

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
PEPPIMENARTI ON WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH 2018 AT 10:00AM

Mayor Wilson opened the meeting at 10:53am and welcomed all in attendance.

PRESENT

Mayor	John Wilson
Deputy Mayor	Terry Sams
Councillor	Mark Martin
Councillor	Wally Minjin
Councillor	Ralph Narburup

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer	Shaun Hardy
Director of Council and Community Services	Steve Horton
Senior Financial Consultant (CouncilBiz)	Ramesh Pudasaini
Manager Corporate	Rebecca Purser
CSM Wadey	Glenn Parker
CSM Palumpa (Acting)	Scott Page
CSM Peppi (Acting)	Gary Day

APOLOGIES

Councillor	Mark Tunmuck-Smith
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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

Mayor Wilson declared an interest regarding Item 12 in the Confidential Agenda and left the meeting during discussions of that agenda item.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 February 2018

036/2018 RECOMMENDATION:

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

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams

Seconded: Cr. Martin

Resolution: Unanimously

CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Councillor Allowance and Invoice Tax Liability – Ramesh Pudasaini
- B. Ordinary Council Meeting Dates – Rebecca Purser

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

1) Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Chief Executive Officer spoke to his written report.

Matters to note:

- With the re-surfacing of the basketball court now complete, seating and bollards around the court are required to stop people driving on the court and damaging the surface. Quotes will be presented to the Local Authority for consideration.
- The Department of Health have advised that they have appointed a Nurse Advisor for Thamarrurr Aged Care Services and that BCA National Training Group who were engaged under the Service Development Assistance Panel (SDAP) will cease end of March 2018.
- The Fair Work Commission have advised that the hearing for the WDRC Enterprise Agreement will be on the 3rd April 2018, and the CEO will be advised of the result on 4th April 2018.
- Mayor Wilson acknowledged the Special Purpose Grant received for animal management and stressed the urgent need for veterinarians to attend the communities. Deputy Mayor also requested that the veterinarians attend the homelands and that local people be trained where possible to assist with animal management.
- Mayor Wilson was concerned that the preparation of aged care meals by PWAC for Peppimenarti residents was taking local jobs away from local people. Council discussed and agreed that the aged care meals for Peppimenarti continue to be made and prepared at Peppimenarti by local staff and that meals prepared by PWAC be used as a back up as and when required.
- Council discussed the Palumpa Airport Road and the lack of progress. It was noted that GHD have been liaising with King and Sons however if works do not commence in the imminent future, consideration for an alternative contractor will be needed.
- Due to the continued staffing issues and absences due to AWOL, Council discussed employee incentives such as employee of the month for each Council department and an overall employee of the year. Council agreed that the monthly prize will be a \$50 store voucher. The overall employee of the year prize is yet to be decided.
- Council discussed and agreed that the appropriate community name Nganmarriyanga be used for future references of the community for cultural reasons.

03 **Motion:**

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1. That Council note the Chief Executive Officer's report

Moved: Cr. Narburup

Seconded: Cr. Martin

Resolution: Unanimously

2) Financial Report - February 2018

Senior Financial Consultant spoke to his written report.

Matters to note were with regards to underspends in aged care, homelands and roads. CEO advised that with regards to the underspends for homelands, many quotes have been received and works are ready to commence now that roads are open.

Elected Members were advised that LGANT would be calling for expressions of interest for the AICD course on 30-31 May 2018 and all Elected Members advised that they wished to register and attend the course.

03 Motion:

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1. That Council receives and notes the financial report February 2018.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams

Seconded: Cr. Narburup

Resolution: Unanimously

3) Homelands Report

Director of Council and Community Services spoke to his written report.

Matters to note were:

- HEA Applications have been sent for additional homelands not originally included.
- Fossil Head – urgent electrical works have been completed and the power is on.
- Septic Tank Lids are required.
- Mayor Wilson advised that there are a number of families wanting to move back to Nadirri to live. CEO advised that Nadirri is not on the list of funded homelands however once the names and number of people wanting to return and the number of houses to be occupied on the homeland has been established, Council would be able to forward an application to the Department of Housing and Community Development seeking supplementary funding.

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1. That Council receives and notes the update from the Director of Council and Community Services regarding Homelands Services

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams

Seconded: Cr. Narburup

Resolution: Unanimously

12:12pm Deputy Mayor Sams left the meeting

12:14 pm – Deputy Mayor Sams returned to the meeting

4) Aged Care

Director of Council and Community Services spoke to his written report.

Matters to note were:

- A complete review of client/resident files has been undertaken.
- Local staff not turning up for work on a regular basis is a major issue and WDRC have approached CDP for support.

- Council discussed and agreed that there was a need for a Men's residential facility in all three communities and the CEO advised that the Nursing Advisor appointed by the Department will be advised of the necessity for a Men's facility.
- NDIS have been out and about visiting community residents who require assistance.

04 **Motion:**

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1. That Council receives and notes the information regarding Thamurrurr Aged Care Facility.

Moved: Cr. Martin

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams

Resolution: Unanimously

12:22pm – Councillor Martin left the meeting

12:24pm – Councillor Martin returned to the meeting

COMMUNITY REPORTS

5) Community Services Manager's Report – Wadeye

Community Services Manager for Wadeye spoke to his written report.

Matters to note were that with the substantial amount of plant and equipment requiring services/repairs and maintenance, Council has sourced an external FIFO mechanic to assist with Council's own mechanic. In addition, Council has also sourced a local employee and will be putting him through an apprenticeship.

04 **Motion:**

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1. That Council approves the Community Services Manager's report for Wadeye.

Moved: Cr. Minjin

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams

Resolution: Unanimously

6) Community Services Report (Acting) – Peppimenarti

Community Services Manager (Acting) for Peppimenarti spoke to his written report.

Matters to note were:

- CEO advised that at the Emergency Management Meeting, NT Police and the Department of the Chief Minister have committed to a review of the Emergency Plan as telecommunications are not part of the current plan. It was noted that extreme weather also inhibits the use of satellite phones. The Emergency Plan will be finalised prior to the commencement of the next wet season and will also include plans for homelands.
- Mayor advised that the new cemetery fence at Peppimenarti is broken and requires repairs and the old cemetery does not have a fence at all. Deputy Mayor also advised Emu Point cemetery needs a steel fence as every year the timber fence needs to be rebuilt as it is burnt out during the bush fires. There are two burial sites at Emu Point that need fencing. CEO advised that Council will apply for funding for cemeteries from the Strategic Local Government Infrastructure Fund.

- With regards to the speed bumps under the Victims of Crime grant, Mayor Wilson advised that the larger speed bumps (like those installed at Wadeye) would be better for Peppimenarti as opposed to the smaller ones. Amendments to the design of the speed bumps and signage to be presented to Local Authority members at its' next meeting in April.

04 **Motion:**

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- 1. That Council receives and notes the Acting Community Services Manager's report for Peppimenarti.**

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

7) **Community Services Manager's Report (Acting) – Nganmarriyanga**

Community Services Manager (Acting) for Nganmarriyanga spoke to his written report.

Matters to note were:

- Council discussed the aged care community clients and the Mayor asked if a carer can be appointed for the community clients. CEO advised that he will make inquiries with the Department of Health.

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- 1. That Council receives and notes the Acting Community Services Manager's report for Nganmarriyanga.**

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

8) **Community Night Patrol Manager's Report**

The Night Patrol Manager spoke to his written report.

Mayor inquired as to the possibility of running a day shift (as well as the night shift) at Peppimenarti. Night Patrol Manager is to do an analysis of the possibility of running a day shift including additional staffing and vehicle costs.

04 **Motion:**

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- 1. That Council receives and notes the Manager Night Patrol's report.**

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN & OUT

9) **Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence**

04 **Motion:**

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- 1. That Council accept the correspondence**

Moved: Cr. Martin

Seconded: Cr. Minjin
Resolution: Unanimously

GENERAL BUSINESS

A) Councillor Allowance – Income Tax Liability

Senior Financial Consultant advised Elected Members that they are personally liable for paying taxes on their allowance and that Council takes no responsibility however Elected Members can made additional voluntary tax contributions if they choose to. Council discussed the advice and agreed to leave the tax deductions as they are currently for each individual Elected Member

04 Motion:

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1. That Council receives and notes the information regarding voluntary tax contribution on allowances

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams
Seconded: Cr. Martin
Resolution: Unanimously

A) Changes to Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Due to the current status of roads and various dates for stakeholders meetings, Council discussed and agreed to make changes to the Ordinary Meeting Dates.

04 Motion:

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1. That Council agrees to change the date/location of the Ordinary Council Meetings as follows:

- **Thursday 26 April 2018 at Palumpa**
- **Tuesday 22 May 2018 at Wadeye**
- **Wednesday 20 June 2018 at Emu Point**

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

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:-

- 10 Ablution Blocks - Tender Requirements -** *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*
- 11 Projected Rates & Refuse Charges for FY 18/19 -** *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (cii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local*

Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

12 Lot 13 - Lease - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

13 Lot - 471, Wadeye - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

Mayor Wilson closed the meeting to the public and moved to Confidential Agenda at 1:20pm

The meeting closed at 1:53pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 6 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Meeting of Council HELD ON Wednesday, 28 March 2018 AND CONFIRMED 18 May 2018.