delegations.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.7 REVENUE POLICY – RATES CONCESSIONS

File: Local Governance / Policy / Revenue Policy

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

That Council:

1. Adopts the July 2012 Revenue Policy – Rates Concessions Policy and Procedure.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.8 CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION – KATHERINE REGIONAL CULTURAL PRECINCT LTD

File: Legal Documents / Agreements / Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Ltd – Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Art and Cultural Centre

MOVED: Phillips/Creighton

That Council:

1. Determines to support the proposed changes to Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Ltd constitution; and
2. Authorises the Mayor to sign the document on behalf of Katherine Town Council.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.9 ACQUITTAL – 2012 LIBRARY OPERATIONAL FUNDING

File: Finance / Grant Funding / Northern Territory Library

MOVED: Phillips/Clark

That it be recommended to Council:

That the acquittal for the 2011/12 Library Operation Funding be received and noted and the acquittal be brought forward to Northern Territory Library, Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.10 FESTIVAL GRANTS FUNDS – REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF GUIDELINES

File: Finance / Grant Funding / Katherine Festival / KTC Festival Grants / KTC Festival Grants 2012

MOVED: Ganley/Rose

That Council:

- 1 Considers the Submission for additional funding and determines what, if any additional resources, it is prepared to allocate.

MOVED Phillips/Higgins

Decline the submission and refer the Committee back to the guidelines

CARRIED: 5/2

11.11 MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD – GODINYMAYIN YIJARD ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTRE

File: Community Relations / Committees / Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct – Action-Control Group

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

That Council:

- 1 Determines to withdraw its nomination of an Elected Member to hold a position as Director on the Board of Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Ltd;
- 2 Requests the Mayor to formally tender her resignation from the Board; and
- 3 Directs the CEO to write to the Board of Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Ltd advising them of this decision.

CARRIED: 5/1

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 Kate Ganley

Katherine Regional Arts Meeting
Elected Members Workshop
Cultural Precinct Opening
Festival Grants Committee Meeting
Ordinary Council Meeting
Opal Fuel Briefing
Ryan Park Community Market – Alderman Stall
Alcohol Plan of Management Public Meeting
World No Tobacco Day
Somerville Garden Party

Alderman Steven Rose

Ryan Park Community Market – Alderman Stall
Great NT Hat Yak Competition
Biggest Morning Tea Event
Festival Grants Committee Meeting
World No Tobacco Day
Somerville Garden Party
Development Consent Authority Meeting
Development Review Committee Meeting
Katherine Chamber of Commerce Committee Meeting
Big River Hawks Welcome to Country

Alderman Adrian Creighton

Ryan Park Community Market – Alderman Stall
Museum Group Meeting

Alderman Rob Phillips

Elected Members Workshop
Council Meeting
Showgrounds Users Meeting
Ryan Park Community Market – Alderman Stall

Alderman Donald (Henry) Higgins

Development Consent Authority Meeting
Elected Members Workshop
Ryan Park Community Market – Alderman Stall
Katherine Sports Precinct Network Meeting

Alderman Lis Clark

2 x YMCA meetings
Cultural Precinct opening
2 x Elected Member Workshops
Ryan Park Community Market – Alderman Stall
Katherine Show
Open Forum
Council Meeting

13. LATE AGENDA

13.1 REVIEW OF SIGNAGE CODE

File: Regulatory Services / Licensing – Permits / Signs / Signs – Illegal – 3rd Party Signs

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

That Council:

1. Endorses a policy interpretation that determines to deem the existing wall between the Jade Cafe and the BP Service Station to be the property boundary for the purposes of the Signs Code.

CARRIED: 7/0

14. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

15. **PETITIONS**

Nil

16. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

MOVED: Higgins/Ganley

That standing orders be suspended to allow Council to consider a confidential matter in Committee.

Meeting closed to the public. All members of the public left the Chambers.

16.1 **REQUEST TO INSTALL COMMEMORATIVE RECOGNITION**

MOVED:

That Council:

1. Considers the request, and determines its support, or otherwise, for the proposal.

CARRIED: 7/0

MOVED: Higgins/Clark

The meeting be opened to the public

17. **MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting was closed at 7.35pm

Fay Miller
MAYOR OF KATHERINE