



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD

TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2012

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 25 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 6.00 PM**

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PRESENT

Mayor Fay Miller
Alderman Lis Clark
Alderman Kate Ganley
Alderman Steven Rose
Alderman Rob Phillips
Alderman Donald Higgins
Alderman Adrian Creighton

IN ATTENDANCE Mr David Laugher – Chief Executive Officer
Mr Warwick Jack – Works Manager
Mrs Sophie Henderson – Administration Manager
Mrs Alice Anastacio – Finance Manager
Mrs Heather Kirk – Administration and Executive Support Officer
Mr James Rowe – Economic Development Manager
6 x Members of the Katherine Community

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Confirmation of Previous Minutes

MOVED: Clark/Ganley

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 28 August 2012 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED: 7/0

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

- The Mayor attended the launch of the Young Achievers Award in Darwin. She hopes Katherine residents will look at the criteria and nominate young achievers from the region. Nominations close 30 November 2012.
- The Mayor encourages everyone to attend October Business Month.
- On 15 October 2012 the LGANT Executive will be holding a meeting with the new Minister, which the Mayor will be attending.

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

Alderman Phillips queried the Edith River road upgrade with the change of Government. The Mayor advised that this issue is one she will be raising with the new Minister, and the issue of roads will be a priority for Council

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

REPORT OF OFFICERS

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

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

MOVED: Clark/Higgins

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

CARRIED: 7/0

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

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Works Manager Reports

MOVED: Phillips/Creighton

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

CARRIED: 7/0

11.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – AUGUST 2012

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

That the Finance Report for the month of August 2012 prepared by the Finance Manager be received and adopted.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.4 MINUTES OF ART AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30 AUGUST 2012

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

MOVED: Higgins/Clark

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30 August 2012 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.5 COMMUNITY GRANTS – CHRISTMAS CAROLS

File: Finance / Grant Funding / Katherine Town Council Community Grants / KTC
Community Grants 2012

MOVED: Clark/Creighton

That Council:

1. Agree to increase funding to the Katherine Christmas Carols program up to a maximum of \$5,000; subject to
2. The organisers resubmitting a revised proposal and budget breakdown

Alderman Rose felt that it would set a precedence if this request were approved. Alderman Higgins highlighted that it was possible to misread the guidelines and stated that this was a major event at Christmas.

Alderman Rose was asked to explain how he felt this did not meet the guidelines. He explained that applicants could only submit one application per year.

Alderman Ganley advised that the event organisers were incorrectly advised that they were not eligible to apply for the major grant.

Mayor Miller advised that the Christmas Carols is a major event leading into Christmas, and a large proportion of this event is personally paid for by the event organiser.

Alderman Phillips stated that he does not have an issue with this request if the event organisers have been given wrong information.

The CEO advised that he was asked to review this submission. There is a clause in the Grant Guidelines which states groups receive \$2,000 and major events \$5,000. He advised that in his view this event does constitute a major event and the grant should be reviewed.

Alderman Clark commended the event organiser and volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

Alderman Rose queried why the Christmas Carols was different from the Triple 000 event. The Mayor advised that the Christmas Carols was a community event, whereas the Triple 000 event is a fundraiser.

CARRIED: 6/1

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

Elected Member Workshop
Ordinary Council Meeting
Katherine Regional Art Meeting x 2
Community Resilience Meeting
Art and Culture Meeting
Traffic Management Meeting
Big Rivers Grand Final

Alderman Steven Rose

Elected Member Workshop
Ordinary Council Meeting

Alderman Adrian Creighton

Ordinary Council Meeting

Alderman Rob Phillips

Elected Member Workshops
Ordinary Council Meeting
Alderman Markets Stall
Showgrounds Committee Meeting

Alderman Donald (Henry) Higgins

Elected Member Workshops
Ordinary Council Meeting
Development Consent Authority Meeting
Katherine Sports Precinct Meeting
Katherine Prize

Alderman Lis Clark

Elected Member Workshops
Ordinary Council Meeting
YMCA Committee Meetings x 2
Art & Cultural Committee Meeting
Seniors Morning Tea
Katherine Prize
Art in the Park
Teddy Bears Picnic
Young Australian of the Year Reception
Environment Day – MacFarlane School

13. **LATE AGENDA**

13.1 **TENDER 12/14 – SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL AND COMMUNICATION CABLING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AT LOT 2922, KATHERINE MUSEUM**

File: Tenders / Works / Katherine Museum

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

That it be recommended to Council:

That Duncan Electrical be awarded Tender 12/14 *Supply and Installation of Electrical and Communication Cabling and Associated works at Lot 2922, Katherine Museum* at their submitted tender price of \$80,545.45 GST exclusive; which is Component Three of the Museum Building Project – Stage One – Clyde Fenton Gypsy Moth Aircraft.

CARRIED: 7/0

14. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Alderman Clark advised that there has been an increase of people drinking alcohol in the CBD.
- Alderman Clark advised that a number of plants had been stolen from the Katherine Museum.
- Alderman Ganley asked about the KRAG group under the new Government and if the group was still active. The Mayor advised that she is waiting on advice on who will be facilitating the group, but that it is ongoing.

15. **PETITIONS**

Nil

16. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

17. **MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting was closed at 6.35pm.

Fay Miller
MAYOR OF KATHERINE