



Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes

**Tuesday 24 April 2018
Ordinary Meeting 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 APRIL 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 Fay Miller
Deputy Mayor Peter Gazey
Alderman John Zelle
Alderman Lis Clark
Alderman Toni Tapp Coutts
Alderman Matt Hurley

In attendance

Mr Robert Jennings – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Mrs Claire Johansson – Chief Operating Officer (COO)
Ms Rosemary Jennings – Exec Mgr Corp & Community
Development (EMCCD)
Mr Andrew Wilson – Manager, Compliance, Regulatory
and Environmental Services (MCERS)
Ms Rebecca Mewburn – Community Support Officer (CSO)
(Minute Taker)

4 x members of the Katherine Community
1 x members of the Media

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Alderman Raynor – Leave of absence received @ February meeting and accepted.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

MOVED: Tap Coutts / Zelle

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 27 March 2018 be confirmed as true and accurate.

CARRIED 5 / 0

CONFIRMATION OF CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

MOVED: Clark / Tapp Coutts

That the Confidential Minutes of the Confidential Council Meeting held on the 27 March 2018 be confirmed as true and accurate.

CARRIED 5 / 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.

Restructure Breakfast meeting – Katherine Town Council staff
Teleconference – Doug Gillanders
Budget meeting x 3
RAAF Base Airforce Birthday celebrations – Tindal
Funeral x 2
Jawoyn 40th Anniversary Celebrations – Nitmiluk National Park
Meeting with resident x 4
PFAS Teleconference (monthly)
Public Art Meeting/Katherine Flood Art strategy
Meeting with Mayor Maree Bredhauer
Development Consent Authority Katherine
ABC Grassroots x 2
Meeting with Commander Hollamby
Meeting with Doug Gillanders
Let's Talk Katherine Community Forum
Defence meeting (regular KTC catchup)
Meeting with Alderman Raynor
All Financial Services Dinner meeting presentation
Meeting with Leader of the Opposition – Parliament House
Meeting with Resident Magazine
Meeting with Director of DefenceNT Linda Fazldeen
Katherine Times interview – re Crocs
LGANT Executive teleconference meeting
Chamber of Commerce – Women in Business lunch
Top Didj – Tourism is Everyone's Business
Meeting with Sonya & Lyall McKay re Seniors accommodation
Iconic Arts Trail meeting
2018 – The Year Ahead presentation by Chief Minister Michael Gunner

St Josephs College ANZAC ceremony
Katherine High School ANZAC ceremony
YORET space opening (Youth Outreach & Re-engagement Team)
Ordinary Council Meeting – April

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS TO BE TABLED

NIL

10. PETITIONS

NIL

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 - MARCH 2018

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

MOVED: Tapp Coutts / Clark

DM Gazey - Typing mistake in title. Format of feedback very good. There were 9 reports of Animals at large, all were resolved, good outcome.

That it be recommended to Council:

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

CARRIED: 5 / 0

**13.2 MONTHLY CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2018**

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

MOVED: Hurley / Clarke

Alderman Tapp Coutts - Page 12, second paragraph March 2017 should be 2018.

CEO - Rosemary Jennings is looking at an update to the template for the Reports. Will take some months to do.

Mayor Miller – The famil evening organised by VIC Manager, Maria Helou, was a huge success. I would like to express thanks to Maria and the businesses that donated time and provided food for the function at a very reasonable price.

That it be recommended to Council:

That the report of the Corporate and Community Services Division for the months of February 2018 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

**13.3 MONTHLY WORKS AND SERVICES DIVISION REPORT FOR THE
MONTHS OF MARCH 2018**

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

MOVED: Gazey / Zelle

DM Gazey - Page 18 under Expectorate Services, I note there are many dogs at large reports. Also, that 18 dogs have been returned to their owners. Responsible dog ownership, such as registering dogs makes that job easier, which is good to see. The Rangers are being proactive in their work with a number of dogs being rehomed.

Mayor Miller - I was shown a dog that, when picked up by the Rangers, was sickly and covered in mange. Due to the efforts of Rangers and Katherine Rehoming, that dog is now looking very healthy and can be rehomed.

Alderman Tapp Coutts - Page 19, do we install the safety house signs?

MCRES - Safety House organisation comes under the NT Police.

Mayor Miller: Are Safety Houses identified by Neighbourhood Watch?

MCERS – Yes.

Alderman Clark - Page 15 - Rubbish statistics are increasing. Is it because of the increase in alcohol containers?

MCERS – Yes, that is a contributor.

Alderman Zelle - Weed spraying at the Hot Springs, did we miss some Gamba grass?

MCERS – The grass in question is not Gamba Grass.

CEO - We are looking at irrigation and landscaping options for the Hot Springs as part of the ongoing revitalisation project.

That it be recommended to Council:

That the report of the Works and Services Division Report for the month of March 2018 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

13.4 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2018

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Financial Report

MOVED: Tapp Coutts / Zelle

Alderman Clark – Regarding the 5 year proposal for existing Waste Management Facility (WMF), How are we going to manage the process and keep it open to the public?

CEO - That's currently what are planning for. If we manage to increase the existing waste facility, that will also give us some options to raise some extra revenue.

DM Gazey - Page 24 Capital Funding, Plant & Machinery - we have budgeted \$743K to date and only spent \$180K. Will that cost increase when we get our Traxcavator? Do we know the expected time of arrival for the Traxcavator?

COO - The expectation is that the Traxcavator will leave Brisbane by the 24th May, there's no promises but that's the latest update.

Alderman Clark - Page 29, remote Civil charged for repairs to Gillard Crescent and then on page 32 they have charged us again for Gillard Crescent, have we been charged twice for the one job or were there two separate jobs?

XMCCD: The first charge was for roadworks in February. The subsequent charge was for more works in March for pothole repairs.

That it be recommended to Council:

That Council endorse the Financial Report for the month of March 2018.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

13.5 CONSENT TO DECLARE MCKEDDIE ROAD FROM STUART HIGHWAY TO KALANO COMMUNITY ENTRANCE A ROAD

File: Works / Reports / Reports 2018 / OMC General Reports

MOVED: Tapp Coutts / Hurley

DM Gazey - My concern on taking this road on is that it is in a bad state and needs a lot of repairs. Is the \$100K offered in funding enough to cover the cost of the repair, so that Council are not left with a bill?

CEO - The total is expected to be \$80K so the \$100K should cover it.

Mayor Miller - Are we in receipt of the \$100K yet?

CEO – Council is yet to receive that funding.

DM Gazey - Can we amend the recommendation to, “subject to the receipt of \$100K in funding”?

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That Council endorse the consent to declare McKeddie Road as a Road and agree to the transfer of title in fee simple to Council's assets, subject to the receipt of \$100K in funding.

AMENDMENT MOVED: 5 / 0

CARRIED: 5 / 0

13.6 PROPOSED TIMELINE – MUNICIPAL PLAN 2018/19

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Financial Report

MOVED: Clark / Zelle

That it be recommended to Council:

1. To note the Municipal Plan timetable arrangements.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

13.7 CONSENT TO REZONE LOT 353 SHEPHERD STREET

File: Works / Reports / Reports 2018 / OCM General Reports

MOVED: Tapp Coutts / Zelle

DM Gazey - Recommendation is open. We could receive negative reports from community consultations. It also does not clarify whether we will act on the consultation.

CEO - You could add a "subject to further endorsement by council" statement to the recommendation.

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That Council endorse the consent to approve the rezoning of Lot 353 Shepherd St, Katherine South from Public Space to Community Purpose Subject to community consultation and subject to further endorsement by Council.

AMENDMENT MOVED: 5 / 0

CARRIED: 5 / 0

13.8 KATHERINE LOW-SECURITY PRISON ADVOCACY

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Chief Executive Officer

MOVED: Tapp Coutts / Clark

Alderman Tapp Coutts: Provided a media release from Minister Dale Wakefield about the Royal Commission Implementation Plan which announces \$71.4 M in funding to replace the Don Dale Detention Centre and other youth detention centres. \$8.9M has been allocated over 4 years, to empower local decisions. Maybe Katherine could tap into this to put together a proposal for a prison farm in Katherine. The government also announced that NT Prisons are running at 108% capacity.

Minister McCarthy advised at the LGANT Meeting in Darwin that the then Labor Government had commenced moving on a 200-bed facility at Katherine Rural Campus and had dropped Mataranka proposal prior to the last election. When Labor lost the election this was not pursued further by the CLP Government. Minister McCarthy indicated that he is very supportive of prison farms. A good example is Tennant Creek where people from the work camp help out with local events such as the Show, the Festival and sports carnivals and some have been trained as umpires for sporting activities. Others are getting jobs back in the community and the work camps in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek achieving some really good outcomes. Alderman Tapp Coutts suggested that this motion/proposal be taken to the Big Rivers Economic Development Committee (BRREDC) to get this proposal in motion DM Gazey – I fully support the investigation into a prison farm facility. We are situated in a good position and stand to gain good benefits for the community. Mayor Miller – The timing is sometimes not right due to multiple factors, but I feel, in this instance, the time is right and the proposal is good for the town. Alderman Tapp Coutts - The timing is right for Katherine. Hopefully we will see a real change to our community in a decade, as a result.

That it be recommended to Council to:

1. Direct the CEO to:
 - a) Further develop the proposal sufficient to address initially identified opportunities and constraints.
 - b) Seek further community input on the proposal.
2. Using the results of part 1 of the recommendation above, write a submission to and meet with the Hon Natasha Fyles MLA (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) and the Commissioner of NT Correctional Services (Mark Payne) seeking their support and comment on the proposal.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

14. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

Deputy Mayor Gazey

EMIS x 2
Ordinary Meeting of Council
Open Forum
Budget Meeting
Library Movie Night
CMIEF Minister Presentation
LGANT Meeting
Budget Meeting

Alderman Clark

EMIS x 2
Ordinary Meeting of Council
Open Forum
Budget Meetings x 2
Clean Up Australia Day
YMCA Come and Try
RAAF Birthday Celebrations
Funeral for Tribal Elder, Noelene Andrews Circle of Women – Mimi Arts

Alderman Raynor
EMIS x 2
Ordinary Meeting of Council
Open Forum
Budget Meeting

GYRACC AGM
Museum Committee Meeting
LGANT - Regional Forum Darwin
'Big Wet - little wet' Art exhibition
GYRACC

Alderman Tapp Coutts
EMIS x 2
Ordinary Meeting of Council
Open Forum
Budget Meeting
Public Crime Community Forum -
'Let's Talk Katherine'
Funeral for Jawoyn Elder Noleen
Andrews
Katherine Region of Writers
Meeting - Library
GYRACC Board Meeting

Alderman Zelley
Ordinary Meeting of Council
Open Forum
EMIS x 2
Budget Meeting

Alderman Matthew Hurley
Ordinary Meeting of Council
EMIS
Open Forum

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Alderman Clark - Power & Water have closed their office, this makes it difficult for some people in Katherine to make payment.
- Alderman Zelley - Seeking Leave from Absence 21st June – 28th June.

17. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

NIL

18. NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

The fifth Ordinary Meeting of Council for 2018 will be held on Tuesday 22 May 2018.

19. Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 6:40pm.



Fay Miller
MAYOR OF KATHERINE