



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF COUNCIL

HELD

TUESDAY 23 APRIL 2013

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 23 APRIL 2013 AT 6.10 PM

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE Mr David Laugher - Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Sophie Henderson – Administration Manager
Mrs Neroli Dickens – Manager Assets and Infrastructure
Mrs Alice Anastacio – Finance Manager
Mrs Heather Kirk – Administration and Executive Support Officer
Mr James Rowe – Economic Development Manager
Mr Warwick Jack - Works Manager
7 x Member of the Katherine Community
3 x Members of the Media

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/Phillips

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 26 March 2013 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

- Anzac Day Commemorations begin Wednesday 24 April 2013 when The Ghan arrives at 5pm. The Mayor invited the Aldermen to join her in greeting The Ghan passengers.

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

11. REPORT OF OFFICERS

11.1 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2013

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

MOVED: Rose/Ganley

That the report of the Chief Executive Officer for the month of March 2013 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.2 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE WORKS MANAGER FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2013

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Works Manager Reports

MOVED: Phillips/Clark

That the report of the Works Manager for the month of March 2013 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – MARCH 2013

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Phillips/Creighton

That the Finance Report for the month of March 2013 prepared by the Finance Manager be received and adopted.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.4 **FINANCIAL DELEGATIONS & AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS**

File: Local Governance / Policy / Purchasing Delegations

MOVED: Rose/Clark

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	\$100,000	Unlimited
Works Manager	\$10,000	\$10,000
Manager Assets & Infrastructure	\$10,000	\$10,000
Finance Manager	\$10,000	\$10,000
Administration Manager	\$10,000	\$10,000
Economic Development Manager	\$10,000	\$10,000
Assistant Works Manager	\$3,000	\$3,000
Senior Ranger	\$2,000	\$2,000
Depot Supervisor	\$1,000	NIL
Library Officer/Library Officer (2)	\$1,000	NIL
Tourism & Marketing Manager	\$1,000	NIL
Community Liaison Officer	\$1,000	NIL
Administration & Executive Support 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

11.5 MINUTES OF THE ART AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2013

File: Community Relations / Committees / Art and Cultural Committee / 2013

MOVED: Clark/Higgins

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 March 2013 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.6 TENDER 13/01 – RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS SECTIONS OF ROAD PAVEMENT WITHIN THE KATHERINE MUNICIPALITY

File: Tenders / Works / Road – Reconstruction of Road Pavement

MOVED: Clark/Higgins

1. That Allan King & Sons Constructions be awarded Tender 13/01 *Reconstruction of Various Sections of Road Pavement within the Katherine Municipality* at their submitted tender price of \$135,727.72 GST exclusive.
2. That Council negotiates the extension of the contract with Allan King & Sons Constructions to include additional works of upgrading the remaining 84 linear meters of road pavement along Quarry Road and to also include the modification to the Quarry Road and Lansdowne Road intersection.

CARRIED: 7/0

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:

Alderman Kate Ganley

Council Meeting
Elected Members Workshops
Katherine Regional Arts Meetings

Alderman Steven Rose

Elected Members Workshops
Council Meeting
Information Session – Chamber of Commerce
NT Affordable Housing Information Session
Development Consent Authority Meeting
Commemoration of Bombing of Katherine Day
Edith Farms Weeds Day

Alderman Adrian Creighton

Council Meeting
Elected Members Workshops
Katherine Museum Meeting
LGANT Conference

Alderman Rob Phillips

Council Meeting
Elected Members Workshops

Alderman Higgins

Development Consent Authority Meeting
LGANT Meeting
KTC Market Stall
Elected Members Workshop

Alderman Higgins advised he was not present for the March meeting and wished February Meetings attended to be listed, as follows;

Elected Members Workshops
Council Meeting
Sports Precinct Meeting

Alderman Lis Clark

Council Meeting
Elected Members Workshops
YMCA Meetings
Clean Up Australia Day
Art and Cultural Meeting
Commemoration of the Bombing of Katherine Day

13. LATE AGENDA

13.1 LEASE NEGOTIATIONS – KATHERINE CIVIL AIRPORT

File: Legal Documents / Lease/ Airport – Subleases / Katherine Civil Airport Lease

MOVED: Miller/Higgins

That Council:

Determines a position with respect to the future operation of the Katherine Civil Airport.

The Mayor requested this item be discussed under Confidential Items.

13.2 POSSIBLE COLOCATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

File: Government Relations / Local Government – Proposed Future Plans

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

That Council:

Considers the two proposals contained in this report; and

Endorses continuation of works towards a satisfactory solution for each project.

CARRIED: 7/0

13.3 OPTIONS FOR REGIONAL GOVERNANCE

File: Government Relations / Reviewing / Local Government Regulations and Acts - Reviews

MOVED: Higgins/Clark

That Council:

1. Considers the matters raised and determines what comment/feedback should be made.
2. Takes whatever opportunity is made available to participate in public consultations on this reform arrangement.

CARRIED: 7/0

13.4 KATHERINE PEDESTRIAN MANAGEMENT STUDY

File: Roads Civil and Traffic Works / Reporting

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

That Council:

Determines a position with respect to the Katherine Pedestrian Management Study.

It was decided to discuss this Report at an Elected Members Workshop.

13.5 KATHERINE TRAFFIC STUDY

File: Roads Civil and Traffic Works / Reporting

MOVED:

That Council:

Considers the matters raised and determines what comment/feedback is required.

It was decided to discuss this Report at an Elected Members Workshop

13.6 DRAFT MUNICIPAL PLAN – 1 JULY 2013 TO 30 JUNE 2018

File: Local Governance / Compliance / Municipal Plan

MOVED:

That Council approve the Draft Municipal Plan 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2018 for public exhibition.

CARRIED: 7/0

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Alderman Clark advised that there are still problems outside the Visitor Information Centre with the crowds who sit there. The Mayor advised that she would discuss this with the Police Commander, with the possibility of having the mobile Police bus located at the Visitor Information Centre.
- Alderman Higgins queried whether Council could ask for the Bodi Bus pick-up/drop-off point moved from outside the Visitor Information Centre.

15. PETITIONS

Nil

16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

MOVED: Ganley/Phillips

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 LEASE NEGOTIATIONS – KATHERINE CIVIL AIRPORT

File: Legal Documents / Lease/ Airport – Subleases / Katherine Civil Airport Lease

MOVED: Miller/Higgins

That Council:

Determines a position with respect to the future operation of the Katherine Civil Airport.

MOTION:

CEO be endorsed to take action as authorised by Council.

CARRIED: 7/0

MOVED: Higgins/Clark

That Council resume the meeting.

CARRIED: 7/0

17. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting was closed at 7.45pm.

Fay Miller
MAYOR OF KATHERINE