

MCKINLAY SHIRE COUNCIL

CONFIRMED MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD AT THE

BOARD ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE JULIA CREEK

14th April 2014

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1. OPENING BUSINESS

All Councillors having signed the Attendance Book, the Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:20am

2. ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Cr. B Murphy

Members: Cr. E Hick, Cr. N. Walker, Cr. A Batt, Cr. Philip Curr

Staff:

Interim Chief Executive Officer: Mr John Kelly

Director of Corporate and Community Services: Mrs Tenneil Cody

Director of Engineering: Mr. Greg Chesterfield (9:55am)

Director of Environment and Regulatory Services: Mr. Geoff Rintoul

Executive Assistant: Mrs Linda McNab

APOLOGIES:

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of minutes from the Ordinary Meeting on 19th March 2014 as previously circulated to Councillors.

Moved Cr. Batt Seconded Cr. Walker

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 19th March 2014 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 185/1314

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Solar initiative meeting outcome has resulted in 14 -15 businesses sign up for the business case with several other business scheduled for a follow up meeting.

A Middle School meeting date has been set for Tuesday the 22nd April 2014

5. ENGINEERING SERVICE REPORT

5.1 Engineering Works Report - April 2014

Moved Cr. Walker Seconded Cr. Hick

That Council receive the Engineering Services Works Report

CARRIED

Resolution No.186/1314

Attendance – Director of Engineering Greg Chesterfield left the meeting at 10:36am

6. ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT

6.1 Environment and Regulatory Works Report - April 2014

Moved Cr. Hick Seconded Cr. Batt

That Council receive the Environment and Regulatory Services Works Report

CARRIED

Resolution No. 187/1314

Attendance - Director of Environment and Regulatory Services Geoff Rintoul left the meeting at 9:56am

RECESS: 10:36am - 10:47am The Mayor adjourned the meeting for morning tea

Attendance - Director of Corporate and Community Services Tenneil Cody entered the meeting at 10:47am

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

7.1 Community Service Report

Moved Cr. Curr Seconded Cr. Hick

That Council receive the Community Services Report.

CARRIED

Resolution No 188/1314

7.2 Community Benefit Assistance Scheme

Council is presented with a summary of applications through the Community Benefit Assistance Scheme for ratification.

Moved Cr. Walker Seconded Cr. Curr

That Council fund the following Community Benefit Assistance Scheme applications:

- 1. Nelia QCWA septic tank \$1800;
- 2. Julia Creek Amateur Swimming Club storage boxes \$255.20;
- 3. McKinlay Shire Cultural Association Cultural kids art and craft supplies \$500;
- 4. McKinlay Race Club tables, chairs & gas heaters \$1,681.82; and that Council defer Julia Creek Pony Club's application pending further information.

CARRIED

Resolution No 189/1314

8. CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

8.1 Corporate Services Report

Moved Cr. Batt Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council receive the Corporate Services Report

CARRIED

Resolution No 190/1314

8.2 2014-2015 Budget Program

The Local Government Regulation 2012 requires a Local Government to adopt its budget for a financial year after the 31st May in the year before the financial year, but before the 1st August in the financial year. To assist Council in meeting its obligations under the regulation a proposed budget program has been developed.

Moved Cr.Hick Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council accepts the 2014/2015 Budget Program as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution No 191/1314

8.3 Disposal of Assets Policy

In order to provide a framework consistent with legislative requirements that provides clear guidelines relating to the sale or disposal of assets or material surplus to the requirement of Council a policy has been developed and is presented to Council for consideration.

Moved Cr. Batt Seconded Cr. Curr

That Council adopt the Disposal of Assets Policy Version 1.0 as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution No 192/1314

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

9.1 Chief Executive Officers Report

Moved Cr. Hick Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council receive the Chief Executive Officers Report.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 193/1314

9.2 Workplace Health and Safety

The Work Health and Safety Act 2011 imposes a specific duty on officers of corporations to exercise **due diligence** to ensure that the corporation meets its work health and safety obligations. Whilst the Act does not require the appointment of a full time workplace health and safety advisor, it is an imperative that these responsibilities be clearly assigned within Council's organization. This report addresses that need.

It also attaches a policy statement for Council's consideration. It details for Council consideration and adoption our commitment to establishing and maintaining a safe and healthy work environment for our workers and visitors.

Moved Cr. Curr Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council adopt the Health and Safety Policy Statement attaching to the Interim CEO's report presented to the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 14 April 2014 and the policy be publicly displayed throughout Council offices and depots.

That Council approve the establishment of the position of Workplace Health Safety and Quality Assurance Advisor and the Organizational chart be amended accordingly.

CARRIED

Resolution No.194/1314

9.3 Progress with Recruitment of Chief Executive Officer

At the COB Monday 31 March 2014 – the deadline, 23 applications were received for the position of Chief Executive Officer McKinlay Shire Council. After exhaustive scrutiny and enquiry five candidates were short listed and interviewed on Thursday 10 April 2014 by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Interim CEO, utilizing Skype and teleconference. Director Corporate and Community Services Tenneil Cody sat in on the interviews as a silent observer.

From those interviews, 3 candidates are recommended for "face to face" interviews which will be scheduled for the afternoon of Monday 28 April or Tuesday, 29 April 2014.

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Moved Cr. Hick Seconded Cr. Walker

That Council note that interviews of the three short listed candidates for the position of Chief Executive Officer McKinlay Shire Council will be scheduled for Monday 28 April 2014 and that a special meeting of Council will be held on the day for the purpose of interviewing the candidates by the full Council with the aim of selecting the preferred applicant.

That employment of the Interim CEO John Francis KELLY be extended up to the commencement of the successful applicant or Friday 13 June 2014, whichever occurs earlier unless otherwise terminated by the Mayor.

CARRIED

Resolution No.195/1314

10. MEMBERS BUSINESS

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair of the meeting, Cr. Belinda Murphy declared the meeting closed at 12:36pm

Cr Belinda Murphy Mayor