



Coomalie Community Government Council

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 15 March 2011** Started: **6:00 PM** Ended: **10:00 PM**

Location: Council Chambers, 141 Cameron Road, Batchelor NT 0845

Purpose/Notes: Regular scheduled meeting

Chaired by: Clr. Andrew Turner

Minutes rec. by: John Hughes

Attendance:

Present: Clr. Robert Bright, Clr. Sue Bulmer, Clr. Darryl Butler, Clr. Tommy Fawcett, John Hughes, Clr. Bruce Jones, Clr. Deb Koch, Clr. Trevor Sullivan, Clr. Andrew Turner

Regrets: Clr. Linda Douglas

Absent:

Late:

Guests:

(none)

Meeting Documents:

(no documents)

Meeting Minutes:

1. Standing Agenda Items

1.1. Apologies and Leave of Absence

An apology was received from councillor Linda Douglas

Status: Completed

1.1.1. Apologies an Leave of Absence

That Council accepts the apology of councillor Linda Douglas and that leave of absence be granted

Resolution #: 15/03/11/001

Moved by: Clr. Bruce Jones

Seconded by: Clr. Darryl Butler

Status:

Carried

Vote:

1.2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Having considered the Agenda and Business Documents, Councillors are requested to declare any possible, actual or perceivable conflicts of interest at this time.

Status: Completed

1.2.1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared

Status: Completed

1.3. Correspondence

The correspondence registers for the period to 11th March 2011 are to be reviewed and confirmed.

Documents:

- Correspondence Inwards.pdf
- Correspondence Outwards.pdf



Status: Completed

1.3.1. Confirmation of Incoming Correspondence

That Council notes and receives the incoming correspondence as detailed in the incoming correspondence register and as presented.

Resolution #: 15/03/11/003

Moved by: Clr. Darryl Butler

Seconded by: Clr. Robert Bright

Status:

Carried

Vote:

1.3.2. Confirmation of Outgoing Correspondence

That Council notes and confirms the outgoing correspondence as detailed in the Outgoing Correspondence Register and as presented.

Resolution #: 15/03/11/004

Moved by: Clr. Darryl Butler

Seconded by: Clr. Robert Bright

Status:

Carried

Vote:

1.4. Financial Statements

The Financial Report contains:

- Financial Report
- Monthly and Year to Date Operating Results Summary
- Monthly and Year to Date Operating Results Detail
- Balance Sheet
- Grant Report
- Reconciliation Report
- Payments Register

Documents:

- Financial Reports.pdf

Status: Completed

1.4.1. Confirmation of Financial Statements

That Council receives and notes the Financial Statements as presented and confirms the payments detailed in the payments register as presented.

Resolution #: 15/03/11/005

Moved by: Clr. Trevor Sullivan

Seconded by: Clr. Deb Koch

Status:

Carried

Vote:

1.5. Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Chief Executive Officer's Report is to be received and noted.

Status: Completed



1.5.1. Chief Executive Officer's report

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's report as presented.

Resolution #: 15/03/11/006

Moved by: Clr. Darryl Butler

Seconded by: Clr. Tommy Fawcett

Status:

Carried

Vote:

1.6. Engineer's and Works Manager's Report

The Engineer's and Works Manager's Report was not tabled.

Status: Completed

1.7. Community Recreation Officer's Report

The Community Recreation Officer's Report was not tabled.

Status: Completed

1.8. Library Reports

The Community Library Reports for Adelaide River and Batchelor are to be received and noted.

Documents:

- Adelaide River Library Report.pdf

Status: Completed

1.8.1. Library Reports

That Council receives and notes the Library Reports as presented.

Resolution #: 15/03/11/007

Moved by: Clr. Robert Bright

Seconded by: Clr. Sue Bulmer

Status:

Carried

Vote:

1.9. Batchelor Swimming Pool Report

The Batchelor Swimming Pool Report is to be received and noted.

Status: Completed

1.9.1. Batchelor Swimming Pool Report

That Council receives and notes the Batchelor Swimming Pool Report as presented.

Resolution #: 15/03/11/008

Moved by: Clr. Darryl Butler

Seconded by: Clr. Robert Bright

Status:

Carried

Vote:

1.10. Dog Management Report

The Dog Management Report is to be received and noted.

Status: Completed



1.10.1. Dog Management Report

That Council receives and notes the Dog Management Report as presented

Resolution #: 15/03/11/009

Moved by: Clr. Darryl Butler

Seconded by: Clr. Robert Bright

Status:

Carried

Vote:

1.11. Gamba Grass & Weed Mitigation Project Report

The Gamba Grass & Weed Mitigation Project Report is to be received and noted.

Documents:

- Gamba Grass Report March2011.pdf

Status: Completed

1.11.1. Gamba Grass & Weed Mitigation Project Report

That Council receives and notes the Gamba Grass & Weed Mitigation Project Report as presented.

Resolution #: 15/03/11/010

Moved by: Clr. Trevor Sullivan

Seconded by: Clr. Deb Koch

Status:

Carried

Vote:

2. Business Brought Forward From Previous Meetings

2.1. Planning Matter - Lake Bennett Resort

Council's response to the proposed development application for Lake Bennett Resort is currently being reviewed by town planning consultant and will be made available to councillors prior to the meeting.

Status: Completed

3. General Business

3.1. Erection of Memorial Plaque to Robbie Lewis

Clr. Sue Bulmer

Councillor Sue Bulmer has given notice in accordance with section 5.1 of Council standing orders of the following matter:

Councillor Bulmer proposes that Council places a plaque in the memorial garden for Robbie Lewis. Robbie was an asset to the community and his knowledge and assistance in the community will be greatly missed. Council provided a plaque for Marie Erwin in recognition of her contribution and we could do the same for Robbie.

The cost of the metal plaque ranges from \$250-\$1000 depending on size.

Additional costs will be incurred based on the manner of presentation.

Status: Completed

3.1.1. Erection of Memorial Plaque to Robbie Lewis

That Council places a plaque in its memorial garden in memory of the late Robbie Lewis in recognition of his contribution to the Coomalie Community.

Resolution #: 15/03/11/011



Moved by: Clr. Bruce Jones
Seconded by: Clr. Sue Bulmer
Status:
Carried
Vote:

3.2. Dangerous Flood Depth Indicator

Councillor Sue Bulmer has given notice in accordance with section 5.1 of Council standing orders of the following matter:

The depth indicator on the Darwin site of Coomalie Creek on Batchelor Road does not give an accurate reading of depth. The creek can be very high and flowing rapidly before it even reaches the bottom of this indicator. Could Council write to government to get this dangerous situation rectified?

CEO comment:

Matters regarding public safety or workplace safety are best dealt with by directly reporting to the CEO or other Council officer rather than waiting for a resolution of Council to deal with such matters. Please refer to the letter sent to the Department of Transport regarding this matter in the outgoing correspondence section of the agenda.

Status: Completed

3.2.1. Dangerous Flood Depth Indicator

The matter was discussed and no resolution was put to the meeting.

Status: Completed

3.3. Proposed Formation of Australia Day Committee

Councillor Sue Bulmer has given notice in accordance with section 5.1 of Council standing orders of the following matter:

To take some of the pressure off Council and the CRO, Council could do a mail-out with a view of forming an Australia Day Committee. By doing a mail-out to the whole community, we may get volunteers besides the usual ones and it would make the community feel involved. This committee could coordinate the events and select the awards. Maybe in this mail-out we could ask for volunteers to help coordinate functions for the Centenary of Batchelor including the Lingalonga Festival 2012. The Centenary of the naming of Batchelor as a farming community is only nine months away it would be a shame to let this opportunity to bring business to the town, and put it more in the public arena, pass by.

CEO Comments

I have discussed this suggestion with the acting deputy CEO and Community Recreation Officer. Whilst community engagement, particularly in the form of volunteer assistance is welcome, many aspects of Australia Day are official functions that must be discharged by the Council.

The staff are also of the view that events-coordination by a committee of Australia Day would create additional effort rather than less effort for staff - as they would be required to facilitate the Committee and to put into effect most of the actions and decisions made by the Committee.

As noted in correspondence at the last meeting, the Australia Day event was acknowledged by a long-standing local resident as being "very successful". Additional volunteers, willing to assist on the day, is the only factor that staff consider could make the day more successful. Council staff have not had any indication of dissatisfaction with the day or the awards process.

In the case of the Lingalonga Festival, which is funded normally by substantial government grants, the committee has sufficiently resourced to organise its event with a smaller degree of Council assistance.

Status: Completed



3.3.1. Proposed Formation of Australia Day Committee

The matter was discussed and no resolution was put to the meeting.

Status: Completed

3.4. Changes to Guidelines for Councillor Allowances

Please refer to the attached documents.

Changes to the guidelines will require Coomalie Community Government Council to adopt a new policy in relation to councillor payments.

Documents:

- Elected Member Allowances.pdf

Status: Completed

3.4.1. Changes to Guidelines for Councillor Allowances

The CEO was directed to prepare a policy for consideration as part of the 2011/2012 budget process.

Status: Completed

3.5. Storage of Hazardous Chemicals

Current Council facilities for the storage and handling of hazardous chemicals do not comply with contemporary workplace health and safety requirements nor do they comply with Australian standards for the handling of hazardous chemicals.

The attached quotation details are standards compliant and workplace health and safety compliance facility that is required to be installed on Council premises.

Council has made application for special purpose grant funding for this and a number of other workplace health and safety improvements that are required.

Documents:

- Wolf 2.pdf

Status: Completed

3.5.1. Storage of Hazardous Chemicals

Resolution #:

Status:

Carried

Vote:

3.6. Constitutional Recognition of Local Government

The Australian Local Government Association has written to all councils requesting among other things the passing of a resolution calling for Constitutional financial recognition of local government.

Refer to the attached document.

Documents:

- Constitutional Recognition of Local Government.pdf

Status: Completed

3.6.1. Constitutional Recognition of Local Government

That Coomalie Community Government Council declares its support for financial recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution so that the Federal Government has the power to fund local



government directly and also for inclusion of local government in any new Preamble to the Constitution if one is proposed, and calls on all political parties to support a referendum by 2013 to change the Constitution to achieve this recognition.

Resolution #: 15/03/11/012

Moved by: Clr. Deb Koch

Seconded by: Clr. Darryl Butler

Status:

Carried

Vote:

3.7. Proposed Upgrade to Existing Telecommunications Facility

Refer to the attached document requesting Council's response to a proposed upgrade of existing telecommunications facilities in Adelaide River on Dorat Road.

Documents:

- Telco Proposal.pdf

Status: Completed

3.7.1. Proposed Upgrade to Existing Telecommunications Facility

That the CEO advises Aurecon that Council has no objection to be proposed upgrade of existing telecommunications facilities in Adelaide River on Dorat Road.

Resolution #: 15/03/11/013

Moved by: Clr. Sue Bulmer

Seconded by: Clr. Deb Koch

Status:

Carried

Vote:

4. Confidential Items and Conclusion

4.1. Confidential Session

Council moves into closed session to deal with confidential items at this time.

Status: Completed



4.4. Conclusion of Confidential Session

Status: Completed

4.5. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Coomalie Community Government Council will be held at Adelaide River on 19th April, 2011 at 6.00pm.

Status: Completed

4.6. Conclusion

The President declared the meeting closed at 10 PM

Status: Completed
