



Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes

**Tuesday 24 September 2019
Ordinary Meeting 6.30 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 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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 past present and emerging.

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 Lis Clark
Alderman Jon Raynor
Alderman Matt Hurley
Alderman Peter Gazey
Alderman John Zelle

In attendance

Mr Allan McGill – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Mrs Claire Johansson – Chief Operations Officer (COO)
Ms Sue Crammond Minute Taker (EA)

200-300 x members of the Katherine Community (most of which departed following the conclusion of the first item for discussion)
1 x member of the Media

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies: Ms Taylor Revitt – Communications Officer (CO)
Ms Rosemary Jennings – Executive Manager Community Services (EMCS)
Alderman Tapp Coutts

Leave of Absence:

Alderman Zelle – 1 to 11 October 2019

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 23 July 2019 be confirmed as true and accurate.

CARRIED 6 / 0

MOVED: Zelley / Gazey

5.2 That the Minutes of the Confidential Meeting of Council held 27 August 2019 be confirmed as true and correct.

CARRIED 6 / 0

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Alderman Gazey – 21 Aug 2018 OMC – Let’s talk Katherine. Update CEO – XCCD will be consulted. She is on leave at present, however the intension is that a newsletter for this and other updates is very much on Council's agenda.

Alderman Raynor – Solar Panels cleaned
COO - Yes, in the last week of August.

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.

GBA Beetaloo Basin Panel Interview
Meeting with National Trust
Meeting with Land Access Lawyers & Graham Sawyer
Parliament House Reception – 2019 Great Northern Darwin Cup
Katherine Speedway
Katherine Development Consent Authority x 2
TV Interview – Katherine at the Crossroads
CSIRO Gisera NT Beetaloo sub-basin meeting
Teleconference – CEO Interviews for LGANT
LGANT Executive teleconference
Meeting with DM Clark
Elected Members Information Session x 3
ABC Radio Interview – Sportsgrounds Lights
30th Anniversary Celebrations – Nitmiluk National Park
Recruitment Process with Stephen Blackadder for CEO
Meeting with RAAF personnel
Meeting with Swim Dynamics
Jawoyn Anniversary Celebrations x 3 days
Territory Brand and Population Advisory Committee – Darwin
Nitmiluk Tours Board meeting – Nitmiluk
Australian Citizenship Day Ceremony – Civic Centre
Breakfast meeting with St John’s CEO & Executive
ABC Grassroots Interview
Top FM Radio Interview
Persuasive Writing – Year 1&2 Clyde Fenton Primary School
- Bubbler for Adventure Playpark
DPE Social Impact Policy – Graham Sawyer (Protect our Country)
LGANT CEO Interviews – Darwin
CBD Project discussion meeting

Memorial Ceremony – Katherine Cemetery
Meeting with DCM Jake Quinlivan
Presentation – NT Planning Commission
Presentation – Katherine Aviation
Meeting with PFES
Meeting with Northern Land Council Rick Fletcher
Katherine Town Council Grants Committee meeting

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS TABLED

- Email dated 23 September 2019 – Lauren Reed – "*Save the Katherine Museum – Publication 23.09.2019*"
- Letter dated 20 September 2019 – Perks Chartered Accountants – Audit Qualification Query.
- The Historical Society of Katherine Incorporated – Financial Statements for the financial year end 30 June 2019.

10. PETITIONS

Save the Katherine Museum. Presented by Alderman Hurley
The acceptance of the petition was seconded by Alderman Raynor.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

11. QUESTIONS

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Questions

11.1 With Notice

NIL

11.2 Without Notice

NIL

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

NIL

CHANGE IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Miller – In light of the number of people here tonight with a keen interest in item No. **13.7 – Katherine Museum Report**, I have decided to change the order of tonight's proceedings and commence with discussion of that report.

13. REPORT OF OFFICERS

13.7 MUSEUM OPERATING GRANT FUNDING

File: Governance / Reports to Council / Katherine Museum

Mayor Miller suspended Standing Orders and invited each Alderman to speak plainly on their opinion.

Alderman Hurley – I had a preconceived idea of which way to vote, but have now been swayed by amount of support shown here tonight by the community. I will be changing the way I was going to vote.

Deputy Mayor Clark – I am very emotional about this, as are many in the audience here tonight. I was a part of museum for over twelve (12) years. Along with others here tonight I contributed to the Museum by assisting in gaining \$180K worth of grant funding and have also made significant personal contributions. It is disappointing that over time, money has been given to the Darwin Museum on a regular basis and Katherine has missed out every time. The development of the Museum has been desired for a very long time, but it has been unable to attract NTG funding. I am surprised that under the NT Tourism banner support has not been forthcoming, especially when considering the NTG's "Expand the North" campaign. But, KTC can only support the Museum so much. The amount of blame being harboured on KTC is a bit upsetting too. We have and still continue to try to assist the Museum in many ways. But we are being portrayed as not wanting to help. We have provided many solutions which have not been taken up. All that aside, we need to band together. I really believe that my time here as an Aldermen is to try and make everything better.

Alderman Gazey – It is interesting to note that from the Katherine Show to now, the amount of misinformation that is being bandied about is overwhelming. The numbers being quoted by the media don't match up to fact and is not helpful in drawing the community together. Yes, the Council admit that some of its spending isn't good as some things have not accomplished what they needed to, and there are no excuses. However, grant money is grant money and rate money is rate money, they are two very different things. Rate payers have supported Museum in many ways (as we have heard tonight). A Go "Fund Me" page, could provide the Museum with money from rate payers who are willing to contribute. But if we are to collect more rates and then allocate it to the Museum, we must demand some level of responsibility go with it, we need to see the way in which that money will be used. I was interested to hear the numbers of patrons for the year was around 7.5K people and all the activities and functions that are held. That is good news. Just on the rates per resident equations spoken about earlier by the Museum board representative. We quoted \$67 / resident and this equation was for the \$200K originally sought by the Museum. The current proposal would require a rate payer contribution of \$37 each. I continue to implore people to read the Municipal Plan (MP), especially during the consultation phase – everything Council will budget for is listed in there. But, there was no approach by anyone (including the Museum Board) during that period or since, for raising the level of operational funding for the Museum. This request for further funding came in well post the MP consultation close and subsequent MP release. KTC are not trying to shut the Museum. We have actively looked at how we can support the Museum.

Alderman Zelle – I don't want to see the Museum shut - it is a great asset for the town. I am sure we can work together and look at how we budget our books and how the Museum budget their books. We can work out a solution that is acceptable to all.

Alderman Raynor – I mirror the comments as per Aldermen Gazey and Zelle – Council have tried assist with ideas to keep the Museum going which in a lot of cases hasn't been taken on. Never once have we said we will shut it down. If it is shut, what happens to the assets and how that is managed would have to be as per correct protocols. KTC would still be responsible for maintenance of buildings and gardens (we have heard tonight of their significant value). The funding for the WMF must also be kept going. I would like to see a budget line that specifically points to the WMF funding. A big flood will impact on WMF and will shorten its lifespan even more – should we take money from that to keep the Museum afloat? I am not sure. I have been to Museum functions recently and these functions are well worth supporting. It is very good to see the support of community here tonight for the Museum.

Mayor Miller – As all the Aldermen have said tonight, I express my thanks to everyone for their support for the Museum. However, the reality for elected members is one of a financial / budget impact and how we can manage it. I would like to read the following and submit a revised motion to be voted upon here tonight.

The motion as read by Mayor Miller.

"I usually respond to issues quite happily "off the cuff" – but decided in light of the constant negativity from mainly the Katherine Museum board members in the public domain and on social media, that I would write down the points that I wanted to add to this discussion. Council is the place for my comments, not responding on social media.

Katherine Museum is an asset which is owned by Katherine Town Council. I understand the passion for this lovely heritage area which is utilised for community events off and on throughout the year, and for special displays such as the "Wedding Gowns of Katherine". In the past several major events have been held there such as Debutante Balls and NT Cattleman's Association dinners and similar.

I first became aware of the serious financial position that the Museum is in when Lauren Reed and John Leo came to my office on 26th June. This meeting was followed, as you know, by a representation from board members at an Open Forum and meetings with Executive Staff.

Katherine Town Council had approved our Financial Plan for 2019/2020 before the 30th June – after much consultation with staff over the first 6 months of the year and community consultation– in which we have allocated a total of just over \$101,000 to the Capital and Operational funding for the Museum for this financial year. The Museum sent Katherine Town Council a letter with a list of capital works they required, for which Katherine Town Council allocated \$40,000 to Capital works. There was never any mention of Operational funding.

At a meeting with board members and the Museum's accountant John O'Brien, the board members were seeking operational funding of \$200,000 – details of which were very sketchy. We asked for more detail and a short time later the CEO was advised by Robert Buzzo that \$120,000 would be enough. Now that presented a conundrum for the elected members and staff as there was no draft budget provided for either of these figures – nor any business or action plans to achieve any outcomes. In other words, Council was being asked to commit ratepayer money to no known budget or outcomes. That would be totally irresponsible for Katherine Town Council to even contemplate.

Subsequent to these meetings the Katherine Museum signed off on documents to say they had enough money to cover their debts – which is a total contradiction.

I have spoken with the Member for Katherine Sandra Nelson who advised that she offered the Museum financial counselling which wasn't taken up. She also advised that she was told there was 'bad blood' between Katherine Museum and Katherine Town Council, which is news to me!

Museum Manager Simmone Croft approached our former CEO Robert Jennings in 2017 to discuss the future of the Katherine Museum and Community Gardens. As a result of that meeting the CEO, Claire Johansson and Simmone Croft worked to develop a *Master Plan 2017 – 2021* which has 86 pages of Areas, Actions and Timeframes, it also includes *Appendix 1 - Katherine Museum Master Plan 2010-2015; Appendix 2 – Katherine Museum Action Plan and Appendix 3 – Architectural Brief – For Concept Design of a New Main Museum Building.*

I seriously question how many of the Katherine Museum Board Members have even looked at this Master Plan. This is the basis from which you operate annually to achieve outcomes. It will not succeed sitting on a shelf collecting dust. There is an old saying – “If you fail to plan, you plan to fail” – and it's so very true.

From the time of the Katherine Show in July when the annual parade displayed SAVE THE KATHERINE MUSEUM banners on all the vehicles until even today, there has been a totally negative campaign towards Katherine Town Council which has bordered on 'bullying'. The very public campaign implies that the total responsibility for the future of the Katherine Museum lies in Katherine Town Council's hands. That is not so. The decisions that the board make moving forward will determine whether the Museum has a future or not.

There is another very true quote that I am going to use – The definition of Insanity by Albert Einstein is “to continue doing the same things over and over expecting a different result.” By that I mean that the Museum cannot continue to operate in the way it has to get to this point. There has to be some significant operational changes.

To that end I am putting forward the following Motion for consideration by the elected members:

- A That Katherine Town Council hereby confirms that the 2019/2020 budget allocation for the Katherine Museum Approved in the Financial Plan totals \$101,000.
- B That having considered all submissions and noting the current financial position of the Katherine Museum that Katherine Town Council adjust their budget to allocate an additional \$50,000 to the Katherine Museum for this financial year only.
- C That Katherine Town Council work with the Katherine Museum to lobby the Northern Territory Government for additional funding
- D That the \$50,000 additional funding from Katherine Town Council is subject to Katherine Town Council working with the Katherine Museum and the Department of Business to develop a structured financial way forward by 1st February 2020 to give certainty to the Museum's ongoing operations.

MOVED: Mayor / Hurley

Alderman Gazey – No mention of ongoing support to secure additional funding from other avenues.

Mayor Miller - Agree. KTC, Dept of Business and the Museum must work together to come up with a financial plan and additional funding. Additional \$50K from KTC will be Operating.

Alderman Gazey - \$150K made up of \$42 operational contribution, \$40K capital and \$11K for bore works. I would prefer the \$11K left out. To clarify your Motion, the Museum would take control of the \$40K capital funding and get works perform to standard by their own tradesmen etc. If any funds are left over, the Museum can transfer that to operational funds?

Mayor Miller – Yes.

Alderman Zelley – The additional \$50K, is that operational?

Mayor Miller – Yes.

Aldermen Raynor and Zelley – Can we make it more than \$50K?

Mayor Miller – No.

CEO – As a recap, Alderman Gazey wishes to reduce the \$101K to \$89K – taking out the bore money. The Museum will maximise the \$40K capital by using trades etc. organised by themselves. Anything left from that capital budget will then be transferred to Operating funds.

Alderman Zelley – Are we able to bump up the \$50K

Mayor Miller – KTC are not in a position to increase this offer. It is already coming from reserves.

Alderman Raynor – Initial figure \$151 minus \$11K.

Alderman Gazey – The \$11K will still be spend at the Museum for essential services (bore) so does not need to transfer to the Museum.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Mayor Miller – I received a text from the Northern Territory Government and MLA Nelson tonight. It states, the NTG will guaranteed to match any additional KTC funding for the Museum. That is an extremely pleasing result for the Museum and I really hope that the community now understand, where KTC stood on this matter!

ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Miller requested a 10 minute adjournment @ 7:09 pm.

RESUMPTION – The meeting resumed at 7:17 pm

13.1 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – AUGUST 2019

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

MOVED: Hurley / Gazey

That Council resolve:

That the Chief Executive Officer Report for the month of August 2019 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

13.2 MONTHLY REPORT FOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – AUGUST 2019

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

MOVED: Clark / Zelley

Alderman Clark – Visitors to library, when they go in they get counted. Do they get counted on the way out?

Mayor Miller – Yes, and it is adjusted by ½ to accommodate this. I note the senior's program is really picking up numbers. I also congratulate the staff on choosing the new signage at the Library. It is interesting, enticing and colourful. Well done.

Alderman Zelle – Can we check on the Library numbers? Even halved, it seems high. Are staff movements accounted for?

Mayor Miller – We have good participation from computer users and Wriggle & Rhyme attendances.

COO – Will double check all the patron numbers and confirm how counting is done and who are counted.

That Council resolves:

That the report of the Corporate and Community Development Report for the month of August 2019 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

13.3 MONTHLY REPORT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES – AUGUST 2019

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

MOVED: Hurley / Clark

Mayor Miller – Congratulations to Deputy Mayor Clark and Depot staff for their management of the Civic Centre grounds, post removal of the trees. It all looked green, neat and tidy. I hardly realised that fifty (50) odd trees had been removed!

Alderman Gazey – pg 13 - KTC Civil airport being monitored by RHADS?

CEO – That should read Wilson Security.

Deputy Mayor Clark – pg 13 says - mowing on cinema car park! What is that supposed to be? Picked up rocks for Rise to install? What was that?

CEO – Will take on notice.

Mayor Miller – For the preparation of cemetery for the installation of the memorial chair, I wish to pass on my congratulations to the staff involved. I am also aware of the excellent consultation between the staff and the customer on this one. It was brilliantly handled.

Deputy Mayor Clark – There appears to be a larger number of dogs picked up that are unregistered? Is it time to do another blitz on how many dogs in yards and registrations?

CEO – Will discuss with the Inspectorate team.

Alderman Zelle – Have more "warning" signs been installed at the Hot Springs? Has another Blue Eagle assessment been performed?

CEO – No additional assessment has been done. New fencing erected to keep people entering in an unsafe manner, was pulled down almost next day. Further signage has been applied in areas that were identified as unsafe.

Alderman Gazey – pg 16 graphs – Ten (10) visits for illegal dumping of domestic waste. That is high! Do we have any further details?

CEO – Will provide further info.

Alderman Raynor – Can we get the Water over road signs removed on Zimin Drive.

Mayor Miller – Is this sign KTC's or NTG's?

CEO - Will look into it?

Alderman Gazey – What is the damage on road?

COO – A member of public dropped their machinery bucket onto the road surface by accident and tore up the road surface. The Police were notified and we expect to recover cost of repairs.

That Council resolves:

That the report of the Infrastructure and Environment Services Report for the month of August 2019 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

13.4 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – AUGUST 2019

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Reports

MOVED: Clark / Zelle

Deputy Mayor Clark – pg 17 – The last statement refers to "he suspense account.....". Is there an update?

COO – This means there hasn't been a finalisation of end of year figures. There may be a figure that relates to last year sitting there that needs to be investigated.

Mayor Miller – The tables on pg 25-27 are very difficult to read. Can we get this printed in larger font next time?

Deputy Mayor Clark — Flood depth indicators, are they DIPL responsible?

Mayor Miller – If they are on our roads they are KTC responsibility.

Zelle – Areaux lights – is this the sportsground replacements?

COO – Yes, the Cockatoo damaged light replacements. Under an insurance claim and will check if the claim has been honoured.

Alderman Gazey – Sundry debtors – Are Airport debt represented here?

COO – Yes.

That Council resolve that:

Council endorse the Financial Report for the month of August 2019.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

13.5 KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL – ACCOUNTING AND POLICY MANUAL

File: Local Governance / Policy / Policy Decision to be Actioned / Policy Manual Updates

MOVED: Gazey / Clark

Deputy Mayor Clark – Delegation limit – the CEO was the highest, with other Officers below that. This is not the case here.

Mayor Miller – There are three (3) only at that same level. Do we need everyone at that level?

COO – Previous page explains definition of a repetitive expenditure. Large spends are usually pre-approved, i.e. a contract in place so a PO is just a confirmation. We need a couple of higher delegations to cover for absences.

Deputy Mayor Clark – How many credit cards are held by the organisation?

COO – The CEO, COO, the Exec Mgrs – with a limit of \$10K. This limit was only recently raised to \$10K cope with multiple vehicle regos which are now done on line. The Exec Assistant is the other, used for incidentals, travel bookings with airlines and accommodation etc.

Deputy Mayor Clark – pg 38 – Committees of Council - Rise Ventures needs to be added to the table. Representatives of Council are Aldermen Raynor and Clark.
Deputy Mayor Clark – Does Art and Cultural still meet?
Mayor – Not very regularly, but relates to the Katherine Prize, so we should leave there.

That Council resolve that:

The attached draft amended Accounting and Policy Manual be received, noted and adopted.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

13.6 KATHERINE LOGISTICS AND AGRIBUSINESS HUB TANK SITE

File: Local Governance / Ordinary Meeting of Council / Infrastructure & Environment Reports

MOVED: Clark / Hurley

Mayor Miller – This is good news to see this taking shape. It has been in planning for 3 years.

That Council resolve that:

That the Council endorses and supports the request to work with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics on developing a Deed of Agreement and the subdivision of part of NT Portion 5043, and then transfer to the Northern Territory of Australia, for the purpose of headworks for the proposed Katherine Logistics and Agribusiness Hub.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

13.8 EMUNGULAN ROAD LEIGHT CREEK BRIDGE CROSSING / BRIDGE

File: Local Governance / Ordinary Meeting of Council / Agendas 2019

MOVED: Clark / Zelle

Alderman Raynor – It was good to be the community meeting where so many good ideas were mentioned. With the money available I believe they will get a good result. But, they did want to keep the old road. What will we do with that?

CEO – Yes, they mentioned it could be a fishing platform? We would need to do more work on that thought before we could commit anything. But this Report only deals with the current bridge proposal. DIPL is assisting with the progression of the current project with view to going to tender in February 2020.

Alderman Clark – It is very exciting to see this long-awaited project getting close to a reality.

Alderman Gazey – Will the funding available construct a 30M bridge? Where is the other 15% required coming from?

CEO – Includes NTG and match Federal Government funding, plus some KTC funding. The transfer of lands will be required to complete the project on the suggested alignment and we have commenced some informal negotiations with landowners. However, we will have to seek advice on proper legal processes of that transfer. DIPL will get back to us shortly with an update.

Alderman Gazey – I would like to see the KTC contribution be kept to a minimum.

Mayor Miller – That would be a given.

That Council Resolves to:

- A. That the report be noted.
- B. That, given the support from stakeholders, the Council now proceed to complete final design for a 30m long bridge with a single lane across Leight Creek, review the cost estimates for the project and confirm funding with the view to inviting tenders in February 2020 and construction commencing in the 2020 dry season.
- C. That the Council commence the process of acquiring the private land adjacent to the proposed crossing so as to enable a new alignment for the crossing.
- D. That the Council convey its appreciation to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics for its support with this project.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

13.9 EXTEND COMPLETION DATE FOR THE KATHERINE HOT SPRINGS

File: Local Governance / Ordinary Meeting of Council / Agendas 2019

MOVED: Hurley / Clark

Alderman Clark –CEO, why have we extended on this date?

CEO – This extended timeframe has been around for some months, so this report is simply the formalisation, after receiving formal notice from NTG on the extension acceptance. It is not a "new" date. As an update to the project, embankments should be completed by late October and we will then move onto the top section by early November (weather permitting).

That Council Resolve that:

- 1. Accept the extended completion / acquittal date of 31 December 2019.
- 2. Council authorise the Mayor and CEO to sign and affix the common seal the variation document and return it to DIPL.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

13.10 DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY

File: Property Management / Disposal / Asset Disposal & Auction

MOVED: Gazey / Zelle

That Council resolves:

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

CARRIED: 6 / 0

13.11 NAMING A CAREFLIGHT KING AIR B200 AIRCRAFT

File: Local Governance / Ordinary Meeting of Council / Agenda 2019

MOVED: Clark / Gazey

Mayor Miller – I do like the name "Town of Katherine".

Alderman Gazey – We have spent time developing brand and colours for KTC. Did we ask if we could put that on there? Or would that just be more about KTC rather than the town?

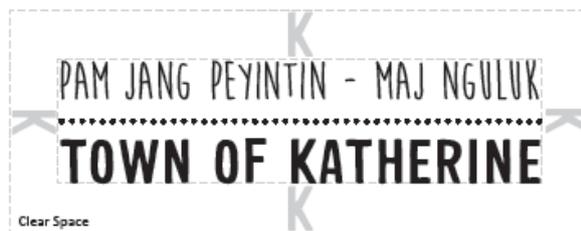
Mayor – Yes, the colours would be nice, but really would prefer in black. It is not about Council, but is about the town.

That Council resolve to:

1. Council accept this co-naming honour for the town of Katherine and its residents.
2. The name "*Town of Katherine*" be submitted to Careflight NT Ltd as Council's preferred naming option for the Careflight King Air B200 Air Ambulance.
3. The preferred naming be in a stacked format and using fonts noted in the attach graphic (A1).
4. Careflight be advised of Council's acceptance and preferred name option.

Name Proposal and Stack up:

PAM JANG PEYINTIN - MAJ NGULUK
.....
TOWN OF KATHERINE



Proposed stack up is "PAM JANG PEYINTIN - MAJ NGULUK" first above "TOWN OF KATHERINE" separated by a dotted line.

Proposed Fonts:

Jawoyn Name: Moon Flower Bold - Capitals

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Katherine Town Council Name: Sini Bold - Capitals

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CARRIED: 6 / 0

13.12 SHOPFRONT BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS PROGRAM, - ACCEPTANCE OF SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

File: Local Governance / Grant Funding / Shopfront Beautification Grants

MOVED: Clark / Zelle

Mayor Miller – Council received an email today from the Finch Café withdrawing their application for the Grant they received. The business is almost sold and so the new business owners should decide whether or not they wish to participate in the grant scheme. We hope the new owners resubmit.

Alderman Clark – How long is the Grants program open?

Mayor Miller – The program was opened in April 2019 and will be ongoing until the budget is expended.

That Council resolve that:

1. That Council approve the awarding of \$4,822.95 to Rod & Rifle Tackle World as part of the Shopfront Beautification Grant program, for the purpose of installing decorative imagery over security doors.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

13.13 KATHERINE ICON – SABU SING STATUE

File: Local Governance / Ordinary Meeting of Council / Infrastructure & Environment

MOVED: Gazey / Zelle

Mayor Miller – I agree with the Report where it indicates that site ownership is a minor issues as Council seems to have accepted responsibility for the statue. It is nice to get confirmation from NT Cattlemen's Association that they prefer the statue to age as bronze is designed to do. But we need to remove graffiti.

Alderman Gazey – Factual inaccuracy with stating of Mayor Miller in part of their synopsis.

Mayor Miller – Yes, that should have been Mayor Anne Shepard.

Alderman Raynor –Are we lobbying NTCA for graffiti removal expenses?

CEO – No, we are hopeful to get a grant to cover the cost of the removal.

That Council resolve that:

- A. That the report be received and noted.
- B. That the Council reaffirms previous Council decisions since 2002, that it accepts responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the Katherine Icon, Sabu Sing statue.
- C. That in order to remove graffiti from the statue external funding be sought to meet the costs of engaging an expert to remove the graffiti and treat the statue with a protective coating.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

13.14 COUNCIL REVIEW OF ELECTORAL MATTERS

File: Local Governance / Ordinary Meeting of Council / Agendas 2019

MOVED: Zelley / Gazey

Mayor Miller – In performing this review, the consultants will be speaking to all the Aldermen.

Deputy Mayor Clark – We have come along way with these reviews. We use to have a meeting of Council and now we have to pay for this to be done. This is another cost impost on Council.

CEO – The review must be concluded by August 2020. We could do this ourselves but would take a lot of time for Officers who are already stretched with budgets and audit.

Alderman Gazey – Use of external consultant gives a level of transparency.

Alderman Raynor – Does the community get some level of consultation?

Mayor Miller – It would appear so, reading this document.

That Council resolve:

That the project and fee proposal dated 9 September 2019 from C L Rowe & Associates to conduct the periodic review of Council constitutional matters be accepted, noting the fee of \$17,600 (GST exclusive) and a time frame commencing in October 2019.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

13.15 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2019

File: Local Governance / Policy / Notice of Special Council Meeting

CEO – Th reason for this notice being given is due to the criticisms levelled at Council around calling of Special Meetings. This is to ensure the community know about this meeting, well in advance. Council must have the Annual Report to Minister by 15 November.

Alderman Zelley – I will be absent that week.

Mayor Miller – That timeframe doesn't fit my schedule either.

Alderman Gazey – Can we do it at lunch time rather than the evening?

Mayor Miller – We could do it post the 11:00 Remembrance Day Service. Start the meeting at 12:00.

Amended resolution

That Council resolve:

MOVED: Clark / Zelley

That the Council approve a Special Council Meeting for Monday 11 November 2019 at 12.00 pm for the adoption of the Annual Report including the Financial Statements and Audit Report.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

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

File: Local Governance / Ordinary Meeting of Council / Agendas 2019

MOVED: Gazey / Clark

Mayor Miller – Will be attending as a compulsory member of LGANT.

Alderman Gazey – I nominate Deputy Mayor Clark if she is available.

Deputy Mayor Clark – I won't be DM at that stage, it will be Alderman Raynor.

Perhaps he should attend?

Alderman Raynor – Happy for DM Clark to go. But will look at my schedule and let you know.

Nominees: Mayor Fay Miller, Ms Claire Johansson (in place of CEO) and either Aldermen Raynor (schedule dependant) or DM Clark, should Alderman Raynor not be available.

That Council resolve:

1. The nominated delegates be recorded.
2. The nominated delegates attend the LGANT General Meeting and Annual General Meeting as Katherine Town Council's representative group.
3. LGANT be notified of the nominated KTC representatives.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

13.17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY (LGANT) - REPRESENTATIVE ON THE MINISTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL – MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

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That Council resolve:

MOVED: Clark / Zelle

Amended resolution:

Council decided to not provide any nominees to this Advisory Council.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

1. It be decided if Council wish to nominate for a position.
2. The nominated Alderman to be recorded.
3. LGANT to be notified of the nominee by 11 October 2019.

13.18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY (LGANT) - REPRESENTATIVE ON COMMITTEE – DEVELOPMENT CONSENT AUTHORITY (DCA)

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MOVED: Gazey / Hurley

Mayor Miller – Myself and Alderman Gazey are the current members and I for one, particularly in light of my connection with Regional Economic Development, would like to remain on committee.

Alderman Gazey – Would like to remain on the committee too, from a consistency view point. I have managed to work these meetings into my regular schedule and have attended most.

Alderman Zelle – I would also like to remain as the alternate.

Deputy Mayor Clark – I would like to renominate Alderman Gazey and Mayor Miller as members and Alderman Zelle as the alternate.

Alderman Hurley – I second DM Clark's nominees.

That Council resolve:

1. Council nominate Mayor Fay Miller and Alderman Peter Gazey as the member and Alderman John Zelle as the Alternate.
2. The Minister for DIPL be notified of the nominated Alderman by end September 2019.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

14. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

14.1 SHOWGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

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MOVED: Clark / Hurley

Mayor Miller – These minutes made good reading. I see the issue on a hirer installing their own locks at the hired venue?

Deputy Mayor Clark – Yes, there were complaints from other user groups. It won't happen again.

Alderman Zelle – The user states it was not their locks.

Deputy Mayor Clark – People were concerned and the XCCD is investigating.

That Council Resolve:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Showgrounds and Multipurpose Centre Advisory Committee meetings be received and its recommendations endorsed.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

14.2 SPORTSGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

File: Local Governance / Ordinary Meeting of Council / Agendas 2019

MOVED: Zelle / Hurley

That Council Resolve:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Sportsgrounds Advisory Committee meetings be received and its recommendations endorsed.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

15. ALDERMEN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Deputy Mayor Clark

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Open Forum

Elected Members Information Session x 2

Wayne Stubbs Memorial Service

Veterans – Long Tan Day Service

CEO meetings x 2

PFES / KTC Catch Up

Funeral – Alice Anastasio

Rise Venture Meeting

Senator Murray Watt Meeting

Nauruan High Commissioner Meeting

Australian Citizenship Day Ceremony

Alderman Gazey

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Open Forum

Elected Members Information Session x 2

Senator Murray Watt, Shadow Minister for Northern Australia,

Emungalan Road Bridge Community Meeting

Alderman meetings x 4

Sportsground Upgrade Meeting

Deputy Mayor meeting with KTC Staff

Show Society and KTC Staff

Discussion with community member regarding Strike for Climate Change.

Australian Citizenship Day Ceremony

Alderman Toni Tapp Coutts

On leave

Alderman Raynor

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Open Forum

Elected Members Information Session x 2

Senator Murray Watt Meeting

Alderman Meeting

Nauruan High Commissioner Meeting

Emungalan Road Bridge Community Meeting

Australian Citizenship Day Ceremony

Meeting with CEO and Deputy Mayor
NT Tourism 2030
Sportsgrounds Meeting

Alderman Zelley
Ordinary Meeting of Council
Open Forum
Elected Members Information Session x 2

Alderman Hurley
Ordinary Meeting of Council
Open Forum
Elected Members Information Session x 2

16. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

NIL

17. GENERAL BUSINESS

Alderman Hurley – I would like to commend Agnes Adan for her work at Council. I understand she has left Council's employ.

Alderman Zelley – Went to NT Training awards. Claudia ?? won ??? (Zelley)

Deputy Mayor Clark – Is there a tyres at Showground update?

CEO – KTC staff are working with environmental consultants and the EPA with regard to the contaminated substances (soil). With supervision from fire brigade we will pull tyres apart after the fire has been sufficiently extinguished and ultimately, all material has to be removed from the site. Investigation commenced by CEO into the whole incident.

Deputy Mayor Clark – In a letter to editor in the Katherine Times last weeks the cost of tree removal at the Civic Centre was incorrectly report as \$80K. In fact, the cost was \$17K.

Alderman Gazey –That same letter to the editor quoted there was no fire break around the tyres at the Showgrounds. However, I spoke to the Fire Officer on the day and he said there was an adequate firebreak in place prior to the fire starting, but that it had jumped the that break. The letter to the editor contained incorrect information and it would be nice to see people get the facts straight before going to print.

COO – Yes, the EPA have also confirmed that a sufficient firebreak was in place and confirm we had gone over and above the requirements and recommendations of such.

Alderman Raynor – It takes a lot of heat for a tyre to burn.

Mayor Miller – It was a very hot, intense day.

Deputy Mayor Clark – I would also like to add, Council were not storing the types there, we were trialing a barrier fence to try to stop people breaking into the Showgrounds and causing damage. Hindsight is a wonderful thing but the tyres were put there with the best of intensions.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 8:18 PM

A motion was raised to adjourn the Ordinary Meeting of Council as per Section 8(c) (i) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations, to consider matters of a confidential nature.

MOVED: Miller / Clark

CARRIED: 6 / 0

18. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

A motion was raised to re-open the Ordinary Meeting of Council to the general public.

MOVED: Miller / Clark

CARRIED: 6 / 0

MEETING RESUMPTION: 8:29 PM

A motion was raised to resume the Ordinary Meeting of Council and to allow the decisions of the Confidential Meeting of Council be entered into the public record.

MOVED: Raynor / Mayor

CARRIED: 6 / 0

18.1 KATHERINE AVIATION HANGAR FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

MOVED: Raynor / Zelle

Amended Resolution

That Council Resolves to:

Agree in principle to:

1. Parties negotiating security of tenure in accordance with the CoC head lease and operating deed to achieve the outcome that the Hangar Trust hold a sub-lease on the land to be occupied by the hangar and a formal written agreement be made between the users of the hangar, Katherine Aviation and Longreach Aircraft Maintenance.
2. The value of the required works for the decommissioning of the existing building and the work improvements hangar are recognised into the future as an offset against rent to the sub-lease holder
3. The sub-lease to the nominated Ben Bowden Trust to become fully effective as of the date of occupancy by a user of the hangar.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

18.2 **KATHERINE CIVIL AIRPORT SUB-LEASES**

MOVED: Clark / Hurley

Amended Resolution

That Council Resolves:

That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorized to sign and apply the Council Seal to sub-leases for tenancies at the KCA, with the exception of Viva Energy.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

19. **NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The ninth Ordinary Meeting of Council for 2019 will be held on Tuesday 22 October 2019.

20. **Meeting Closed**

The meeting closed at 8:31 pm.



Fay Miller
MAYOR 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
PM	Project Manager
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