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OF THE COOMALIE COUNCIL
20th APRIL 2010

COMMENCED: 6.34 pm.

1. ATTENDANCE

Cr. A. Turner	President
Cr. B. Jones	Vice President
Cr. T. Fawcett	
Cr. D. Koch	
Cr. L. Douglas	
Cr. T. Sullivan	
Cr. S. Bulmer	
CEO John Hughes	
James Teh	Senior Policy Officer, Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services
Trevor Harris	Community Development Officer, Department of Housing, Local Government & Regional Services
Abi Ogunmoyela	Policy and Projects Officer, Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Having considered the Agenda Business Documents, Councillor Trevor Sullivan declared a possible conflict of interest in relation to "Dog Management" matters (raised in the CEO's Report) on the basis that it directly relates to his employment with Council.

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4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED: Cr. Koch

SECONDED: Cr. Jones

That the Minutes and supporting Agenda documents of the Ordinary General Meeting of the Coomalie Council held on 23rd March 2010, as presented, be confirmed.

Resolution No. 01/04/10

Carried

5. ACTIONS ARISING

MOVED: Cr. Koch

SECONDED: Cr. Sullivan

That Council accepts and confirms the Actions Arising from the Ordinary General Meetings up to 23rd March 2010.

Resolution No. 02/04/10

Carried

6. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED: Cr. Bulmer

SECONDED: Cr. Koch

That Council receives and notes the correspondence register since the March Ordinary General Meeting.

Resolution No. 03/04/10

Carried

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 MARCH 2010

MOVED: Cr. Bulmer

SECONDED: Cr. Koch

That Council receives the Financial Statements for the month ending 31st March 2010, as presented and confirms the payments made since the last meeting.

Resolution No. 04/04/10

Carried

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8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

MOVED: Cr. Koch

SECONDED: Cr. Douglas

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report to the Ordinary General Meeting of Council held on 20th April 2010.

Resolution No. 05/04/10

Carried

By-elections

MOVED: Cr. Bulmer

SECONDED: Cr. Jones

That Council confirms Saturday 19th June 2010 as the date for conduct of by-elections for the Adelaide River Rural and Batchelor Town wards.

Resolution No. 06/04/10

Carried

Dog Management

Councillor T. Sullivan left the meeting for the duration of the discussion on this item.

***Council agreed (Councillor B. Jones dissenting)** that the CEO could proceed with a six month trial to change the job description of the Pool Supervisor to include animal management responsibilities. The changes will involve:*

- *The pool supervisor will continue to be responsible for pool maintenance and testing and be based at the pool complex*
- *The pool will be open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 1pm to 6pm and 3pm to 6pm Wednesday to Friday – access to the pool at other times will be by key holder entry only*
- *The pool supervisor's job description will include animal management responsibilities*
- *The pool supervisor/dog catcher will work Wednesday to Sunday each week*
- *Casual employee dog catcher(s) will be engaged in Batchelor and Adelaide River on an hourly rate for call-outs that cannot be attended by the pool supervisor/dog catcher*
- *The pool supervisor/dog catcher will utilise an existing Council vehicle for dog catching requirements, a trailer with dog cages will be acquired to ensure that any available vehicle will be usable*
- *A monthly saving of \$2900 will be offset by additional casual and permanent employee wage costs of \$1500*

Naming of Coomalie Bush Cemetery

MOVED: Cr. Fawcett

SECONDED: Cr. Koch

That Council supports the Northern Territory Place Names Committee's proposal to formally name the public cemetery at Lot 176 Adelaide River as "Coomalie Bush Cemetery"

Resolution No. 07/04/10

Carried

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Adelaide River Traffic Matters

The CEO was directed to make inquiries of the Transport Department regarding the Main Roads mowing contracts in Adelaide River vicinity.

Proposed Subdivision Section 2974 - Hundred of Goyder – 80 Lithgow Road

The CEO was directed to reply to NT Development Assessment Services noting:

- As a matter of policy Council does not support the development of “axe handle” blocks in subdivisions as a matter of policy
- Council is concerned that the provisions for accesses to Litchfield Park Road may be inadequate to safely deal with the volume of traffic that this major thoroughfare carries.

Budget Review

The matter of the quarterly budget review was deferred until May 2010 Ordinary General Meeting.

9. ENGINEERING AND WORKS REPORT

MOVED: Cr. Koch

SECONDED: Cr. Fawcett

That Council receives and notes the Engineering and Works Report to the Ordinary General Meeting of Council held on 20th April 2010.

Resolution No. 08/04/10

Carried

10. COMMUNITY RECREATION OFFICER'S REPORT

MOVED: Cr. Douglas

SECONDED: Cr. Fawcett

That Council Receives and Notes the Community Recreation Officer's Report to the Ordinary General Meeting of Council held on 20th April 2010.

Resolution No. 09/04/10

Carried

11. LIBRARY REPORTS

MOVED: Cr. Douglas

SECONDED: Cr. Bulmer

That Council receives and notes the Batchelor Library and the Adelaide River Library Reports to the Ordinary General Meeting of Council held on 20th April 2010.

Resolution No. 10/04/10

Carried

12. BATCHELOR SWIMMING POOL REPORT

MOVED: Cr. Douglas

SECONDED: Cr. Jones

That Council receives and notes the Batchelor Swimming Pool Report to the Ordinary General Meeting of Council held on 20th April 2010.

Resolution No. 11/04/10

Carried

13. GAMBA GRASS & WEED MITIGATION PROJECT REPORT

MOVED: Cr. Douglas

SECONDED: Cr. Fawcett

That Council receives and notes the Gamba Grass & Weed Mitigation Project Report to the Ordinary General Meeting of Council held on 20th April 2010.

Resolution No. 13/04/10

Carried

14. CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS

Confidential business items were addressed at this time.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 18th May 2010, at the Adelaide River Library, commencing at 6:00pm.

16. CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Chair of the Meeting thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.