



Coomalie Community Government Council

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 19 October 2010** Started: **6:05 PM** Ended: **10:15 PM**

Location: Adelaide River Library, Memorial Terrace, Adelaide River

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. Linda Douglas, Clr. Tommy Fawcett, John Hughes, Clr. Bruce Jones, Clr. Deb Koch, Clr. Andrew Turner

Late: Clr. Trevor Sullivan

Guests:

Mr. Mark Hough (NT Dept. Resources) (present), Alderman Kerry Moir (LGANT President) (present), Mr. Tony Tapsell (LGANT CEO) (present), Mr. Mike Fawcett (NT Dept. Resources) (present), Mr. Greg Paterson (Power & Water Corp.) (present), Mr. Chris Hocking (Power & Water Corp.) (present), Mr. Billy Swain (Adelaide River resident) (present)

Meeting Documents:

(no documents)

Meeting Minutes:

1. Standing Agenda Items

1.1. Attendance

Status: Completed

1.2. Apologies and Leave of Absence

Status: Completed

1.2.1. Apologies and Leave of Absence

No apologies from Councillors were received.

Resolution #:

Status: Parked

1.3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Having considered the Agenda and Business Documents, Councillors did not declare any possible, actual or perceivable conflicts of interest.

Status: Completed

1.4. Confirmation Of Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting of Coomalie Community Government Council held on 28th September 2010 at Batchelor are attached.

Documents:

- Minutes_28_09_2010[1] PUBLIC.pdf

Status: Completed



1.4.1. Confirmation of Minutes - 28th September 2010

That the Minutes and of the Ordinary General Meeting of the Coomalie Community Government Council held on 28th September 2010 be confirmed as presented.

Resolution #: 19/10/2010-001

Moved by: Clr. Robert Bright

Seconded by: Clr. Tommy Fawcett

Status: Carried

Vote:

1.5. Actions Arising

The Actions Arising from Ordinary General Meetings up to and including 28th September 2010 are attached.

Documents:

- Actions Arising List 28th September 2010.pdf

Status: Completed

1.5.1. Confirmation of Actions Arising

That Council accepts and confirms the Actions Arising List from the Ordinary General Meetings up to 28th September 2010 as presented.

Resolution #: 19/10/2010-002

Moved by: Clr. Tommy Fawcett

Seconded by: Clr. Darryl Butler

Status: Carried

Vote:

1.6. Correspondence

Documents:

- Incoming Mail Register October Public.pdf
- Outgoing Mail Register October Public.pdf

Status: Completed

1.6.1. Incoming Correspondence

That Council notes and receives the incoming correspondence for the period from 25th September 2010 to 15th October 2010 as detailed in the Incoming Correspondence Register as presented.

Resolution #: 19/10/2010-003

Moved by: Clr. Trevor Sullivan

Seconded by: Clr. Deb Koch

Status: Carried

Vote:

1.6.2. Outgoing Correspondence

That Council notes and confirms the outgoing correspondence for the period from 25th September 2010 to 13th October 2010 as detailed in the Correspondence Register as presented.

Resolution #: 19/10/2010-004

Moved by: Clr. Trevor Sullivan

Seconded by: Clr. Deb Koch

Status: Carried

Vote:

1.6.3. Late Item of Correspondence - Rum Jungle Lake

Mark Hough and Mike Fawcett, Officers from the NT Department of Resources attended the Council meeting to address Council about a late item of correspondence received by Council on 19th October 2010 concerning the recommendation to close the Rum Jungle Lake Reserve.



After discussion it was resolved:

That Council receives and notes the correspondence from the NT Department of Resources and that the CEO be directed to prepare a report to Council on the recommended closure of Rum Jungle Lake.

Resolution #: 19/10/2010-005

Moved by: Clr. Trevor Sullivan

Seconded by: Clr. Linda Douglas

Status: Carried

Vote:

1.7. 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 (Cheque Register - new format)

Documents:

- Balance Sheet September 2010.pdf
- MONTHLY ACCOUNTS Detail Sep 2010.pdf
- MONTHLY ACCOUNTS Summary Sep 2010.pdf
- Payments Register.pdf
- Reconciliation Report Sep 2010.pdf

Status: Completed

1.7.1. Financial Statements

That Council receives and notes the Financial Statements for the month ending 30th September 2010 as presented and confirms the payments made since the last meeting.

Resolution #: 19/10/2010-006

Moved by: Clr. Deb Koch

Seconded by: Clr. Robert Bright

Status: Carried

Vote:

1.8. Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Chief Executive Officer's Report follows below.

Rates

Rates collections activities continue to progress steadily with the first of the seriously delinquent accounts (\$5,000) being paid in full yesterday after commencement of legal action. Strong collections are also continuing on the general rates currently due for the 2010/11 year.

Workload

Council staff and myself are very busy at present with a number of key absences creating extra workload. In particular the absence of the Finance Officer and Works Manager is causing some difficulty. Joey Taylor has been appointed to act in the role of Works Manager and a casual works general hand is being sought to try and relieve the load.

Rum Jungle Lake



Recently Council was advised that new signage and fencing of certain areas would be required at the Rum Jungle Lake reserve in view of recent testing results for radiation levels. I was advised by officers from the Dept. of Health and Families and Dept. of Resources that levels in isolated parts of the reserve lie between the standard for the general public and the standard for miners, and as such are not considered to be dangerous for persons visiting the reserve provided that they do not:

- * consume fish or mussels from the lake
- * drink water from the lake
- * stay in the reserve for extended periods of time (eg overnight camping).

I was contacted by the NTG officers again on 18th October 2010 advising me that the Minister had requested that Council completely close the reserve for a period of time to allow for further scientific testing to be carried out at the site.

This will have adverse consequences for users of the reserve however Council must manage any risks conservatively and this amounts to relying on the advice of the relevant NTG departments. To mitigate the impacts of the closure Council should be advised by the relevant departments as to the timing and nature of the further scientific testing, so that the Council and the community can be kept informed.

NTG Officers will attend tonight's Council meeting to provide advice and an update.

Boundary Expansion

The President and CEO met with the Minister for Local Government and her advisers on 7th October to discuss concerns over suggestions that another Shire to be involved in the process were potentially to be merged with Darwin City. The Minister assured us that the funded boundary expansion project was to proceed as approved and that no pre-emptive decisions had or would be made in advance of the proposed process.

The first formal meetings of stakeholder councils is to be held on 28th October.

John Hughes
CEO
19 October 2010

Status: Completed

1.8.1. CEO's Report

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report to the Ordinary General Meeting of Council held on 19th October 2010.

Resolution #: 19/10/2010-007

Moved by: Clr. Darryl Butler

Seconded by: Clr. Trevor Sullivan

Status: Carried

Vote:

1.9. Engineer's and Works Manager's Report

The Works Manager is absent on sick leave and no report has been prepared.

Status: Completed

1.9.1. Engineer's and Works Manager's Report

That Council receives and notes the Engineer's and Works Manager's Report to the Ordinary General Meeting of Council held on 19th October 2010.

Resolution #:

Status: Parked

1.10. Community Recreation Officer's Report

The Community Recreation Officer's Report will be presented at the meeting.

Documents:



- Community Recreation Activities Report.pdf

Status: Completed

1.10.1. Community Recreation Officer's Report

That Council receives and notes the Community Recreation Officer's Report to the Ordinary General Meeting of Council held on 19th October 2010.

Resolution #: 19/10/2010-008

Moved by: Clr. Deb Koch

Seconded by: Clr. Linda Douglas

Status: Carried

Vote:

1.11. Library Reports

The Community Library Reports for Adelaide River and Batchelor are attached.

Documents:

- AR Library Sept 2010.pdf
- Batchelor Library Report.pdf

Status: Completed

1.11.1. Library Reports

That Council receive and note the Batchelor Library and the Adelaide River Library Reports to the Ordinary General Meeting of Council held on 19th October 2010 as presented.

Resolution #: 19/10/2010-009

Moved by: Clr. Linda Douglas

Seconded by: Clr. Deb Koch

Status: Carried

Vote:

1.12. Batchelor Swimming Pool Report

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting..

Status: Completed

1.12.1. Batchelor Swimming Pool Report

That Council receives and notes the Batchelor Swimming Pool Report to the Ordinary General Meeting of Council held on 19th October 2010.

Resolution #:

Status: Parked

1.13. Dog Management Report

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

Status: Completed

1.13.1. Dog Management Report

That Council receives and notes the Dog Management Report to the Ordinary General Meeting of Council held on 19th October 2010.

Resolution #:

Status: Parked

1.14. Gamba Grass & Weed Mitigation Project Report

The Gamba Grass & Weed Mitigation Project Report is attached.

Documents:



- Gamba Report Oct 2010.pdf

Status: Completed

1.14.1. Gamba Grass and Weed Mitigation Project Report

That Council receives and notes the Gamba Grass and Weed Mitigation Project Report to the Ordinary General Meeting of Council held on 19th October 2010.

Resolution #: 19/10/2010-010

Moved by: Clr. Deb Koch

Seconded by: Clr. Darryl Butler

Status: Carried

Vote:

2. Business Brought Forward From Previous Meetings

No Business Brought Forward From Previous Meetings

3. General Business

3.1. LGANT Presentation

LGANT President Kerry Moir attended the Council Meeting and gave a presentation on 2010 - Year of Women in local Government.

Council thanked Alderman Moir and Tony Tapsell for their attendance and for providing the presentation.

Documents:

- 2010 Year of Women in Local Government - Emerging .pdf
- LGANT Letter.pdf

Status: Completed

3.2. Adelaide River Water Quality

Power and Water representatives - Mr. Chris Hocking Senior Manager Water Operations and Mr. Greg Paterson attended the meeting and gave a verbal presentation on the findings and planned actions.

Power and Water reported that the water discolouration was due to iron oxide in the water and advised that the water was safe for drinking and washing. They advised that Power and Water would over the following 12 months be undertaking a range of works in an endeavour to improve the quality of water delivered to Adelaide River residents including:

- * flushing of pipes
- * ongoing replacement of degraded pipes
- * installation of a water treatment plant for the Adelaide River water supply
- * possible relocation of bores

The Power and Water representatives indicated that the installation of the water treatment plant would be the most effective measure for improving the quality of water supply.

The CEO was directed to request confirmation from Power and Water Corporation that the above measures would be carried out in the timeframe specified.

Mr. Billy Swain, Adelaide River resident and school student was presented with a Community Service certificate by Council President Andrew Turner in recognition of his efforts in bringing forward the ongoing water quality issues at Adelaide River.

Status: Completed



3.3. Council Investment Policy

Proposed changes to investment guidelines for Councils are attached for information of Councillors.

CEO Comments:

The proposed policies and guidelines are too complicated for the quantum and risk profile of Council's investments. The draft guidelines and policies would, if applied diligently, lead to no change in current investment procedures, and yet increase cost and effort involved in managing the investment funds.

Council has been risk averse and conservative in its investment practices and this should be formalised by restricting investment procedures so that only interest bearing deposits with the TIO or Commonwealth Bank can be utilised at the discretion of the CEO without a resolution of Council.

A letter to this effect has been sent to the Department.

Documents:

- Draft investment guidelines.pdf
- investment letter.pdf

Status: Completed

3.3.1. Council Investment Policy

That the CEO has delegated authority to deposit at their discretion Council's cash balances that may from time to time be in excess of immediate operational requirements into fixed term interest bearing deposit accounts of not more than six months duration with the TIO or the Commonwealth Bank unless otherwise authorised by resolution of Council.

Resolution #: 19/10/2010-011

Moved by: Clr. Robert Bright

Seconded by: Clr. Darryl Butler

Status: Carried

Vote:

3.4. Councillor Employment

Council is required to comment on the proposals to amend the Act to restrict employees of a Council from concurrently holding office as an elected member on that Council.

As CEO I would make the observation that the issue of conflict of interest regarding performance of employees who are also elected members is not one that has ever been evident in this workplace to my knowledge.

For Council consideration and direction.

Documents:

- DiscussPaper_CouncilEmployAndMembership_2010.pdf

Status: Parked

3.4.1. Councillor Employment

Resolution #:

Status: Parked

3.5. Council Elections - Candidate Deposits

Council is required to comment on proposed changes to the Act to abandon the requirement that candidates for election to a Council be required to lodge a cash deposit.

As CEO I recommend that Council supports the proposed changes which will reduce administrative red tape for candidates.



For Council consideration.

Documents:

- electoral deposits.pdf

Status: Parked

3.5.1. Council Elections - Candidate Deposits

Resolution #:

Status: Parked

3.6. Council Procurement

Council is required to comment on proposed changes to the Act to introduce improved purchasing efficiencies and controls.

As CEO I recommend that Council supports the proposed changes as per the document tabled.

Documents:

- procurement.pdf

Status: Parked

3.7. 2008 Election Review Report

The report was tabled for information of councillors.

Documents:

- Report_Reviewof2008NTLocGovElect.pdf

Status: Completed

3.8. Review of Draft Developer Contributions Scheme

The draft Developer Contributions Scheme is attached for discussion.

Council may wish to consider moving this item into an out-of-session workshop to allow adequate time for review and discussion.

Documents:

- 7155 100521 DCP Report V4.pdf
- Section 6.1 - CP5256.pdf
- Section 6.2 - NTPlanning Act _Part 6_DeveloperContributions.pdf
- Section 6.3 - Infrastructure Cost Calculations.pdf
- Section 6.4 Land Unit Mapping.pdf
- Section 6.5 - Potential Lot Yield and Levy Calculation Sheet.pdf

Status: Deferred: 9/11/2010

4. Confidential Items and Conclusion

4.1. Confidential Session

Status: Completed



4.6. Conclusion of Confidential Session

Status: Completed

4.7. Next Meeting

Status: Completed

4.8. Conclusion

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

Status: Completed
