

MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD

TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2015

AT

6.00 pm

Council Chambers Civic Centre Stuart Highway, Katherine

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PRESENT

Mayor Fay Miller

Deputy Mayor Donald Higgins

Alderman Lis Clark
Alderman Steven Rose
Alderman Toni Tapp-Coutts
Alderman Peter Gazey
Alderman Steven Rose

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Robert Jennings - Chief Executive Officer

Ms Neroli Dickens - Director Works & Services / Deputy Chief

Executive Officer

Ms Claire Johansson - Director Corporate & Community

Services

Mr David Moore - Operations Manager

6 x members of the Katherine Community

2 x members of the Media

Mrs Heather Kirk - Minute Taker

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Elected Members Leave of Absence

and Apologies

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Confirmation of Previous Minutes

MOVED: Clark/Higgins

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 26 May 2015 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED: 7/0

5. <u>DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u>

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Elected Member Disclosure of Interest and Declared Interest

Nil

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Business Arising from Previous

Minutes

Nil

7. MAYORAL BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Mayoral Business to be considered

Her Worship the Mayor attended the following meetings for the month of May 2015:

- Katherine Times Mayors Message x 5
- ABC Grassroots Radio Interview
- Development Consent Authority Meeting
- Meeting with Community Members x 5
- Implementation Workshop, REDC
- Meeting with Acting Director,
 Department of the Chief Minister
- Regional Economic Development Meeting x 2
- Budget Breakfast Briefing, Minister of Local Government and Community Services
- Tourism Top End Meeting
- Meeting with Parks and Wildlife District Manager
- Meeting with Editor, Katherine Times
- Meeting with Sharyn Innes
- Festivals of the Dry Launch
- Teleconference with Breast Cancer Awareness
- Elected Members Workshop

- Chamber of Commerce Budget Briefing
- Infrastructure and Transport Budget Briefing
- Katherine Emergency Committee Meeting
- Katherine Mining & Exploration Forum
- Open Forum
- Council Meeting
- Monthly DLPE Meeting
- Biggest Morning Tea Katherine Public Library
- Territory Day Teleconference
- Endorsement of Statement of Intent – KREDC – Meeting
- Meeting with Corporate Affairs Manager, Origin
- Biggest Morning Tea OPSM
- Meeting re Relocation of Train
- Meeting with CanTeen
- Katherine FM Radio Interview
- Junk Festival Opening
- Biggest Morning Tea Ray White
- Biggest Morning Tea TIO

Mayor Miller proposed the following change to the order of the Agenda:

MOVED: Miller/Higgins

Item 11.9 becomes Item 11.10 and be considered last.

CARRIED: 7/0

 Mayor Miller thanked Elected Members and staff for all the hard work put into developing the Municipal Plan. She also thanked everyone who presented submissions to the Plan.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS TO BE TABLED

Nil

9. QUESTIONS

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Questions

9.1 With Notice

Nil

9.2 Without Notice

Nil

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

11. REPORT OF OFFICERS

11.1 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2015

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Chief Executive Officer Reports

MOVED: Clark/Phillips

That the Chief Executive Officer Report for the month of May 2015 be received and noted.

- Mayor Miller commented that it is pleasing to see the Library figures indicate good attendance.
- Mayor Miller mentioned the Visitor Information Centre staff Super Deed awards and asked that thanks were passed on to Visitor Information Centre staff from Council.
- Alderman Rose commented that the volunteers at the Visitor Information Centre are also doing a fantastic job.
- Alderman Clark commented about the grant funding applications we have missed out on three (3) and she hopes this is not a sign of the times. Mayor Miller wondered if there was an opportunity to resubmit. The CEO advised that a number of projects are long-term, and we could consider resubmitting.
- Alderman Gazey asked about page 3, Wriggle and Rhyme figures does the analysis need to be amended - the graph shows a decrease in numbers. Mayor Miller advised you have to look at the graph month by month.
- Alderman Phillips endorsed Alderman Rose's comments about the Visitor Information Centre he visited recently and the staff were working really hard.

11.2 MONTHLY WORKS AND SERVICES DIVISION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2015

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Works and Services Division Reports

MOVED: Gazey/Phillips

That the report of the Works & Services Division for the month of May 2015 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Gazey pointed out a typo of kilograms not tonnes for Binjari rubbish.
- Alderman Tapp-Coutts has noticed a drop in sprinkler replacements and urban litter collection and asked if this was as a result of the TBL's. The Operations Manager agreed this was the case.

11.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - MAY 2015

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

Additional finance pages were issued that were missing from the Agenda.

MOVED: Clark/Phillips

That Council endorse the Financial Report for the month of May 2015.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.4 MINUTES OF THE KATHERINE SPORTSGROUNDS PRECINCT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

File: Community Relations / Committees / Katherine Sportsgrounds / Sportsgrounds Advisory Committee / 2015 Sportsgrounds Precinct Advisory Committee Meetings

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

That it be recommended to Council:

- 1. That the Minutes of the Katherine Sportsgrounds Advisory Committee meeting held on 9 June 2015 be received and noted.
- 2. That Council vote on the motion:
 That permission for a shipping container to be placed next to Don Dale building for the Katherine Football Club to use as storage is granted.

CARRIED: 7/0

 Deputy Mayor Higgins was not present at the Sportsgrounds Meeting so cannot comment on the Minutes.

11.5 <u>DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY</u>

File: Property Management / Disposal / Asset Disposal & Auctions

MOVED: Clark/Tapp-Coutts

That it be recommended to Council:

 That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to dispose of the obsolete items as listed above.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.6 MOSQUITO MONITORING PROGRAM

File: Government Relations / Committees / Weed Control and Fire Hazard / Program Management / Mosquito Management – Surveillance and Control

MOVED: Phillips/Gazey

That it be recommended to Council:

That Council endorse attaching the common seal to:

- 1. The NGO Registration/Update Form.
- 2. The Short Form Agreement between the Northern Territory of Australia care of Department of Health and Katherine Town Council.

CARRIED: 7/0

Alderman Phillips queried why the Health Department were not doing this. The
Operations Manager advised the program has been conducted by the Hospital
but Council has been requested to take over. There is a small amount of funding
available.

11.7 2015/16 PERIOD CONTRACTS – SUMMARY ADVICE

File: Tenders / Works / Tenders and Quotations / Register

MOVED: Clark/ Tapp-Coutts

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That the summary advice for the noted four (4) Period Contracts for various works and services be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

 Alderman Clark thinks we need to be careful of submitted figures that they do not become too high for the work required, and she believes it can be done more efficiently. It also needs to be monitored.

11.8 <u>TENDER 15/06 – SWEEPING OF KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL URBAN AND INDUSTRIAL STREETS INCLUDING KERBSIDE WEED ERADICATION</u>

File: Tenders / Works / Road Sweeping – Urban and Industrial Streets

MOVED: Phillips/Gazey

That it be recommended to Council:

 That Arafura Site and Street Sweeping submitted price of \$88,823.99 excluding GST for Tender 15/06 – Sweeping of Katherine Town Council Urban and Industrial Streets including Kerbside Weed Eradication, is accepted.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Phillips has concerns about the kerbside weed eradication, and the method used. The Director Works & Services advised that this has been a concern and has been addressed on each occasion. It is an item which will be closely monitored as this is not an acceptable outcome.
- Alderman Gazey asked what weeds were included. The Director Works & Services advised the works are to keep any plant matter from growing between the concrete kerb and the bitumen surface. It is for the protection of the road pavement.

11.9 <u>SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLIC CONSULTATION OF MUNICIPAL</u> PLAN AND BUDGET

The CEO advised there are three (3) changes to the document. There are duplicate pages which will be removed. Pages 1-3 were missing and will be added. The wording in the recommendation on page 91 has been amended.

File: Local Governance / Compliance / Municipal Plan

MOVED: Higgins/ Rose

That it be recommended to Council:

- Receive the submissions and note the responses to the Municipal Plan and Budget.
- 2. Adopt the 2015-16 Municipal Plan and Budget, including the identified amendments.

- Deputy Mayor Higgins is pleased about the number of submissions received.
- Alderman Rose commented this has been the most rigorous assessment of the Municipal Plan and Budget since he has been on Council. It has been a lot of hard work but rewarding. Some hard decisions have had to be made.
- Alderman Gazey commented on the number and the quality of submissions, which is testament to the community engagement.

11.10 DECLARATION OF RATES

File: Finance / Rates / Declaration

MOVED: Higgins/Rose

That it be recommended to Council:

That Council makes the following declaration in regard to Rates and Charges for 2015/16:

Local Government Act

KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2015/2016

Katherine Town Council ("Council") makes the following declaration of rates pursuant to Sections 155-157 of the *Local Government Act* ("Act").

1. That pursuant to Section 149 of the Act, Council adopts as the basis of the assessed value of allotments within the Municipality, the Unimproved Capital Value as it appears on the Valuation Roll prepared by the Valuer-General in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act*.

The methodology used for Council's 2015/2016 rates are set each year with regard to a number of factors including the cost of providing services, proposed capital works and increases in service levels or other Council initiatives. Council also considers statistical indicators such as the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Local Government Cost Index. Council aims to keep the increase in rates to a minimum in order to lessen any impact on ratepayers, however, at the same time generate enough income to provide adequate levels of service and to achieve its objectives.

- 2. That pursuant to Section 155 of the Act, Council hereby declares:
 - a) The amount it intends to raise for general purposes by rates is \$5,031,736.00. Those rates will be raised by application of the following differential valuation-based charges ("differential rates") to the assessed value of the rateable land listed opposite to those rates, with the following differential minimum charges ("minimum amounts") payable in the application of the differential rates as follows:

DIFFERENTIAL RATES	ALLOTMENTS TO WHICH RATES APPLY AND MINIMUM AMOUNTS
Nil	Land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone Non Rateable (including Utilities) of the NT Planning Scheme, nil rates.
0.000297%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising a Pastoral Lease as defined in the <i>Pastoral Land Act</i> , being Pastoral Lease nos 525, 735 & 801, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$366.48

0.000001%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Binjari Community , with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land.
0.000001%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising RAAF Base Tindal , with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land.
0.163656%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone A (Agriculture) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by:
	(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
	(b) The number 1;
	Whichever is greater.
0.183358%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone WM (Water Management) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by:
	(c) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
	(d) The number 1;
	Whichever is greater.
0.327399%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone R (Rural) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by:
	The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
	(f) The number 1;
	Whichever is greater.
0.385341%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone RL (Rural Living) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by:
	(g) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

	(h) The number 1;
	Whichever is greater.
1.794944%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone CL (Community Living), SK2 (Specific Use), SK3 (Specific Use) or CP (Community Purpose) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by:
	The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
	(j) The number 1;
	Whichever is greater.
1.260190%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone SD (Single Dwelling Residential), MD (Multiple Dwelling Residential), MR (Medium Density Residential) or SK1 (Specific Use) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by:
	(k) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
	(I) The number 1;
	Whichever is greater.
2.135209%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone CV (Caravan Parks) or TC (Tourist Commercial) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by:
	(m) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
	(n) The number 1;
	Whichever is greater.
2.125973%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone CB1 (Central Business) of the NT Planning Scheme as it relates to Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 58, 61, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 270, 271, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 509, 512, 513, 514, 518, 1369, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 2017, 2577, 2918, 2921, 2951, 3046, 3047, 3133, 3134, 3158, 3166, 3167, 3174, 3175, 3208 and 3239 with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by:
	(o) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the

	Act) on each allotment of land; or
	(p) The number 1;
	(P)
	Whichever is greater.
1.766400%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone CB2 (Central Business) of the NT Planning Scheme as it relates to Lots 2016, 2017, 3114, 3115, 3116 and 3117 with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by:
	The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
	(r) The number 1;
	Whichever is greater.
2.592762%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone CB3 (Central Business) of the NT Planning Scheme as it relates to Lots 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 446, 447, 454, 519, 520, 521, 522, 1342, 2419, 2517 and 2931 with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by:
	The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or (t) The number 1; Whichever is greater.
1.766400%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone C (Commercial) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by:
	The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
	(v) The number 1;
	Whichever is greater.
3.747515%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone SC (Service Commercial) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by:
	The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
	(x) The number 1;

	Whichever is greater.
1.343373%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone LI (Light Industry) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by:
	The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
	(z) The number 1;
	Whichever is greater.
1.343373%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone GI (General Industry) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by:
	The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
	(bb) The number 1;
	Whichever is greater.
1.590367%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone FD (Future Development) or RW (Railway) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by:
	The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
	(ee) The number 1;
	Whichever is greater.
1.859287%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone OR (Organised Recreation) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by:
	The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
	(gg) The number 1;
	Whichever is greater.
0.163656%	Of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within the rest of the municipality (including the area not covered by the NT Planning Scheme), with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$883.00 multiplied by:
	The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(ii) The number 1;
Whichever is greater.

3. Waste Management Charges

Council declares that the amount it intends to raise in respect of the waste management services it provides for the benefit of all residential land within the municipality and the occupiers of such land is \$918,546.00.

Pursuant to Section 157 of the Act Council declares the following charges in respect of the waste management service it provides for the benefit of all residential land within the municipality and the occupiers of such land.

For the purpose of interpretation of this paragraph 3:

"residential dwelling" means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self-contained residential unit or building on residential land used or capable of being used for residential purposes and includes a unit within the meaning of the *Unit Titles Act* and the *Unit Titles Schemes Act*.

"residential land" means land used or capable of being used for residential purposes.

The following charges are declared:

3.1 A charge of \$262.00 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of the waste management service provided for the benefit of, or which Council is willing and able to provide for the benefit or, each residential dwelling within the municipality other than a residential dwelling as described in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 and the occupiers of such land.

The waste management service shall consist of:

- A roadside collection service of one garbage collection service per week with a maximum of one 240 litre mobile garbage bin per garbage collection visit; and
- b) Unlimited access by the occupiers of residential land within the municipality to the Council's Waste Management Facility (Dump) solely for the deposit of waste generated from such residential dwelling.
- 3.2 For each allotment of land within the municipality, being residential land:
 - a) on which Council is advised in writing by the property owner and it is confirmed that there is no residential dwelling; and
 - b) to which Council is willing and able to provide a weekly roadside collection service; and
 - c) is not a commercial enterprise,

a charge of \$92.00 per allotment of land in respect of the waste management service provided for the benefit of such residential land and the occupiers of such land.

The waste management service shall consist of unlimited access to Council's Waste Management Facility (Dump) solely for the deposit of waste generated from such residential land.

3.3 For each allotment of land within the municipality being residential land:

- to which Council is either not willing or not able to provide a weekly roadside collection service; and
- b) is not a business enterprise,

a charge of \$92.00 per allotment of land in respect of the waste management service provided for the benefit of such residential land and the occupiers of such land.

The waste management service shall consist of unlimited access to Council's Waste Management Facility (Dump) solely for the deposit of waste generated from such residential land.

4. Instalments

That pursuant to Section 161 of the Act Council determines that rates and charges shall, for the financial year ending 30 June 2016, be due and payable by four approximately equal instalments on 30/09/15, 30/11/15, 31/01/16, 31/03/16 and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 11 of the Act.

5. Interest on Unpaid Rates

That pursuant to Section 162 of the Act, if rates and charges are not paid by the due date, interest accrues on the amount of the whole of the "unpaid rates" on a daily basis from the date on which the missed instalment is due and payable, until the date payment is made in full, and the amount of the instalment together with any interest shall be rounded to the nearest dollar.

That pursuant to Section 162(3) of the Act, Council determines that the relevant interest rate is fixed at 17.00% per annum.

6. Recovery of Outstanding Rates and Charges

A ratepayer who fails to pay rates and charges on the due date for payment may face legal action for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, interest accrued on late payment and costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges. Under Division 4 of Chapter 11 of the Act, Council has the power to sell a ratepayer's property in order to recover outstanding rates.

7. Prompt Payment Draw

That pursuant to Section 160 of the Act, Council determined that the benefit to be given for the prompt payment of rates and charges to encourage the early payment for the financial year ending 30 June 2016 shall be the conduct of an Early Bird Draw whereby Council shall refund to the ratepayer selected from the draw the amount of \$700.00, subject to the following conditions:

- a) That the total amount of all rates and charges levied for the financial year ending 30 June 2016 in respect of any parcel of rateable land together with arrears (if any) be paid in full on or before the 30 September 2015.
- b) All Government agencies, Council Elected Members and employees are excluded from the draw.

The winning ratepayer shall be notified by post.

- Deputy Mayor Higgins commented that the rates decision was not taken lightly. If Council is to remain sustainable and plan for long term longevity, and be advocates for rate payers, Council has to make hard decisions.
- Alderman Clark commented that we cannot budget for a deficit, and there is no choice but to raise the rates.
- Alderman Phillips commented that the money has to come from somewhere, and reluctantly agrees.
- Mayor Miller stated that it is important Katherine Town Council remains sustainable and viable, and it is a fact of life that rates increase. There has been a lot of debate about this and this decision seems the most viable for Katherine Town Council.
- Alderman Rose commented that Council has also taken a few cuts, as well as some senior staff.

12. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

File: Community Relations / Committees / Elected Member Representatives on Committees

The following meetings/activities were attended by the Elected Members in May:

Alderman Peter Gazey

Open Forum
Ordinary Council Meeting
Elected Members Workshops
Market Stall
Water Future Forum

Budget Breakfast Briefing, Minister of Local Government and Community Services

Alderman Steven Rose

Open Forum

Ordinary Council Meeting

Elected Member Workshops

Development Consent Authority Meeting

Budget Breakfast Briefing, Minister of Local Government and Community Services

Chamber of Commerce Budget Briefing

Infrastructure and Transport Budget Briefing

Alderman Toni Tapp-Coutts

Open Forum
Ordinary Council Meeting
Festivals of the Dry Launch
Opening of Junk Festival
Water Future Forum
Biggest Morning Tea

Alderman Rob Phillips

Open Forum Ordinary Council Meeting Elected Member Workshops

Deputy Mayor Donald Higgins

Open Forum
Ordinary Council Meeting
Elected Members Workshops
Good Beginnings Pyjama Reading Party
Opening of the Junk Festival
NT Budget Presentation – Chief Minister Adam Giles
Water Future Forum
Katherine Times Radio Interview
Festival of the Dry Launch

Alderman Lis Clark

Open Forum
Council Meeting
Elected Members Workshops
Festivals of the Dry Launch
Water Future Forum
Council Market Stall
Meeting with CanTeen
Opening of the Junk Festival

Katherine Museum Gala Dinner

13. LATE AGENDA

13.1 REVISED PROCUREMENT POLICY

File: Tenders / Administration

MOVED: Higgins/Clark

That it be recommended to Council:

1. Receives and adopts the revised Procurement Policy.

CARRIED: 7/0

13.2 AMENDMENT TO FEES & CHARGES STRUCTURE 2015/2016

File: Finance / Budgeting / Fees & Charges

MOVED: Clark/Phillips

That it be recommended to Council:

1. Accept the revised amendment to the Fees & Charges Structure for 2015/2016

CARRIED: 6/1

 Deputy Mayor Higgins asked why we charge by avtur or avgas or not weight landing or weight take off which does the damage to bitumen. The Director Works & Services cannot provide further detail than the scenarios which were included. The CEO will take this on notice.

13.3 KATHERINE EAST COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING

File: Community Relations / Committees / Katherine East Consultative Group

MOVED: Tapp-Coutts/ Phillips

That it be recommended to Council:

1. Receive and note the Record of Discussion from the Katherine East Community Consultative meeting held on 15 June 2015.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Mayor Miller commented that it was a very disappointing attendance.
- Alderman Tapp-Coutts agreed, two (2) of the attendees were regulars who attend the open forums. Thinks it is a waste of staff resources, suggested we do the first round, and they look seriously at this. Suggested A frames may make a difference, and more advertising.
- Alderman Phillips confirmed that there was a good quality discussion because of the small numbers. Discussion was genuine and positive. Thinks the rural area will have a larger attendance.
- Alderman Gazey agreed with Alderman Phillips. Thinks we have a way to go to prove we are listening to what is said.

14. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

 Alderman Tapp-Coutts requested a leave of absence from 30 June to 17 August 2015.

CARRIED: 7/0

• Alderman Tapp-Coutts thanked Deputy Mayor Higgins for welcoming the Indigenous Women's Conference to Katherine.

15. <u>PETITIONS</u>

Nil

16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

MOVED: Higgins/Tapp-Coutts

That standing orders be suspended to allow Council to consider a confidential matter in Committee.

Meeting closed to the public. All members of the public left the Chambers.

16.1 OUTSTANDING RATES – REGISTRATION OF OVERRIDING STATUTORY CHARGE

MOVED: Phillips/Clark

CARRIED: 7/0

16.2 SALE OF PROPERTY – FOR UNPAID RATES

MOVED: Phillips/Clark

CARRIED: 7/0

MOVED: Higgins/Tapp-Coutts

That Council resume the meeting.

CARRIED: 7/0

17. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting was closed at 7.09pm.

Fay Miller

MAYOR OF KATHERINE