



**MINUTES**

OF THE

**ORDINARY MEETING**

**OF COUNCIL**

**HELD**

**TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2015**

**AT**

**6.00 pm**

**Council Chambers Civic Centre**  
**Stuart Highway, Katherine**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT  
THE KATHERINE CIVIC CENTRE TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2015 AT 6.00 PM**

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**1. OPENING PRAYER**

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Mayor Fay Miller  
Deputy Mayor Lis Clark  
Alderman Steven Rose  
Alderman Donald Higgins  
Alderman Toni Tapp-Coutts  
Alderman Peter Gazey  
Alderman Rob Phillips

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Robert Jennings – Chief Executive Officer  
Ms Claire Johansson – Director Corporate & Community  
Services  
Mr David Moore – Operations Manager  
Mrs Sophie Henderson – Community Services Executive  
Manager

3 x members of the Katherine Community  
1 x member 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

That the apologies of Mrs Neroli Dickens – Director Works & Services/Deputy Chief  
Executive Officer be accepted and that leave be granted.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

MOVED: Tapp-Coutts / Clark

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 24 February 2015 be  
confirmed as a true and accurate record.

That the Confidential Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 February  
2015 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED: 7/0

## 5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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 February 2015:

- Katherine Times Mayors Message x 4
- Municipal Plan Discussions Meeting
- ABC Radio Interview
- KAAG Meeting
- CHAIN Meeting
- First meeting with new CEO, Director Corporate & Community Services and Director Works & Services
- Katherine East Stage 1 PCG Meeting
- Meeting with CEO x 3
- Introductory Meeting with CEO and Katherine Museum staff
- Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee Briefing
- LGANT Strategic Planning Weekend – Darwin
- Waitangi Day Celebrations
- Development Consent Authority Meeting
- Katherine Emergency Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Community Member x 4
- Meeting with Alderman Tapp-Coutts
- Meeting with OAMPS
- Ovarian Cancer Awareness Morning Tea
- Meeting with Salvation Army
- Meeting with Australian Inland Mission Church
- Meeting with CEO and Katherine Museum Staff
- Flood Mitigation Committee Meeting
- Kintore Street – Presentation of Bus
- Meeting with Alderman Higgins
- Elected Members Workshop
- Meeting with the Department of the Chief Minister, Acting Regional Executive Director of Big Rivers Region
- Meeting re Allied Health Building
- Monthly DLPE Meeting
- Victoria Daly Regional Council Audit
- Meeting with Editor, Katherine Times
- Youth Issues Forum – YMCA
- REDC Meeting
- Meeting with Lord Mayor Katrina Fong Lim and Alderman Anictomatis

Mayor Miller advised of the following:

- I would like to thank Alderman Lis Clark who has been the Deputy Mayor for the past 12 months. Alderman Clark has attended functions when I have been unable to be present and I appreciate her support.
- Alderman Henry Higgins will be the new Deputy Mayor as of 1 April – 31 March 2016 – as he has previously been approved by Council. This was to have taken us to the next local government election. However a Bill is before Parliament at this moment to extend this term until August 2017. When that Bill passes through Parliament we can have the discussion re further Deputy Mayor appointments.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS TO BE TABLED**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Correspondence and Documents Tabled

- 8.1 Letter from Mayor of Katherine to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services re Temporary Beat Locations (TBLs) in Katherine.

**9. QUESTIONS**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Questions

**9.1 With Notice**

Nil

**9.2 Without Notice**

- Alderman Gazey asked for an update on the airport. The CEO advised a report has been received and circulated to Elected Members. The report forms one part of the assessment. Other parts include asset cycle, lease arrangements and infrastructure arrangements. Meetings are being set up and Elected Members will be kept informed.

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**11. REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**11.1 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2015**

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

MOVED: Higgins/Clark

That the report of the Chief Executive Officer for the month of February 2015 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Gazey commented that graphs and chart have great detail. He queried the difference in value of sales for February and how it is represented as a percentage – pages 6 and 7. The Director Corporate & Community Services advised the graph needs to be amended.

#### **11.2 MONTHLY WORKS AND SERVICES DIVISION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2015**

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

MOVED: Clark/Tapp-Coutts

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

CARRIED: 7/0

- Deputy Mayor Clark asked about the Council Pond – this should say pound. It was agreed that this was a typing error.

#### **11.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2015**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Gazey/Phillips

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

CARRIED: 7/0

- The CEO advised that on page 32 it should read pay period ending February, not November.

#### **11.4 MINUTES OF THE KATHERINE SHOWGROUNDS PRECINCT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

File: Community Relations / Committees / Katherine Showgrounds Advisory Committee / 2015 Showgrounds Precinct Advisory Committee Meeting

MOVED: Phillips/Tapp-Coutts

That it be recommended to Council:

1. The Minutes of the Katherine Showgrounds Precinct Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 February 2015 be received and noted.
2. The formal decision of the Katherine Showgrounds Precinct Advisory Committee to endorse Item 5.1 of the Minutes, Future Relocation of the Campdraft and Rodeo Arena, be considered for adoption into Council's long term Strategic Plan.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Rose noticed the earthworks to be done and asked what is the process was with the Development Consent Authority. The CEO advised that the above recommendation is adopted into the plan which is the first step and further plans would follow.
- Alderman Phillips advised the Show Society are considering the plan, and will commence new set of plans after this meeting, which will include all user groups.

- Alderman Tapp-Coutts commended Alderman Phillips on getting to this stage. A new campdraft will be a great attraction to Katherine.
- Deputy Mayor Clark asked about the Scout Group – are they leaving the hall? The Operations Manager advised they are moving to Sturt McDouall Hall. Their hall requires maintenance, and it was decided to move to a more suitable building. Deputy Mayor Clark asked if the old scout hall was heritage listed. Alderman Phillips advised that it was not.
- Alderman Higgins queried where the Minutes from the Sports Precinct Advisory Committee Meeting from February were. It was advised they would be presented next month. He advised that all who attended meeting were very happy with the ongoing maintenance.

## **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 November and December:

### **Alderman Peter Gazey**

Ordinary Council Meeting - had head shaved for charity  
Elected Members Workshops  
Municipal Plan and Budget workshop  
Youth issues forum  
Meeting with Chief Executive Officer

### **Alderman Steven Rose**

Ordinary Council Meeting  
Elected Member Workshops  
Youth Issues Forum – YMCA  
Municipal Plan Discussions  
Development Consent Authority Meeting  
Chamber of Commerce Meeting

### **Alderman Toni Tapp-Coutts**

Ordinary Council Meeting  
Katherine Museum Historical Society Meeting  
Meeting with Chief Executive Officer  
Municipal Plan Discussions

### **Alderman Rob Phillips**

Ordinary Council Meeting  
Elected Member Workshops  
Meeting with KTC Deputy Mayor Clark Chief Executive Officer and Director  
Corporate & Community Services  
Katherine Museum Historical Society Meeting  
Showgrounds Precinct Advisory Committee Meeting

### **Alderman Donald Higgins**

Ordinary Council Meeting  
Elected Members Workshop  
Katherine Sports Precinct Advisory Committee Meeting  
Low Aromatic Fuel Presentation

### **Deputy Mayor Lis Clark**

Elected Members Workshops  
Council Meeting

**13. LATE AGENDA**

Nil

**14. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Alderman Higgins attended the low aromatic fuel presentation. Everyone will have low aromatic fuel shortly, possibly within the month. Alcohol and Other Drugs representatives are very happy to see this moving forward. Storage tanks are in Darwin waiting to be completed.
- Mayor Miller commented that the TBLs are creating a strong interest as Katherine is taking a firm stand. Situation is much better Territory wide. Quietly confident this should get support and should continue after June. Mayor Miller advised that she has done several recent radio interviews.
- Alderman Phillips commended the Mayor on the stand she has taken.
- Deputy Mayor Clark commented on the absence of glass, and the lack of cans on Clean Up Australia Day was remarkable. We require a recycling bin for bottle tops.

**15. PETITIONS**

Nil

**16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

**17. MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting was closed at 6.28 pm.

Fay Miller  
**MAYOR OF KATHERINE**