

Mayor Harold Wilson declared the meeting open at 10:25am and welcomed all in attendance.

PRESENT

Members

Mayor	Harold Wilson
Deputy Mayor	Andrew Brown
Councillor	Mark Martin
Councillor	Wally Minjin
Councillor	Ralph Narburup

Staff

Acting CEO	Michael Freeman
Acting Deputy CEO	Ramesh Pudasaini
Governance Officer	Rebecca Purser

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil apologies

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

There were no declarations of interest at this Council meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 January 2017

023/2017 RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Moved: Cr. Narburup
Seconded: Cr. Minjin
Resolution: Unanimously

CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

Acting CEO added one additional item to the agenda:

1. Application to the NTG – Special Purpose Grant

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor discussed that business is as usual. Unfortunately he was unable to attend the recent Local Authority meetings. All in all the communities are good and we are recruiting well.

We are in the process of interviewing four candidates for the position of CEO and interviews were progressing well.

Mayor took the opportunity to thank ACEO and ADCEO for their support to date.

ACTING CEO REPORT

The Acting CEO spoke to his report and highlighted the matters in the agenda document.

024/2017RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council receive the report from the Acting CEO.
2. That Council appoint a tender evaluation committee for the Mechanical Services EOI of Acting Deputy CEO, Procurement Officer and Acting Community Operations Manager; to report to Council/Finance Committee a recommendation.

Moved: Cr. Martin

Seconded: Cr. Minjin

Resolution: Unanimously

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Financial Report – February 2017

We have been advised by NLC that they are meeting with the Traditional Owners' in April and we will have a response regarding a payment plan for the s.19 leases thereafter.

WDRC are currently paying a recruitment company a monthly fee of \$1650.00 regardless of whether we utilise their services or not. It was recommended and agreed by Council that the contract be terminated and that all future vacancies be placed with Seek.

Cr Wally Minjin left the meeting, the time being 11:27 AM

Cr Wally Minjin returned to the meeting, the time being 11:30 AM

The finance report was perused by the Councillors. It was advised that there is now information provided in the report regarding the outstations including housing maintenance services and the grading of the internal roads.

It was suggested that a priority project plan for the outstations should be done yearly and progress monitored.

025/2017RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council received and noted the financial report for February 2017.
2. That the current employment advertising contract be terminated

Moved: Cr. Martin
Seconded: Cr. Narburup
Resolution: Unanimously

Regional Plan 2017-2018

Each year Council must develop a Regional Plan as required under the *Local Government Act*. A Timetable has been prepared to ensure that the Regional Plan is adopted within the required time frame.

026/2017RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive and note the Regional Plan 2017-2018 preparation timeline.

Moved: Cr. Minjin
Seconded: Cr. Narburup
Resolution: Unanimously

2017-2018 Budget Process and Timetable

Council will commence preparing a budget for the 2017/18 financial year with the view of delivering a fully funded, realistic budget for both tied and untied funds by the end of June 2017.

027/2017RECOMMENDATION:

That Council received and noted the budget process and timetable for 2017/18 financial year.

Moved: Cr. Narburup
Seconded: Cr. Minjin
Resolution: Unanimously

ToR – Finance Committee and Audit and Risk Committee

Terms of reference for each of the Finance Committee and Audit and Risk Committee are mandatory for Council to create and update regularly.

028/2017RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the Audit and Risk and Finance Committees.

Moved: Cr. Minjin
Seconded: Cr. Narburup
Resolution: Unanimously

MESSPG Funding – Variation No. 1 Round 3 of 2016-17

The Department of Housing and Community Services have offered additional funding of \$80,000.00 to complete much needed repair work for houses at outstations.

Deputy Mayor Andrew Brown queried who/how works would be completed. ADCEO advised that works are completed on an as need basis. If we have a qualified personnel within the employ of WDRC then that person shall complete works, if not then a scope of works shall be prepared and contractors will be asked to submit a quote.

Action Item: The three ablation blocks for Homelands - Council require to see the full detailed plans and any quotes prior to any approach for further funding.

029/2017RECOMMENDATION:

That Council agrees to accept the MESSPG Funding Variation No 1. Round 3 and apply the common seal to same.

Moved: Cr. Martin

Seconded: Cr. Narburup

Resolution: Unanimously

Cr Mark Martin left the meeting, the time being 11:48 AM

Cr Mark Martin returned to the meeting, the time being 11:50 AM

Mayor Wilson declared the meeting closed for lunch at 11:50am – meeting to resume in 30 minutes.

Deputy Mayor Andrew Brown resumed the meeting at 12:31pm and chaired the meeting during the absence of Mayor Wilson.

Human Resources Report

Deputy Mayor Brown stated that there needs to be more support on the ground so that AWOL people are encouraged to continue going to work.

One of the difficulties in finding staff for Palumpa is the lack of suitable accommodation.

Suitable accommodation for Palumpa should be a main priority.

030/2017RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives and notes the Human Resource Advisor's report.

Moved: Cr. Narburup

Seconded: Cr. Minjin

Resolution: Unanimously

Community Services Managers' Reports

Palumpa

Councillor Narburup stated that there is a lack of training and this may be contributing to staff not attending work. Councillor Narburup was advised that there is training for Centrelink staff however with regard to night patrol training we are limited by the funding received. Previous staff for night patrol staff were trained however, they have resigned and are no

longer employed. Discussions are currently taking place with the funding body in regards to training (both now and in the future) for current employees.

Councillor Narburup advised that the three solar lights have now been installed and the lighting is sufficient. All that needs to happen now is the Guard Rail.

It was also noted that there are issues with the current station manager and the relevant government bodies have been notified, including the police.

Wadeye

Deputy Mayor queried staff housing. ACEO has been requesting for some time now a housing status report. Councillors are entitled to request a housing stock report

031/2017RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council be provided with a housing stock report which includes address, name/position of resident, number of residents, number of bedrooms and the condition of the house.
2. That Council receives and notes the CSM reports for Palumpa, Peppimenarti and Wadeye.

Moved: Cr. Brown

Seconded: Cr. Minjin

Resolution: Unanimously

Mayor Wilson returned to the meeting at 12:57pm and resumed position of chairperson.

Local Authority Minutes and Recommendations to Council

Councillors were advised of the recommendations made to Council by the members of the Local Authority.

032/2017RECOMMENDATION:

Palumpa

1) That Council receives and notes the minutes recorded from the Palumpa Local Authority meeting held on 20th January 2017.

2) That Council approves the recommendation that local authority funds be allocated as follows:

(a) \$20,000.00 for the installation of solar lights within the community.

(b) \$15,000.00 for the installation of additional speed humps near the school, clinic area and other community areas.

(c) Approximately \$760.00 for kitchen utensils for the meeting room.

Peppimenarti

- 1. That Council receives and notes the minutes recorded from the meeting held on 3 February 2017.**

2. That Council notes the recommendation and consents to the old WDRC Wadeye Aged Care Mini Bus being gifted to Deewin Kirrum for the purpose of a Peppimenarti Community Bus and that the Local Authority shall meet the cost of window repairs and make ready for registration.
3. That Council indicates its prior approval to the Peppimenarti Local Authority of a potential recommendation to allocate an amount not exceeding \$15,000.00 for one internal and one external solar light for the airstrip waiting area.

Wadeye

1. That Council receives and notes the minutes recorded from the meeting held on 2 March 2017.
2. That Council approves the recommendation that local authority funds be allocated as follows
 - a. \$4,605.05 including GST for CCTV for the Civil Yard;
 - b. \$2,475.00 including GST for mature shad trees for the main oval.
 - c. \$13,790.00 including GST for seating for the main oval.
 - d. \$25,000.00 including GST for children's playground equipment.

Moved: Cr. Brown
Seconded: Cr. Martin
Resolution: Unanimously

Local Authority Nominations

Council were advised of nominations received for the communities of Palumpa and Wadeye.

033/2017 RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council approves the appointment of John Paul Wodidj and Jill Wodidj as a Local Authority Member for Palumpa
2. That Council approves the appointment of Matthew Bunduck, Romulo Tchernia, Bridget Mardigan and Samantha Kauri as a Local Authority Member for Wadeye.

Moved: Cr. Minjin
Seconded: Cr. Martin
Resolution: Unanimously

Local Authority Meeting Dates

Council was advised of the requirement that a minimum of four meetings were to be held each financial year. Dates proposed by Local Authority members were provided to Council.

034/2017RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the update in regards to the Local Authority meeting dates.

Moved: Cr. Brown

Seconded: Cr. Martin

Resolution: Unanimously

S.19 Lease – Peppimenarti Dump (Lot 94)

Councillors noted the commencement date, term of lease, purpose and rent. Any applicable CPI increase was also advised.

035/2017RECOMMENDATION:

That Council duly execute the s.19 Lease for Lot 94, Peppimenarti Dump and apply the common seal to same.

Moved: Cr. Brown

Seconded: Cr. Martin

Resolution: Unanimously

Correspondence Inwards/Outwards

036/2017RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept the correspondence.

Moved: Cr. Brown

Seconded: Cr. Narburup

Resolution: Unanimously

General Business

1. Special Purpose Grant

Applications close this Friday for Special Purpose Grants. ACEO have advised that the CSM's have provided three suggestions:

- (a) A 953D Traxcavator for the dump at Wadeye which can be used for all three communities. Cost is approx. \$375,000.00 plus GST D953
- (b) A Caterpillar CB24BXT mini road roller and a Tandem Axle Trailer to transport the Roller between communities. Cost is approx. \$65,855plus GST
- (c) Refurbishment of the old library known as the "silver bullet" in Peppimenarti. Cost is

approx. \$80-100k

037/2017RECOMMENDATION:

That Council supports two Special Purpose Grant applications be lodged with Application Priority One being for the 953D Traxcavator and Application Priority Two being for the Caterpillar CB24BXT mini road roller and a Tandem Axle Trailer.

Moved: Cr. Brown

Seconded: Cr. Martin

Resolution: Unanimously

Action Item: Update required from Gray's Online regarding the list of asset items to be auctioned.

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDATION:

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the *Local Government Act* as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

- 1 Rates - Write off** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (f) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains Under Part 4 of the Local Government Regulations 8 (c) (i) "cause commercial prejudice to or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person".*

The meeting terminated at 1:38pm.

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