



MEETING MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2018

Councillors Present: Mayor Cheyne Wilkie

Cr Laurence Weazel

Cr Phillip Alberts

Officers Present: Chief Executive Officer - Emil Moul

Minute Secretary - Candace VeaVea

Meeting Open: The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10:43am

Welcome to Country: The Mayor performed the acknowledgement of country ritual

Apologies: Cr Archie Williams
Deputy Mayor Stewart Smith

Register of Interests: Cr Weazel declared a conflict of interest in that; he is a Board Member at Wadja High School.

Item 1: Confirmation of previous Council Meeting Minutes

- 1.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 26 September 2018
- 1.2 Special Council Meeting – 5 November 2018
- 1.3 Ordinary Council Meeting – 5 November 2018

Item 2: Business arising from previous Council Meeting Minutes

- Cr Weazel enquired about finalisation of lease agreements as per the Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes from the 26 September 2018. CEO concentrating on the Lease Agreements with Jason Simmons (FoodWorks), CQID and AIME and he provided an overview of the current status of Lease Agreements.
- Cr Weazel enquired about the progress of School Based Traineeships and Traineeships with Council, CEO advised one new employee had been engaged.
- Cr Wilkie enquired about reporting lines for staff and offering skill development for existing employees to upskill.
- CEO advised that HR Manager will commence performance management reporting for a large number of staff.
- Cr Wilkie directed that the Position Description for the Township Services Manager be amended to reflect additional responsibilities and reporting directly to the CEO. Cr Wilkie also directed that Council to provide management training and skills development as necessary.

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Resolution: 28112018-001

MOVED: Cr Alberts

SECOND: Cr Weazel

THAT Council adopts the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 September 2018 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

CARRIED 3/0

Cr Weazel left the meeting at 11:20am due to a conflict of interest.

Item 3: Invited Guests

- 3.1 Andrew Evetts Principal Wadja High School entered the meeting at 11:21am.

Items discussed:

- Lease agreement will be discussed between Council and Wadja at a separate meeting.
- Indigenous Land Use Agreement and associated fees, Andrew advised that Wadja has committed to paying for the costs of the ILUA. Andrew also advised that Wadja Finance Department shuts down over the Christmas period. CEO agreed to send legal bills directly to Wadja and estimated costs to be between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Andrew left the meeting at 11:32am

Cr Weazel returned to the meeting at 11:33am

- 3.2 Sharon Kinchella Project Consultant and Leslie Purcell Coordinator Yoonthalla Services Woorabinda (YSW) entered the meeting at 11:36am.

Sharon provided an update on the progress of Yoonthalla Services Woorabinda

- Operational matters raised and will be addressed.
- Workcover, Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance costs covered by Council as directed by Cr Wilkie.
- AGM scheduled Friday 30/12/2018 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm, Operational Plan will be tabled at the first meeting of the new Board on Friday 30/01/2019.
- Prior to the AGM WASC will need to nominate a Councillor for the Yoonthalla Board as per the existing "Rule Book" for Woorabinda Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Social Emotional Wellbeing and Health.
- Memberships have increased
- Project Consultant current contract has been extended by 3 months until March 2019.
- Divestment Strategy discussed for a transition and implementation plan for services such as Boongara Radio Station, Undoonoo Child Care, Driver Training, Community Justice Group and other relevant services.
- Discussions have commenced with Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet regarding the transition of Schools to Future program and Security Contracts



- Discussions for possibly transition ITC Public Health Program
- Discussions to establish a Community Health Service to compliment acute work undertaken by the hospital.
- Women's Group continues to be held at Black Boy supported by Uniting Care, RedCross and PHN.
- CQU discussions about Post-Secondary Education and Social Enterprise Hub
- Investigating economic opportunity with Kanga Bins regarding container recycling in Woorabinda.
- Black Card Training postponed for 2 weeks.
- Shanahan Swaffield Partners have offered to provide financial services on a pro-bono basis.
- Current proposal submitted to NDIS for Community Connectors.
- Cr Weazel advised the Report on Youth Justice by Bob Atkins is seeking community input regarding Youth Diversionary Programs and suggested this may be an opportunity for YSW.
 - Operational matters between Yoonthalla and Council discussed.
 - Conservation Trainees vacancies to be re-advertised with reference to Police Check removed, funding acknowledgment and Yoonthalla Logos included. CEO advised the project will start in the New Year.

Resolution: 28112018-002

MOVED: Cr Weazel

SECOND: Cr Wilkie

THAT Council nominates Cr Alberts as the Councillor representing Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council on the Woorabinda Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Social, Emotional Wellbeing and Health Board of Directors

CARRIED 3/0

Resolution: 28112018-003

MOVED: Cr Weazel

SECOND: Cr Wilkie

THAT Council endorses the CEO to develop a Divestment Strategy for Yoonthalla Services Woorabinda to take over the management of Social Programs. This strategy could include Driving School, Undoonoo Child Care, Boongara Radio Station and Indigenous Knowledge Centre and the Community Justice Group. This will allow Council to focus on their core business of Roads, Water, Sewerage and Civil Infrastructure.

CARRIED 3/0

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Lunch break was held from 12:26pm to 1:03pm

Sharon Kinchella and Leslie Purcell left the meeting at 1:03pm

Resolution: 28112018-004

MOTION: Cr Weazel

SECOND: Cr Alberts

THAT Council adopts the minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 5 November 2018 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

CARRIED 3/0

Resolution: 28112018-005

MOTION: Cr Alberts

SECOND: Cr Weazel

THAT Council adopts the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 5 November 2018 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

CARRIED 3/0

Item 4:

Reports

4.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report

- Supermarket is now operating as Woorabinda FoodWorks as per meeting 26 November 2018.
- Lease Agreement needs to be sent to Jason Simmons.
- WASC paid \$157,000 to purchase equipment from CEQ.

4.1.2 Ergon Energy Pegasus Generator

- This is a solution to power outages in the Community when the network is intact.
- Cr Wilkie requested the CEO investigate plugging in Council owned Generators.

4.1.3 Master Planning

- Community provided suggestions and the plan is now in the draft stage.
- Cr Wilkie requested CEO to ensure Community Controlled Services were identified in the plan.

4.1.4 Container Recycling

- CEO will talk to Kanaga Bins to discuss a recycling facility in Woorabinda.

4.1.5 Balcara Training - 05/12/2018

- Council meeting will be rolled into the Balcara Training.

4.1.6 Drinking Water Quality Report tabled

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4.1.7 CEO Contract

- Cr Wilkie enquired about the duration of the CEO's existing contract. CEO advised he will write to Council 6 months prior to the end of his Contract asking if Council intends to extend the CEO contract. Council will then provide a response.

4.1.8 Lease Agreements

- CEO will bring in an independent Valour to value to Post Office, CEO will table the valuation at the Council meeting in January 2019.
- Existing Café Lease Agreement will expire in April 2019.
- Business plan has been developed for Community Bakery. CEO will table the plan at the Council meeting in January 2019.
- Cr Wilkie enquired about repairs for the Justice Group building.
- Cr Wilkie requested CEO to confirm if the abattoir is insured.

Resolution: 28112018-006

MOTION: Cr Weazel

SECOND: Cr Alberts

THAT Council accepts the CEO's report as tabled by the CEO.

CARRIED 3/0

4.2 Adoption of WASC Audited Financial Report 2017-18

- The CEO presented the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2018. It was reported that there a turnaround of \$10.958m achieved during the financial year with 2017 showing a deficit of \$7.732m and 2018 showing a surplus of \$3.226m. Revenue increased by \$8.560m and expenses reduced by \$2.397m. Congratulations were given to Mel Wicks, Corporate Services Manager, for her work in producing this excellent result.

Resolution: 28112018-007

MOTION: Cr Alberts

SECOND: Cr Weazel

THAT Council adopts the Annual Financial Report as tabled by the CEO.

CARRIED 3/0

4.3 Adoption of WASC Annual Report 2017-18

- Carried forward to the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 5 December 2018.

Item 5:

General Business

5.1 WASC Neighbourhood Watch Patrol

- Cr Wilkie advised the Neighbourhood Watch is working well.
- Young people are responding to the community curfew.
- Well supported by community volunteers.
- Cr Wilkie undertakes nightly patrols with Community members on most nights.

- 5.2 Meeting with State Opposition members
- CEO and Mayor met with Deb Frecklington and Lachlan Millar regarding crime levels in Woorabinda.
 - Cr Wilkie also met with Dr Chris Sara Director General Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.
- 5.3 Youth Hub will be established through funding received under Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Social Reinvestment grant
- 5.4 Amendment to Resolution – Lease Jason Simmons (Woorabinda FoodWorks)

Resolution: 28112018-008

MOTION: Cr Alberts

SECOND: Cr Weazel

THAT Council resolves to amend Resolution 26092018-002 as follows:

"That Council as trustees of the Woorabinda Deed of Grant in Trust agrees to enter into a lease with Jason Simmons over the land the subject of the Woorabinda Retail Store area for the management and operation of the Woorabinda Retail Store from 14 November 2018."

CARRIED 3/0

- 5.3 WASC End of Year Closure Arrangements 2018
- Closure date 21 December 2018 at 12noon
 - Re-open Tuesday 2 January 2019 at 8am

Item 6:

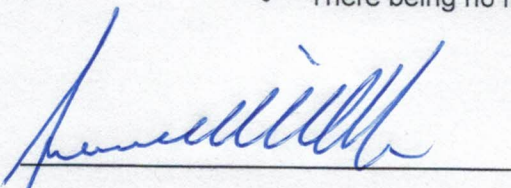
Correspondence

- Letter from Niketa Stafford Murri Tiddahs Women's Rugby League Team to travel to Yarrabah Gandaja Indigenous Rugby League Carnival on 22 - 23 October 2019.
-Approved Council contribution of \$500.00
- Letter from Carol Major requesting an in-kind contribution from Council to use the Woorabinda Hall to run a youth fitness program.
-Approved by all Councillors present
- Letter received from Abigail Evetts requesting a monetary contribution towards travelling to America to play in the Australian Schoolgirls Football Team in Dallas during April 2019.
-Approved Council contribution of \$500.00

Item 7:

Meeting Closed

- There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 2:53pm



Cheyne Wilkie
Mayor
Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council
Dated: 5.12.2018

