



# **MINUTES**

OF THE

# **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**HELD**

**TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2013**

**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 26 FEBRUARY 2013 AT 6.00 PM**

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**1. OPENING PRAYER**

**2. PRESENT**

Mayor Fay Miller  
Alderman Lis Clark  
Alderman Steven Rose  
Alderman Donald Higgins  
Alderman Adrian Creighton  
Alderman Rob Phillips  
Alderman Kate Ganley

IN ATTENDANCE    Mr David Laugher – Chief Executive Officer  
Mrs Sophie Henderson – Administration Manager  
Mrs Alice Anastacio – Finance Manager  
Mrs Heather Kirk – Administration and Executive Support Officer  
Mrs Neroli Dickens – Manager Assets & Infrastructure  
Mr James Rowe – Economic Development Manager  
8 x Member of the Katherine Community

**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/Phillips

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 22 January 2013 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

That the Confidential Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 22 January 2013 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

- The Mayor welcomed the following people to the meeting:

Tony Tapsell, CEO of The Local Government of the Northern Territory (LGANT)  
Damien Ryan, Chairperson, LGANT  
Sue Davey, LGANT

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

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Correspondence and Documents 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

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**11.1 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2013**

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

MOVED: Ganley/Clark

That the report of the Chief Executive Officer for the month of January 2013 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

**11.2 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE WORKS MANAGER FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2013**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Works Manager Reports

MOVED: Phillips/Clark

That the report of the Works Manager for the month of January 2013 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

**11.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – JANUARY 2013**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Clark/Rose

That the Finance Report for the month of January 2013 prepared by the Finance Manager be received and adopted.

CARRIED: 7/0

**11.4 AQUITTAL OF VARIOUS SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANTS – DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL SERVICES**

File: Finance / Grant Funding

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

That it be recommended to Council:

That the acquittal for the Special Purpose Grant – Disabled Toilet and Shade Structures be received, noted and forwarded to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services.

That the acquittal for the Special Purpose Grant – Signage and House Numbering at Binjari Community be received, noted and forwarded to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services.

That the acquittal for the Special Purpose Grant – Two Soft Shade Structures Over Swings be received, noted and forwarded to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services.

That the acquittal for the Special Purpose Grant – Cost of Building a Climate Controlled Building at the Museum be received, noted and forwarded to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services.

That that acquittal for the Special Purpose Grant – Contribution to Children's Adventure Park be received, noted and forwarded to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services.

CARRIED: 7/0

**11.5 NAMING OF TRUCK PARKING BAYS ON MAJOR HIGHWAYS**

File: Community Relations / Committees / Place Names

MOVED: Higgins/Ganley

That Council:

Endorses the recommendation and approves the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Place Names Committee to agree to the proposal.

CARRIED: 7/0

**11.6 COUNCIL POSITION ON VISTA GOLD/MT TODD DEVELOPMENT**

File: Community Relations / Project Development / Private Sector Development

MOVED: Phillips/Creighton

That Council:

Considers the matter raised and determines to:

1. Adopt a position of formal support:
  - a. For the environmental protection measures that have been put in place; and
  - b. For the economic and social benefits that will accrue to Katherine if the mine proceeds to production.

CARRIED: 5/2

## 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:

### **Alderman Kate Ganley**

Council Meeting  
Australia Day Ceremony  
Elected Members Workshops  
2 x Katherine Regional Arts Meetings  
Budget Workshop - Tour of Katherine

### **Alderman Steven Rose**

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting  
Chamber of Commerce Meeting  
Elected Member Workshops  
Australia Day Ceremony  
Budget Workshop - Tour of Katherine

### **Alderman Donald (Henry) Higgins**

Council Meeting  
Elected Member Workshops  
Budget Workshop - Tour of Katherine  
Australia Day Ceremony

### **Alderman Adrian Creighton**

Australia Day Ceremony  
Dinner with Australia Day Ambassador  
Council Meeting  
Elected Members Workshops  
Budget Workshop - Tour of Katherine

### **Alderman Lis Clark**

Budget Workshop - Tour of Katherine  
Australia Day Ceremony  
YMCA meeting  
Art and Cultural Meeting  
Elected Members Workshops  
Council Meeting

### **Alderman Rob Phillips**

Council Meeting  
Australia Day Ceremony  
Budget Workshop - Tour of Katherine

## 13. LATE AGENDA

Nil

**14. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Alderman Higgins made application for leave at the beginning of March.
- Alderman Higgins requested Council offer their condolences to the Niceforo family.
- Alderman Rose updated the meeting on the issue of weeds in the Edith River area.
- Alderman Clark noted that it is Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 3 March and she would like to see support from her fellow Aldermen.
- Damien Ryan, LGANT, gave an update on Constitutional Recognition for Local Government.

**15. PETITIONS**

Nil

**16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

**17. MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting was closed at 7.10pm

Fay Miller  
**MAYOR OF KATHERINE**