



Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes

**Tuesday 23 October 2018
Ordinary Meeting 6:20 PM**

Council Chambers, Civic Centre,
Stuart Highway, Katherine

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL HELD
AT THE KATHERINE CIVIC CENTRE TUESDAY 23 October 2018**

1. WELCOME TO COUNTRY

I am honoured to be on the ancestral lands of Katherine's Aboriginal peoples. I acknowledge the First Australians as the traditional custodians of the continent, whose cultures are among the oldest living cultures in human history. I pay respect to the Elders of the community and extend my recognition to their descendants who are present.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Grant O God to this Council wisdom, understanding and sincerity of purpose in the Governance of this Municipality. Amen

3. PRESENT

Mayor Miller Fay Miller
Deputy Mayor Toni Tapp Coutts
Alderman Peter Gazey
Alderman Matt Hurley
Alderman Jon Raynor
Alderman John Zelle
Alderman Lis Clark

In attendance

Mr Robert Jennings – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Mrs Claire Johansson - Chief Operating Officer (COO)
Ms Rosemary Jennings – Executive Manager Corporate & Community Development (XCCD)
Mr Jamie Craven – Executive Manager – Infrastructure and Environment (XIE)
Ms Sue Crammond (EA) – Minute Taker

5 x members of the Katherine Community
1 x member of the Media

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies: NIL

Leave:

24-31 October – Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts
7-16 November – Alderman Raynor
12 -16 November – Alderman Zelle

Moved: Clark/Zelle

Carried: 7/0

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

MOVED: Clark / Zelle

5.1 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 25 September 2018 be confirmed as true and accurate.

CARRIED 7 / 0

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL

7. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

NIL

8. MAYORAL BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED

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

Meeting with Department Lands Planning and Environment
Meeting with Ray Iacono – Director, Vista Gold
Teleconference/community member
Rehearsal for Freedom of Entry to Katherine
ABC Radio Interview x 4
Meeting with residents re Dog Park
Airforce Band Community Concert
Police Remembrance Day – Katherine Cemetery
RAAF Tindal Exercising Freedom of Entry Parade
RAAF Tindal Officers Mess Ball
Meeting with resident
Tourism Brand Workshop – Hilton Doubletree
MIX 104.9 radio interview x 2
Funeral x 1
Our Town's Wedding Gowns exhibition at Katherine Museum
NT News interview
Meeting with Dirt Karts group
Australian Tourism Awards National Judging teleconference
Mayoral vehicle to Barramundi Motors for warranty replacement/and return
Meeting with Susan Webb Tourism NT x 3
Chairman – Brolga judging
Meeting with Nadine Jones, Dreamedia
Katherine Youth Group Blue Art Exhibition, Finch Café
October Business Month dinner

LGANT Executive meeting – teleconference
Meeting with Terry Mills
ABC Grassroots
NT Carer's Morning Tea
NT Tourism 2030
Celebration of the School Holiday Program October 2018
Meeting with Commander Michael Hebb
Meeting with consultants – Katherine Women's Crisis Centre
Meeting with Leader of the Opposition Gary Higgins
Katherine Emergency Committee Meeting
Presentation from Katherine Community Markets
Elected Members Information Session
Teleconference with Andy Cowan
Teleconference with Jake Quinlivan
Teleconference – Onshore Shale Gas Community & Business Reference Group
Meeting with Simmone Croft & Judy MacFarlane
Katherine East NTPC progress
October Ordinary Council Meeting and Open Forum

CONGRATULATIONS to the Katherine Visitor Information Centre for winning the Business Category in the 2018 Katherine Chamber of Commerce Customer Service Awards. The role our visitor centre plays in supporting our community and region cannot be underestimated. We are very fortunate to have enthusiastic staff who provide valuable advice to our visitors and community. Congratulations to Michelle Slow who was also nominated for an award. She is very valuable and pleasant staff member.

Katherine has very recently gone through a troubled time with a big increase in antisocial behaviour and other associated undesirable activities. Having experienced 3 years of very pleasant community environment with the Point of Sale Intervention (POSI) in place I am not at all happy with the rapid deterioration to our town and have openly expressed my views and will continue to do so. The current situation without daily POSI's is unacceptable and I will be beginning to lobbying the NT Government for interim assistance until the new auxiliaries are in place early in 2019.

On behalf of Katherine Town Council I extend our very best wishes to former Mayor Jim Forscutt who has recently suffered ill health. Jim is recovering in Palmerston Hospital and we wish him well for a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him home in Katherine as soon as possible.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS TO BE TABLED

CEO – A Subpoena from Shine Lawyers – we have responded and the information was sent out to the Federal Court.

Mayor Miller – How do we control the security of the information, i.e. that it won't be onforwarded elsewhere?

CEO – The Federal Court has control of the document. The information is destroyed after a period of four (4) months.

Alderman Raynor – They could have made their own database using that information in that 4 month period. What controls are in place?

CEO – There are a list of Control Conditions in the subpoena. The Supreme Court are in charge of information control.

Alderman Raynor – My concern the info will be kept by the lawyers.

Mayor Miller – We have been Subpoena to provide the information, so we have no option but to supply it to the lawyers.

CEO – Aldermen, your concerns are so noted, but as Mayor Miller states, we have been Subpoena, so must provide the information. There are appropriate information controls put in place by the Supreme Court, which Shine Lawyer will have to abide by.

MOVED: Coutts / Zelle

CARRIED: 7/0

10. PETITIONS

NIL

MOVED:

CARRIED:

11. QUESTIONS

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Questions

11.1 With Notice

NIL

11.2 Without Notice

NIL

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

NIL

13. REPORT OF OFFICERS

13.1 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – SEPTEMBER 2018

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

MOVED: Tapp Coutts / Gazey

DM Tapp Coutts – Action from 26 June. Developing Single Use Plastic Policy – what is the status on this?

CEO – It has not been progressed at this time, however the item will remain on the list and updates will be provided at subsequent Council meetings.

Alderman Gazey – Action from 25 September – Pedestrian Crossing. Reseal and repaint has already occurred. Is there a future investigation going forward on alternatives for the replacement/re-siting for this crossing?

XIE – Options are under investigation. One consultant has provided a response, but all indications are that change will be a costly exercise. The Council are looking at putting in an application in the next Black Spot Funding

round. However, in the meantime, the existing crossing needed repair and that work has now been completed.

Alderman Clark – Action from 25 June - Postie dogs attacks. Has this been progressed?

CEO – The items has been passed to the Infrastructure team and the Police for further consultation.

Alderman Raynor – Action from 21 Aug - Sabu Sing. Ownership has now been established to NTCA. My concern is the statement 'cleaning services will be provided as and when they deem necessary'.

CEO – The NTCA have discussed this at a board level. As owners, it is up to them to decide what level of cleaning, if any, will occur. Bronze does naturally oxidise with age.

Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts – Just to note, Sabu Sing has no "H" in the spelling. Can this be noted for further documentation relating to this statue.

Alderman Gazey – Is there any update on the Council's advocacy on matters PFAS?

CEO – Council are talking to DCM and NTG on a monthly basis. The Katherine Community PFAS Committee, Defence and NTG officials are working together as well. Over last two (2) months, Council have asked for an escalation of a more immediate/interim alternative for reducing PFAS contamination. The installation of two (2) filtration units on Base will be extracting the contamination at the source, but this provides a longer term solution. Options for the filtration system currently operating at P&W is also being considered.

Alderman Gazey – Can you provide some clarity on treating the water and the intentions to return water into the aquifer? With the new filtration plants, do we know how that will work?

CEO – There is a process around that and I will be more able to update you after next consultative committee meeting.

That it be recommended to Council:

That the Chief Executive Officer Report for the month of September 2018 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.2 MONTHLY REPORT FOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – SEPTEMBER 2018

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Corporate and Community Services Reports

MOVED: Tapp Coutts / Clark

Alderman Clark – Who was the winner of the Zero Waste Challenge Competition?

XCCD – The winner has an obscure Instagram account handle, which has since been deleted. To respect her privacy we cannot publish her name without her permission. If we are able to make contact and obtain permission we will update you.

Alderman Hurley – Good to see VIC sales are increased and they have not been affected by the negative PFAS media campaign. Well done to the VIC.

Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts – Library program numbers are continuing to drop. Have the Library done a survey asking customers what they would like future programs to be? Other events/activities being provided by other organisations around town may mean the programs need to alter their focus/demographic.

XCCD – As part of the agenda tonight, there is the Library Funding Agreement. The Schedules contained in that document provide information on the delivery of community focussed programs in Library.

That it be recommended to Council:

That the report of the Corporate and Community Development Report for the month of September 2018 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.3 MONTHLY REPORT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2018

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

MOVED: Hurley / Clark

Alderman Gazey – Sprinklers - cost of repair and installation. Does that cost include Council labour, i.e. salaries?

COO – No, the cost is just the sprinkler components themselves.

Alderman Clark – Fitted plaques to head stones - is that for replacement of plaques or for new ones? There were some headstones that didn't have plaques as they had come off / been removed. Who pays when a plaque needs to be replaced?

XCCD – I will take on notice the question of who is responsible for the replacement of plaques.

Alderman Clark – If it comes down to the family having to pay for a replacement, have we got up to date burial records? The cemetery contains some headstones with no plaques. They should be replaced. What happens if the families of a someone who is buried, have moved on and cannot be contacted. Who will pay for a replacement, as all headstones should have plaques?

XCCD – There is a process and we do have good records. I will provide advice on the above for next Council meeting.

Alderman Gazey – Page 19 – The "Waste" graph title needs to be changed to "Waste". There is no commercial waste recorded. "Token Box", I assume that is emptying the box for the sportsgrounds lighting system?

XIE – Yes, that's correct.

Alderman Raynor – Have the O'Shea Park bollards reduced the number of vehicles driving onto the grass and damaging the sprinklers?

XIE – The bollards appear to be working. Police and Community Patrol vehicles seem to be the only vehicles on the grass now.

Alderman Raynor – The vending machine at the Airport has been removed. Does it belong to Council and what remediation measures have been put in place?

XIE – Machine does not belong to Council. We have attempted to contact the last known owner but have been unsuccessful. The unit will remain in storage until we can locate the owner.

Alderman Raynor – I am aware it was privately owned and I can discuss that with the XIE out of session.

That it be recommended to Council:

That the report of the Infrastructure and Environment Services Report for the month of September 2018 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.4 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2018

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Financial Reports

MOVED: Gazey / Zellej

Alderman Gazey – Pages 28 and 29 appear to be duplicated? However, the date format has changed, but the table looks the same.

Mayor Miller – On page 28 the decimal point indicates "cents". On page 29 there is only a whole dollar amount, no decimal point.

Alderman Clark – Page 31 – What size was the spray unit purchased?

XCCD – A 600 ltr quick spray unit.

Alderman Clark – Rundle Street electricity bill? What do we have at Rundle street that the uses power?

XCCD – I believe it could be the Rundle Street Park lighting. However, I will take on notice and confirm.

That it be recommended to Council:

The Council endorse the financial report for the month of September, 2018

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.5 PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES FUNDING AGREEMENT – KATHERINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

File: Finance / Grant Funding / Northern Territory Library / Katherine Public Library Funding

MOVED: Tapp Coutts / Clark

Alderman Clark – Providing office accommodation. Is this similar to our Regional Coordinator arrangement?

CEO – Yes.

That it be recommended to Council:

That it determines to approve the use of the Council seal and accept the funding agreement for Public Library Services for 2018-2023.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.6 DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY

File: Property Management / Disposal / Asset Disposal and Auctions

MOVED: Tapp Coutts / Zellej

Alderman Raynor – The wording of recommendation states that the Mayor and CEO both need to sign the disposal document? Do we need both?
CEO – Either or is ok. Recommendation could be altered to either the CEO or the Mayor to authorise.

MOVED: Raynor / Zellej

To amend the recommendation to "That the CEO be authorised to dispose of the obsolete items as listed".

CARRIED: 7 / 0

That it be recommended to Council:

AMENDED Recommendation - That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to dispose of the obsolete items as listed.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.7 COMMUNITY GRANTS – ACCEPTANCE OF SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

File: Finance / Grant funding / KTC Community Grants 2018

MOVED: Tapp Coutts / Clark

Alderman Clark – GYRACC received a grant to purchase a wheelchair, it was not for first aid training. Can that be noted please.

Mayor Miller – Yes, can we get an amendment to the listing please. Would the XCCD like to comment on the number of grant applications for this year?

XCCD – Council received sixteen (16) application for Grants. This was a very pleasing number and gave us plenty to consider.

Alderman Raynor – National Trust of Australia. Is that the railway?

Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts – No, they were both for O’Keefe House. National Trust is a voluntary organisation.

Alderman Clark – People need to understand these grants are for non-profit organisations only. A person may not apply for these grants unless it is on behalf of a not for profit group/organisation.

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That Council approve the awarding of the following grants as per the recommendations of the Community Grants Assessment Committee Minutes of Monday 17 September 2018 on receipt of necessary paperwork and confirmation of any previous grants being acquitted.

Community Group (Up to \$2,000)

Organisation	Project	Amount
Katherine Horse and Pony club	Light hire for event	\$1,600
National Trust of Australia (NT)	Signage	\$1873.81
National Trust of Australia (NT)	Electronic Records Keeping System	\$1791.72
GYRACC	Wheelchair	\$250.00
Katherine Community Choir	Choir Start up fund	\$2000.00
Katherine Men's Shed	Signage & Furniture	\$2000.00
Katherine Anglican Church	Carols BBQ	\$500.00
Katherine Community Radio	Event Broadcasting Components	\$2000.00
	TOTAL	\$10,015.53

Major Event (Maximum \$5,000)

Organisation	Event	Amount
Katherine Show Society	Big Bang Science Display at The Show	\$5000
Katherine Community Markets	Night Markets	\$2500
Australian Red Cross Society - Kalano Care	Kalano Lights	\$2000
KRA - Junk Sculpture Festival	Dance Workshops	\$5000
	TOTAL	\$16,500.00

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY (LGANT) – GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

File: Government Relations / Meetings / LGANT Meetings

MOVED: Clark / Zelley

AGM and General meeting are on 8 and 9 November.
Mayors and Presidents and CEO forum on 7.

Nominee	1 st & 2 nd	Votes
DM Tapp Coutts	Miller / Zelley	7 / 0
Mayor Miller	Clark / Gazey	7 / 0
CEO Jennings	Attendance is a requirement of the position of CEO	

That it be recommended to Council:

1. The nominated delegates be recorded.
2. The nominated delegates attend the LGANT General Meeting and Annual General Meeting as Katherine Town Council representatives

3. LGANT be notified of the nominated KTC representatives.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

14. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts

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Open Forum

Elected Member Information Sessions

Alderman Gazey

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Open Forum

Elected Members Information Session

Alderman Clark

Ordinary Meetings of Council

Open Forums

Elected Members Information Session

Hot springs project visit with Mode Design.

Superhero contest - Kintore Street Special School

Young Author of the Year Award

Library Meeting with CEO Community Grants

Showgrounds Projects Meeting

PFAS Update

Water Advisory Meeting

Police Remembrance Day

RAAF Display at Showgrounds

RAAF Freedom of Entry March

30 Year Tindal Celebration Dinner, RAAF Base Tindal

Alderman Raynor

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RAAF Freedom of Entry Parade

Alderman Zelle

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Open Forum

Elected Members Information Session

Alderman Hurley

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Open Forum

Elected Members Information Session

15. **LATE AGENDA ITEMS**

MOVED: Tapp Coutts / Clark

To accept the two late agenda items to the meeting.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

15.1 **KATHERINE LANEWAY CLOSURE TRIAL**

File: Roads Civil and Traffic Works / Planning / Laneway Closure

MOVED: Clark / Zelle

Alderman Clark – Laneways have been a problem for many years now. I am glad to see the new subdivisions in Katherine do not have laneways as part of their structure.

Mayor Miller – Take a look at Alice Springs Laneways Policy as Council may need to consider development of a policy too.

Alderman Gazey – Is this a permanent laneway closure?

CEO – Not a permanent closure but a system of opening and closing by residence during the darkened hours. Police believe these types of activities do assist in prevention and reduction of unwanted behavioural activities in these areas. They have committed to provide Council with further data on this area into the future.

Mayor Miller – The closure of laneways has had a negative effect in the past, so it is good to see this is considered a positive position and good to see the commitment from Police to continue to monitor the statistical data for the area.

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That the closure of the Finnis Laneways remain in place and antisocial activities continue to be monitored by residents and Katherine Police.
2. That due to the costs involved in providing gate infrastructure and lack of formal complaints or feedback made to Council regarding behaviour at other specific laneway locations, no further closures to be made at this point in time. Should there be additional feedback, this position could be considered further.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

15.2 **SPRINGVALUE HOMESTEAD PETITION**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Petitions

MOVED: Zelle / Hurley

That it be recommended to Council:

Council continue to advocate for the reopening of Springvale Homestead through the ongoing efforts of the Mayor and CEO. This advocacy should be delivered by working with appropriate stakeholders, including Werner Sarny, his team and with NT Government.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

Zelley – Congratulations to Monique Malgozzi from Clyde Fenton Pre-School for winning the “*Emerging Educator Award*” at the Northern Territory Education and Care Awards. The ceremony was held in Parliament House on Friday, 12 October, 2018.

Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts – Some upcoming events worthy of mention are; the launch of Flood Exhibition at GYRACC on 2 November; Christmas Markets being held at the YMCA (air-conditioned space) on 17 November from 3pm; and the Katherine Art Fair, on 22 November.

Mayor Miller – Congratulations to Simonne Croft and Robyn Bryan for the "Our Town's Wedding Gowns" exhibition. The exhibits also included a wedding cake and fresh flowers. The exhibition was co-funded by a KTC community grant. Ten out of ten for all those volunteers who put in such a great effort. As a result of this, all my wedding stuff is now donated to the museum!

Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts – With the upcoming Australia Day Awards, I would like to see an "Indigenous Citizen of the Year" be added to the list. Can Council staff look into that possibility?

Mayor Miller – We need an audit of all the categories and update as needed.

Deputy Mayor Tapp Coutts – I would also like to see previous recipients of "Katherine Citizen of the Year" and people award other high honours by the Federal or NT Governments listed on the back of the program each year. Would be nice to see that documented, just as an acknowledgement of the hard working people we have in Katherine.

17. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

NIL

18. NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

The eleventh Ordinary Meeting of Council for 2018 will be held on Tuesday 27 November 2018.

19. Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 7:15 pm.



Fay Miller
MAYOR MILLER OF KATHERINE

Officer Title Abbreviations

CEO	Chief Executive Officer
COO	Chief Operating Officer
XCCD	Executive Manager Corporate and Community Development

XIE	Executive Manager Infrastructure and Environment
MCERS	Manager Compliance Environment & Regulatory Services
MIE	Manager Infrastructure & Environment
MCFAS	Manager Customer Finance Administration Services
MVIC	Manager Visitor Information Centre
CO	Communications Officer
EA	Executive Assistant
CLO	Community Liaison Officer
SO	Sustainability Officer
GO	Governance Officer