



**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**5<sup>TH</sup> November 2012**

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

Signed: Lee Farrell Chief Executive Officer

# MINUTES

## SPECIAL MEETING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2012 AT 6.03PM

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President of the Shire Council Jeff Colver declared the meeting open at 6.03pm and welcomed all in attendance.

### **1 PERSONS PRESENT**

#### **ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

|            |                            |
|------------|----------------------------|
| Councillor | President Jeff Colver      |
| Councillor | Vice President Bruce Jones |
| Councillor | Ewan Crook                 |
| Councillor | Sue Bulmer                 |
| Councillor | Max Corliss                |
| Councillor | Dave Gray                  |
| Councillor | Andrew Turner              |

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

|                         |             |
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| Chief Executive Officer | Lee Farrell |
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## 2 APOLOGIES

## 3 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND BUSINESS

### SUMMARY

The Business under item 3.1 relates to issues associated with Staff and Council Members

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Under Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and Part 4 of the Local Government (Administration) regulations the meeting will be closed to the General Public as the business relates to issues associated with Staff and Council Members

### VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

#### RESOLUTION 001/051112

That in accordance with section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and and Part 4 of the Local Government (Administration) regulations the meeting be closed to the General Public to enable item 3.1 to be discussed as confidential business.

Moved: Clr. Gray

Seconded: Clr. Turner

Carried

### 3.1 BUSINESS

#### SUMMARY

To discuss the letter received from a staff member as attached

#### RESOLUTION 002/051112

That the issue relating to a staff member be noted by Council and referred to the CEO for action with the recommendation that mediation be the preferred option.

Moved Cr S. Bulmer **Motion lapsed for want of a seconder.**

Cr Turner questioned the Conflict of Interest of Cr Bulmer, Cr J Colver and the CEO L Farrell in relation to this letter.

Cr S Bulmer, Cr J Colver and CEO L Farrel left the Council Chamber at 7.04pm

DEPUTY PRESIDENT CR B JONES took the chair.

Cr S Bulmer and CEO re entered the Council Chamber at 8.10pm. Cr J Colver did not return to the Council chamber .

The following resolutions were presented to the CEO for inclusion in the Minutes and were read by Cr A Turner

**RESOLUTION 003/051112**

19.35pm

That Council affirms that staff well being is of the greatest priority. That Council notes concerns of the staff member and directs the CEO to inform the staff member of all options available to him, including possible investigation of claims or escalation of issues to a disciplinary body and that the staff member is offered access to the written responses by Councillors J Colver and Cr S Bulmer in an effort to ensure natural justice.

Moved Cr D Gray

Sec Cr E Crook

Carried

**RESOLUTION 004/051112**

19.38pm

That Council directs the CEO to refer the Code of Conduct breach, namely abusing a staff member by Councillor S Bulmer as referred to in writing in item 6 of the staff members letter and Councillor Bulmer admission in her written response, to the NT Department of Local Government for appropriate action or advice.

Moved Cr E Crook

Seconded Cr B Jones

Carried

**4. Meeting Closure**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm