



MINUTES
BUDGET MEETING
11 JUNE, 2013

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Farrell', with a large checkmark-like flourish at the end.

Signed: Lee Farrell Chief Executive Officer

MINUTES

BUDGET MEETING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON TUESDAY 11th JUNE, 2013 AT 6.05 PM

President of the Shire Council Andrew Turner declared the meeting open at 6.05pm and welcomed all in attendance.

1 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor	President Andrew Turner
Councillor	Vice President Bruce Jones
Councillor	Ewan Crook
Councillor	Sue Bulmer
Councillor	Max Corliss
Councillor	Dave Gray

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Lee Farrell
Finance Manager	Melissa Kerr

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Cr Turner prior to commencing the business paper sought Councils consideration to the holding of a session without staff commencing prior to the start of each Council meeting. Agreed that the first meeting be held on 18th June, 2013 commencing at 5.30pm.

PERSONS PRESENT

Nil.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11June, 2013
Author:	Lee Farrell, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

This report is to table, for Council's record, any apologies and requests for leave of absence received from Elected Members for the Budget Meeting held 11June, 2013.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

COMMENT

Council can choose to accept the apologies or requests for leave of absence as presented, or not accept them. Apologies or requests for leave of absence that are not accepted by Council will be recorded as absence without notice.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

As per the Local Government Act s.39 (1) A person ceases to hold office as a member of a council if the person:
(d) is absent, without permission of the council, from 2 consecutive ordinary meetings of the council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

No requests received

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11June, 2013
Author:	Lee Farrell, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Elected Members are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by Council at a meeting of the Council or a meeting of a Council committee by:

- 1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.
- 2) In the case of a matter raised in general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised. Under disclosure, the Member must abide by the decision of Council on whether he/ she shall remain in the Chambers and/ or take part in the vote on the issue. The council may elect to allow the Member to provide further and better particulars of the interest prior to requesting him/ her to leave the Chambers.

Staff Members of the Council are required to disclose an interest in a matter at any time at which they are required to act or exercise their delegate authority in relation to the matter. Upon disclosure the Staff Member is not to act or exercise his or her delegated authority unless the Council expressly directs him or her to do so.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

COMMENT

Not applicable.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act s73 &s74 (Elected Members).

Local Government Act (2008) s107 Conflict of interest (Staff Members).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Conflict of Interest – Code of Conduct.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes there were no declarations of interest for the Budget Meeting held 11th June, 2013.

Moved: Clr. Crook

Seconded: Clr. Corliss

Carried

4 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

5 2013 /2014 DRAFT BUDGET

The President introduced the 2013/14 Coomalie Community Government Council Budget for consideration by Council. He stated that the Draft budget proposed a 10% increase in rates which is in accordance with the information provided to the three Community meetings held in March of 2013. This rate increase would apply to the 2013 -2014 years if Council were in agreement and then reduce to around 4% to 5 % thereafter. The Draft budget presented is in accordance with Councils Long term financial plan which includes increase in works associated with the maintaining of our existing assets being roads, buildings and vehicles.

Council then proceeded to work through the Business papers presented to Council.

Meeting adjourned for Dinner 6.50pm – Meeting resumed at 7.05pm

BUSINESS ARISING FROM BUDGET

5.1 ADMINISTRATION

The upgrade of Councils computerised accounting system costing a net \$25,000 was supported by Council.

5.2 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Capital works program to connect the Batchelor toilets and the Ezy Dump to the sewerage \$15,000 and the upgrade to the Myrtle Fawcett Park Toilets \$15,000 was supported. The above programmed work is in accordance with Councils Long term financial plan to maintain our existing assets.

5.3 SANITATION AND GARBAGE

The discussion on the upgrade of Council waste sites and introduction of waste charges was reviewed in detail. Council requested the CEO to prepare a proposed waste collection charge rate that leaves the residential charge as per the 2012/13 fee and adjust the Commercial charges to capture the additional waste that is being deposited into our waste sites.

ACTION: The CEO to discuss these charges with local businesses and the results to be presented to Councils Ordinary General Meeting on the 18th June, 2013.

5.4 CEMETERIES

No issues

5.5 PARKS AND GARDENS

The CEO advised Council that he has entered into discussion with the current mowing contractor R & S Gardening to reduce the current contact by \$20,000. This amount has been deleted from 2012/13 budget estimates and this reduction is included in the 2013/14 budget estimates.

ACTION: The reduction in the Mowing contract costs to be confirmed by the CEO at the 18th June, 2013 Council meeting.

5.6 LIBRARIES

No issues

5.7 SPORT AND RECREATION

MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS will include Batchelor Playgroup upgrade to building and closing in of one end of the Bruce Jones Community Centre. The above programmed work is in accordance with Councils Long term financial plan to maintain our existing assets.

The reduction in the Mowing contract costs to be confirmed by the CEO at the 18th June, 2013 Council meeting.

5.8 SWIMMING POOL

Noted the continued high cost to maintain this facility – This year loss is estimated to be \$94260.

5.9 COMMUNITY RECREATION

No issues

5.10 ROADS

The increase in expenditure associated with an increase in Road Construction works is \$90,000. The above programmed work is in accordance with Councils Long term financial plan to maintain our existing assets.

5.11 STREET LIGHTING

The introduction of maintenance charge by Power and Water will increase street lighting costs by \$11,800 or 128%.

5.12 TOURISM AND OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

1) Batchelor Museum

CEO advised that the Museum has submitted a Business Plan and the summary was tabled. The contribution sought from Council in 2013/14 is \$7640 which reflects the Electricity, Water and Sewerage costs. Council 2013/14 budget is \$5000 and expenditure to date is \$2500.

RESOLUTION: 11/06/2013/004

That Councillor allowance for 2013/14 to be as follows;

Ordinary Member	\$350 per Council Meeting
President	\$16,000 per annum paid monthly
Dep. President	\$9,000 per annum paid monthly
Travel	\$1 per kilometre paid for travel to and from home for all Council meetings.
Additional meetings	\$0

Moved: Clr D Gray

Seconded: Clr Crook

Carried 4/2

5.16 FEES AND CHARGES

The list of Fees and Charges for 2013/14 were presented for discussion

RESOLUTION: 11/06/2013/005

That the fees and charges below for 2013/14 be adopted by Council.

Move: Clr D Gray

Seconded: Clr M Corliss

Carried 6/0

FEES AND CHARGES 2013/2014		
EQUIPMENT CHARGES		2013/14
Chairs	Per Day	0.65
Table	Per Day	3.65
BBQ	Per Day	27.50
Ovals	Per Day	33.00
Large Trailer	Per Day	44.00
Small Trailer	Per Day	16.50
Wacker Packer	Per Hour	16.50
Portaloo	Per Week	198.00
Portaloo	Per Weekend	66.00
Wheelie Bin Purchase	Per Bin	110.00
Shade Structure	Per Structure	25.00
BUILDING CHARGES		
Adelaide River Office/ Rum Jungle Bowls Club/Community Centre	Refundable Bond	100.00
	Half Day	35.00
	Full Day	55.00
	Rate Payer	Non Rate Payer
5T Tipper	\$95/hr	\$110/hr
3T Tipper	\$90/hr	\$105/hr
Bobcat	\$95/hr	\$110/hr
Transport costs	\$5/km	\$5.50/km
Tractor	\$95/hr	\$105/hr
Slasher	\$25/hr	\$30/hr

Attachments to Bobcat	\$10/hr	\$15/hr
Bus - hire fee plus bus must be refuelled prior to return	\$100/day	
ADMINISTRATION FEES		
Rate Search		110.00
Photocopying		
(1c/paper & 1.6c/copy)	(Per Sheet)	0.30
	Own Paper	
	A3 Paper	
BACHELOR POOL FEES		
Monthly:		
Family		60.00
Adult		27.50
Pension		16.50
Family Pension		33.00
6 Monthly:		
Family		180.00
Adult		82.50
Pension		50.00
Family Pension		100.00
Entry Charges To Pool		
Adult		3.00
Children (under 4 free)		1.50
Pensioners		1.50
Spectators		1.50
School & Community		
Groups	Per Child	1.00
Family Group		5.00
Hirer to leave pool in neat and tidy condition.		
Private Hire of Batchelor Pool		66.00
(Requires qualified pool attendant)		
CEMETERY FEES		
Burial Plot (outright allocation)	Child ½ price	2,310.00
Site to dispose of Ashes	Child ½ price	275.00
Reservations (Plot or Site)		
DOG REGISTRATION CHARGES		
Town Dogs		
Entire dogs		40.00
Sterilised dogs		11.00
Concessions	½ price	
Two dogs per household restriction.		
Rural Dogs		
Registration is free, no dog number restrictions		

Impoundment fees:		
Initial impoundment fee:	Registered Dog	90.00
	Unregistered Dog	165.00
Fee for each day kept in pound		60.00
If dog is unregistered, it <u>must</u> be registered before the dog is released.		
Unregistered dogs are kept impounded for 2 days; registered dogs are kept for 3.		
<i>The CEO shall have the discretion to reduce or waive sustenance fees.</i>		

6 ADOPTION OF COUNCIL BUDGET – 9.95% INCREASE

That once the CEO has met with Local Business to discuss the proposed waste removal charges and this information has been discussed by Council, a resolution to adopt the 2013/14 Budget will be made.

7 2013/14 BUDGET PRESENTATION

RESOLUTION: 11/06/2013/006

That all staff be congratulated on the development of the Long term Financial Plan and presentation of the 2013/14 Budget.

Moved: Clr A Turner

Seconded: Clr E Crook

Carried 6/0

President declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm