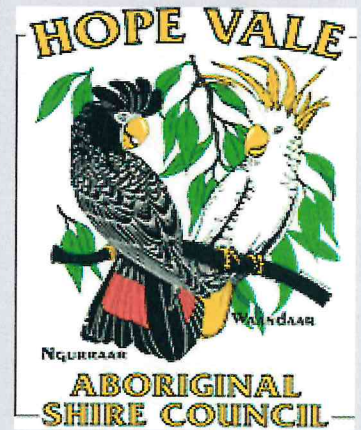


# Minutes



## General Meeting

Wednesday 15 May 2024 in  
the Cairns Office Board Room  
and Friday 17 May 2024 in the  
Hope Vale Council Offices

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## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Mayor Gibson declared the meeting open at 9.15 am on Wednesday 15 May 2024. Mayor Gibson acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was being held and elders, past, present, and emerging. The meeting held a minute of silence to acknowledge those members of the Hope Vale region who have recently passed away or suffered illness or injury.

## 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**Members Present:**

- Cr Bruce Gibson - Mayor
- Cr Barry Bowen – Deputy Mayor
- Cr Sha-lane Gibson
- Cr Rowan Hart (attended part of the meeting via Teams)
- Cr Eva Bounghi

**Officer Present:** Chief Executive Officer - Steve Linnane

## 3 OBLIGATIONS OF COUNCILLORS

### 3.1 Declaration Of Prescribed Conflict Of Interest On Any Item Of Business

Pursuant to Sections 150EG-150EM of the Local Government Act 2009, no Prescribed Conflicts of Interest were made relating to this meeting.

### 3.2 Declaration Of Declarable Conflict Of Interest On Any Item Of Business

Pursuant to Sections 150EN-150ET of the Local Government Act 2009, no Declarable Conflicts of Interest were made relating to this meeting.

### 3.3 Registers Of Interest

Councillors were reminded of their obligation to keep their Registers of Interests and Related Parties Disclosures updated.

## 4 Confirmation of Minutes

### 4.1 Confirmation of Minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 24 April 2024

Moved by Cr Rowan Hart

Seconded by Cr Eva Bounghi

#### Resolution

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 24 April 2024, be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

## 5 Business arising from Minutes.

### 5.1 Business arising from Minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 24 April 2024

Nil

## 6 REPORTS

### 6.1 Mayor's Report

The Mayor provided a verbal report on his Mayoral activities since the last Meeting.

It was agreed that the Mayor's Report be received and noted.

At this stage, the Meeting dealt with Items 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3.

At 3pm, at the conclusion of the Deputations, the meeting was adjourned to enable the commencement of a Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council (As Trustee) Meeting.

The meeting was reopened by Mayor Gibson at 5.20pm.

At 5.25pm it was agreed that the meeting would be adjourned until 11am on Friday 17 May 2024 in Hope Vale.

At 11am on Friday 17 May 2024 the meeting was reopened in Hope Vale.

## 6.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 7 May 2024, was considered by Council.

Moved by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

### Resolution

That Council

- (a) receive the Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 7 May 2024, and
- (b) note the meetings attended by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

### 6.2.1 Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program (RJED).

The National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) wish to liaise with Council on the design of the new Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program (RJED). The RJED will start in the second half of 2024 and create 3000 jobs over three years in remote areas of Australia.

The Australian Government has committed to replacing the Community Development Program (CDP) with a program that will:

- create local, paid jobs with good conditions
- let communities decide what jobs are created
- be developed in partnership with First Nations people.

A Factsheet on the Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program (RJED) was attached to the report (Attachment A)

Representatives from the NIAA attended the meeting. (Item 7.1)

Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

### Resolution

That Council note the Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program (RJED) Factsheet.

CARRIED



### 6.2.2 Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils

On Thursday 18 April 2024, Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils Board Meeting was undertaken in Cairns. The Minutes of this meeting were attached to the report for Council information (Attachment B to the report)

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Mayor Bruce Gibson

#### Resolution

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils Board Meeting held on 18 April 2024.

CARRIED

### 6.2.3 Chief Executive Officer Recruitment

As advised to the last Council Meeting, Peak Services have been appointed to lead the recruitment process for the new Chief Executive Officer. Applications for the position closed on 13 May 2023.

Moved by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Barry Bowen

#### Resolution

That Council note that interviews for the position will be undertaken on Friday 17 May 2024.

CARRIED

### 6.2.4 2023/2024 Operational Plan – Third Quarter Report

Council's Annual Operational Plan documents the annual progress in the implementation of the long-term corporate plan and manages Council's operational risks. Attachment C to the report provides an assessment on Council's progress towards implementing the annual Operational Plan for the third quarter ending 31 March 2024.

Moved by Cr Barry Bowen

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

#### Resolution

That Council receive and note the assessment on Council's progress towards implementing the annual Operational Plan for the third quarter ending 31 March 2024 as shown as Attachment C of the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

CARRIED



### 6.2.5 Hope Vale Educational Precinct

The Infrastructure Strategy, Infrastructure Services Division, of the Department of Education has forwarded to Council its Draft Site Analysis for the Hope Vale Campus of the Cape York Aboriginal Academy. (Attachment D to the report)

In discussions with Departmental Officers, it was suggested that Council should submit the plans for the redevelopment of the building behind the existing Kindy building to the Department for funding. The redevelopment of the newer building will enable it to be used as the Kindy premises. (Attachment E to the report)

Moved by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

#### Resolution

That Council note –

- (a) Draft Site Analysis for the Hope Vale Campus of the Cape York Aboriginal Academy, and
- (b) Make application to the Department of Education for funding for the redevelopment of the proposed Kindy building.

CARRIED

### 6.3 Finance and Corporate Services Director's Report

The Finance and Corporate Services Director's Report dated 10 May 2024 was considered by Council. The Finance and Corporate Services Director also previously provided a detailed verbal briefing to the Councillors.



Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

**Resolution**

**That Council**

- (a) receive and note the Finance and Corporate Services Director's Report dated 10 May 2024,
- (b) endorse the Hope Vale Sport and Recreation Precinct Master Plan - Design Development Report,
- (c) undertake community and stakeholder engagement that fosters collaboration and encourages partnership cooperation for the implementation of the Hope Vale Sport and Recreation Precinct Master Plan,
- (d) investigate temporary solutions to ensure continuity of critical services during inundation events,
- (e) conduct a detailed options analysis to explore alternative solutions for infrastructure enhancements,
- (f) prepare a comprehensive business case to evaluate the costs, benefits, and feasibility of various infrastructure improvement options.
- (d) plan long-term infrastructure upgrades to ensure that roads and bridges are capable of handling heavy vehicle traffic and meeting the demands of the community and the council's operational needs.

**CARRIED**

## 6.4 Social Services Director's Report

The Social Services Director's Report dated 8 May 2024 was considered by Council.

Moved by Mayor Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Eva Bounghi

**Resolution**

**That Council**

- (a) receive and note the Social Services Director's Report dated 8 May 2024,
- (b) arrange for a breakfast BBQ to celebrate Small Business Month, and
- (c) defer the review of the Hire Fees and Charges until the next meeting.

**CARRIED**

## 6.5 Operation Manager's Report

The Operations Manager's Report dated 15 May 2024 was considered by Council.

Moved by Cr Eva Bounghi

Seconded by Mayor Bruce Gibson

**Resolution****That**

- (a) Council receive and note the Operation Manager's Report dated 15 May 2024,**
- (b) The Draft Horse Management Plan be presented to the next meeting**

**CARRIED****7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS****7.1 Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program (RJED).**

At 10am, Richard Aspinall, Regional Manager, Penelope Bieman, Engagement Director, Central and Southern Cape and Jack Kepa from the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) were admitted to the meeting for a briefing on the Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program (RJED).

**7.2 CooTos Enterprises**

At 11.30pm Clayton Abreu from CooTos Enterprises Pty. Ltd. is was admitted to the meeting for a presentation on CooTos Enterprises capability of works and service delivery.

**7.3 Local Thriving Communities Initiative**

At 1pm Kerry-Lee Bird Manager – Cape, Far North Queensland Region, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, John Buttigieg, and Denise Andrews Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts presented (via Teams) a briefing on the Local Thriving Communities Initiative

**8 CORRESPONDENCE****8.1 Housing Availability and Affordability (Planning and Other Legislation Amendment) Bill 2023**

From the Tess Pickering, Deputy Director-General, Planning Group, Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning, and Public Works dated 24 April 2024 advising that the Honourable Meaghan Scanlon MP, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works launched the Homes for Queenslanders plan for a fair and sustainable housing system that ensures better housing outcomes both now and for future generations.





It was agreed that the correspondence Deputy Director-General, Planning Group, Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning, and Public Works dated 24 April 2024 be received and noted.

## 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 9.1 Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month

It was agreed that the relevant Council Officers be thanked for their efforts to promote Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month.

### 9.2 Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service

Moved Cr Rowan Hart

Seconded by Cr Sha-lane Gibson

#### Resolution

That the Chief Executive Officer of the Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service be invited to attend a future Council meeting.

CARRIED

At this stage Cr Barry Bowen left the Meeting.

### 9.3 Appointment of Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Chief Executive Officer

Moved Mayor Bruce Gibson

Seconded by Cr Eva Bounghi

#### Resolution

That Lawrence Booth be appointed as the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Chief Executive Officer and Mayor Bruce Gibson be authorized to formalize the Contract of Employment .

CARRIED



## 10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

### 10.1 Aged Care Centre Operations

It was agreed that the Confidential Social Services Director's Report dated 8 May 2024 on data in relation to the Aged Care Centre operations be deferred until next meeting.

CARRIED

## 11 NEXT MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be held in Hope Vale on Tuesday 18 June 2024.

## 12 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.50pm on Friday 17 May 2024.

  
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Mayor Bruce Gibson

  
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Steve Linnane  
Chief Executive Officer