



Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes

**Tuesday 28 May 2019
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 28 May 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 and 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 Lis Clark
Alderman Peter Gazey
Alderman Toni Tapp Coutts
Alderman Matt Hurley
Alderman Jon Raynor
Alderman John Zelle

In attendance

Mr Robert Jennings – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Mrs Claire Johansson – (COO)
Mr Peter Reeve – Executive Manager Infrastructure & Environment (XIE)
Ms Rosemary Jennings – (XCCD)
Ms Sue Crammond Minute Taker (EA)
Ms Taylor Rivett – Communications Officer (CO)

MLA Nelson – Member for Katherine
6 x members of the Katherine Community
1 x member of the Media

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies: NIL

Leave of Absence: NIL

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

MOVED: Hurley / Zelle

5.1 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 23 April 2019 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.

St Joseph's College ANZAC Ceremony
ANZAC DAY Dawn Service
ANZAC DAY Parade and Commemorative Ceremony for Scott Palmer
Masterbrand Population Advisory Committee – Darwin
Katherine Development Consent Authority
Savannah Way Limited Board Meeting – teleconference
Power & Water – met the Board visiting Katherine
Bilske Fundraiser Quiz Night
ABC Radio Interview – Katherine Hot Springs
Australian Institute of Office Professionals Annual Breakfast – Mindil Beach
Celebration of Life x 2
Police Fire & Emergency Services meeting
ICAC Information Session
Elected Member Information Session x 2
Meeting with CEO of Tourism Top End
Meeting with Project Control Group – Sportsgrounds & Showgrounds
Meeting with Project Control Group – CBD
Katherine Emergency Committee Meeting
Tourism Top End meeting – Katherine Outback Experience
ABC Grass Roots interview
International Student meet & greet/partnership with Study NT
LGANT Executive meeting – Parap
Meeting with Sue Shearer – COTA Executive Officer
OnShore Shale Gas Community & Business Reference Group – Meeting 4 – Darwin
Beetaloo Geological & Bioregional Assessment Region User Panel Meeting – Darwin
Book Launch – Tanya Heaslip – Darwin
Meeting with Police re Crime Stats
Community Presentation – Sportgrounds
Community Forum
May Ordinary Council meeting

ONSHORE SHALE GAS & COMMUNITY & BUSINESS REFERENCE GROUP

As an appointed member I attended the 4th meeting of this Reference Group in Darwin on Wednesday 22 May. The Agenda included a presentation on progress against the 135 recommendations from Dr Ritchie's report, incorporating Quarterly Report, Implementation Plan priorities 1 year on and update on communications and engagement. By far the most discussed agenda item was the Update on NO GO ZONES which will by now be uploaded to the website. The inquiry's criteria were set out in Recommendation 14.4, which states:

That prior to the grant of any further exploration approvals, the following areas must be declared reserved blocks under section 9 of the Petroleum Act, each with an appropriate buffer zone:

- *Areas of High tourism value*
- *Towns and residential areas (including areas that have assets of strategic importance to nearby residential areas)*
- *National Parks*
- *Conservation reserves*
- *Areas of high ecological value*
- *Areas of cultural significance; and*
- *Indigenous Protected Areas*

The Inquiry also recommended that exploration permits should not be granted in areas that do not contain petroleum potential in Recommendation 14.3, which states:

That Government not approve any application for an exploration permit in relation to areas that are not prospective for onshore shale gas or where co-existence is not possible. Priority must be given to the areas identified in Recommendation 14.4.

Comment on the consultation paper and areas government has identified as proposed reserved blocks is open for a period of 4 weeks.

Consultation commenced on 23rd May 2019 and will close on 20th June 2019. Comment can be made via the Northern Territory Government's HAVE YOUR SAY website or via email W: <https://haveyoursay.nt.gov.au/> E: info.dpir@nt.gov.au

BEETALOO GBA REGION USER PANEL MEETING NO 2

I attended the meeting of the User Panel on Thursday 23 May in Darwin at which we received an update on Stage 2 - Objectives and progress, geology, ecology, surface water, groundwater and water quality. Updates were also provided by Pangaea, Santos and Origin.

The Mayor of Roper Gulf and Mayor from Barkly were also in attendance – and were in agreement with me of the lack of communication from the operators. Most people do not understand the technical information that is released to the public – it needs to be community friendly and relatable. The operators were in agreement that more work needs to be done in communicating with the public.

Mayor Miller – I urge elected members and all interested members of the public to look for the Media Release from Paul Kirby, Minister of Primary Industries and Resources, *Protecting Our Environment, Creating Jobs: No-Go Zones Released* (24 May 2019).

Mayor Miller – There was a request by the Beetaloo User Panel for an extension of time to continue its work. Chief Minister has provided congratulations letter to all panel members and inviting panel member to continue on with the reference group for a further 12 months, i.e. till June 2020. I would like to participate in that extended panel. I would also stress that as Council, we do need to get response a letter completed by 20 June 2019, and 'Have Your Say', via the website link above.

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 – MAY 2019

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

MOVED: Gazey / Clark

Mayor Miller – Is there a Leight Creek bridge progress report? Would DIPL representative, Phil Harris like to make a comment?

CEO This project has been strongly supported by DIPL. The engineering tender was released and a consultant appointed. It is anticipated a two (2) week period will be need for a costing exercise. Construction is expected to commence in September.

Alderman Gazey – Can we get the promised verbal response on the Scatts Plumbing item please.

XCCD – This was for works on Lindsay Street drainage and several other items. Essentially, there was no double up on this payment.

Alderman Tapp Coutts – Where are we up to with sustainable events policy?

CEO – The policy has been produced and is currently going through the edit process, but we expect to have a document on the first stage available for the June Ordinary Meeting of Council. Initial thoughts are to commence with a trial of the first stage of the policy. That trial may inform us on the wider policy details and rollout.

Alderman Gazey – Page 7 "Complaints received table". I keep noticing we haven't had any complaints, but there seems to be lots of negativity on FB and in

the newspaper. Also, the table still refers to December, where it should be up to April.

CEO – There are no official complaints registered with Council. Hence, apart from the notation of the month of December being incorrect, the data recorded is zero complaints for the FY.

Alderman Raynor – Page 3 - Reference to No-Go Zones, do we need to work on the hydraulic fluid spills from trucks policy?

CEO – We are researching the best way of putting a policy together. We will also need to speak to DIPL to seek advice and assistance with this item.

That it be recommended to Council:

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

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.2 MONTHLY REPORT FOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MAY 2019

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

MOVED: Tapp Coutts / Hurley

Alderman Gazey – ANZAC Day - There was a lot of social media coverage and press coverage on this event (which was a wonderful event). There was however, a lot of discussion on the cost of holding such an event. Can we get a record of the ANZAC Day costing out to the public?

XCCD – Total for ANZAC Day was in excess of \$20K. Of that \$9K was for traffic management. However, it should be noted, this price was largely offset by the assistance of DIPL with the management plan and the Police in providing 4 x vehicles and 8 x staff to control traffic during the event. We cannot know what that level of staffing and vehicles would cost, but it suffices to say, it would be substantial.

That it be recommended to Council:

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

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.3 MONTHLY REPORT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES – MAY 2019

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

MOVED: Hurley / Clark

Mayor Miller – In general, there looks like more mowing is being done as town is looking much neater.

Alderman Raynor – Sprinklers - The words refer to nil sprinkler usage resulting in nil spend, but the chart indicates \$350 spent?

XIE – The words are incorrect. There was some usage during April and we also had some problems with some of our bores.

Mayor Miller – I am guessing the bore at sportsgrounds was one?

XIE – Yes, we have applied to put a new bore down to replace the broken one. In the interim, we have linked other bores together to assist watering, but there is a lack of pressure as a result.

Mayor Miller – I didn't realise there was such a long approval for a bore.

XIE – The application has been in for about 3 weeks. We are still trying to recover the existing bore but that may not be possible, so will continue on with the application for the new bore as well.

Alderman Clark – Cenotaph garden is looking good, but we are losing plants to theft. If anyone sees persons doing this, please report it.

Alderman Gazey – We have sixteen (16) dogs impounded, but the total refers to only eleven (11). Where did the other five (5) dogs go?

XCCD – When we are requested by Police to housed/impounded animals as part of operational matters, we do not include those animals in the impound figure. This is because we will not be searching for an owner for these animals.

That it be recommended to Council:

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

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.4 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – MAY 2019

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Reports

MOVED: Zelley / Clark

Alderman Gazey – Page 35 - Towing of Peugeot from Elliott?

XCCD – This invoice is for various items which totals \$1994. It is Elliott St that a Peugeot was towed from, not the township of Elliott to the WMF.

Mayor Miller – Sundry debtors has significantly risen for April. What is the reason for that?

CEO – See the note at bottom of table referring to a grant from Australian Sports Commission.

Alderman Clark – Page 34 – Clayton Utz - \$3063. What is that for?

COO – We sought advice on procurement processes, particularly in relation to preferred supplier arrangements.

That it be recommended to Council that:

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

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.5 CONSENT TO OPEN AND CLOSE A SECTION OF MCADAM ROAD TO ALLOW FOR REALIGNMENT

File: Local Governance / Reports 2019 / OMC General Reports

MOVED: Tapp Coutts / Gazey

Alderman Tapp Coutts – This is a legacy issue, of which we have many in town. We are simply finalising the administration paperwork on these.

That it be recommended to Council that:

1. Council endorse the consent for road opening and closure of a section of McAdam Road and subsequent "land swap" arrangement with affected property owners.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.6 CONSENT TO DECLARE A PORTION OF CASUARINA AND CORMACK STREET INTERSECTION KATHERINE EAST A PUBLIC ROAD

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Infrastructure & Environment Reports

MOVED: Hurley / Tapp Coutts

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That Council consent to declaring the Casuarina and Cormack Street intersection a public road.
2. That Council forward the proposal to DIPL and seek their approval.
3. Once DIPL approval is obtained forward the proposal to the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development for approval.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.7 CONSENT TO DECLARE A PORTION OF CHARDON STREET KATHERINE EAST A PUBLIC ROAD

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Notice of Motion Officer Comments

MOVED: Tapp Coutts / Clark

That it be recommended to Council that:

1. That Council consent to declaring the section of Chardon Street from the western boundaries of Lots 3472 and 3460 a public road.
2. That Council forward the proposal to DIPL and seek their approval.
3. Once DIPL approval is obtained forward the proposal to the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development for approval.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.7 CONSENT TO DECLARE A PORTION OF CYPRUS STREET KATHERINE EAST A PUBLIC ROAD

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Infrastructure & Environment Reports

MOVED: Clark / Zellely

That it be recommended to Council that:

1. That Council consent to declaring the section of Cyprus Street from the Stuart Highway to Lot 2785 Cyprus Street a public road.
2. That Council forward the proposal to DIPL and seek their approval.
3. Once DIPL approval is obtained forward the proposal to the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development for approval.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.8 T19/02 – KATHERINE URBAN ROAD RESEALING

File: Tenders / Tenders 2019 / T19-02 – Katherine Urban Road Resealing

MOVED: Zellely / Hurley

Alderman Raynor – This is a good price, but will it do what we want considering the other two (2) tenders were \$100K higher?

XIE – I believe it will. Other tenderers put in their price items outside the tender specification. We will have additions but not to the value of the higher tender prices.

Alderman Gazey – If there is work to be done prior to the seal, how do we enforce that work is carried out?

XIE – It comes back to KTC properly supervising the job. Whether we get contractor or KTC staff to do that preliminary work is unknown at this stage. I have confidence we can supervise properly.

CEO – If there is a variation of the contract, we then say what standards we want that work to be done at. We monitor engagingly as part of the contract.

Gazey – There is no way they can put on the seal without the pre-work being done?

Mayor Miller – No, as we will be properly supervising.

Alderman Raynor – If the tenderers are telling us we need extra specifications, have we written the tender correctly?

XIE – I don't think we specified the work that should have been done in the tender, but they haven't tendered for what we asked. Only one tenderer did that.

XIE - Regulation course has to be done before the reseal can commence.

Alderman Gazey – Do you confidently believe the regulation course can be carried out for \$70K?

XIE – We do. We have been out and looked at the roads and we believe we can do it.

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That Tender T19/02 – Katherine Urban Road Resealing be awarded to Downer EDI at their submitted schedule of rates price of \$233,645.81 (GST inclusive).

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.9 OVERDUE DEBTORS REPORT

File: Finance & Information / Accounts / Debtor Analysis

MOVED: Hurley / Tapp Coutts

Alderman Raynor - A lot are to do with the airport. A lot of these companies have gone into liquidation. How do we make sure AV Data are doing what they should with regard to collecting?

COO – AV Data follow their processes. The airport is open and we don't vet who can and who can't access the airport. We don't go out and do a credit analysis before a plane lands.

CEO – There is a risk with the smaller operators. On the larger pieces of work, we do ask for bank references.

That it be recommended to Council that:

The officers recommend the Elected Members authorise the following debts be written off as bad debts. It is not reasonably possible to recover.

	Debtor Number	Total Amount of Debt	Financial Year the debt relates to	Date sent to debt collectors	Notes
1	4273/01	\$ 459.00	2014-2015	5/03/2018	Debt collectors failed to successfully communicate with the debtor to recover the debt amount. The next step is to take legal action. The Debt Collectors recommended to write the debt off.
2	150 015 080	\$ 1,753.46	2013-2014	2014	Debt collectors & Avdata advised us that the company has gone into liquidation and cannot recover the debt
3	150 015 310	\$ 53.87	2013-2014	Nil	According to Avdata records the company has gone into liquidation. It is not worth sending the debt collectors as Territory Debt Collectors (TDC) charges \$33.00 upfront to start the debt collection process.
4	150 028 339	\$ 78.45	2017-2018	Nil	According to Avdata records the company has gone into liquidation. It is not worth sending the debt collectors as TDC charges \$33.00 upfront to start the debt collection process.

5	150 005 763	\$ 77.79	2018-2019	Nil	Avdata was unsuccessful in collecting the debt amount. It is not worth sending the debt collectors as TDC charges \$33.00 upfront to start the debt collection process.
6	150 039 667	\$ 10.78	2018-2019	Nil	Avdata was unsuccessful in collecting the debt amount. It is not worth sending the debt collectors as TDC charges \$33.00 upfront to start the debt collection process.
7	150 034 926	\$ 69.66	2017-2018	Nil	Avdata was unsuccessful in collecting the debt amount. It is not worth sending the debt collectors as TDC charges \$33.00 upfront to start the debt collection process.
8	150 012 327	\$ 80.54	2017-2018	Nil	Avdata was unsuccessful in collecting the debt amount. It is not worth sending the debt collectors as TDC charges \$33.00 upfront to start the debt collection process.
	Total	\$ 2,583.55			

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.10 Representatives on Committee – Katherine East Child Care Centre

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Representatives on Committee

MOVED: Clark / Tapp Coutts

Nominated:	Nominated by:	Seconded
Alderman Zelley	Alderman Clark	Alderman Hurley

Alderman Zelley – I believe I have the acquired knowledge, skills and history of the centre, to be an effective representative for Council.

That it be recommended to Council:

1. Council elected, from the Aldermen, a representative to sit on the KECCC Board.
2. The nominated Alderman be recorded.
3. KECCC be notified of the nominated Alderman representative.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

14. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

Deputy Mayor Clark

Open Forum

Elected Member Information Sessions x 2

Showgrounds Advisory Committee

Youth Week meeting with R. Mewburn
Preparation for Rates Forum
Cenotaph Gardens discussion with Environment Mgr
Rates Forum
Meeting with CEO
Youth Week Workshop – Alderman for a Day with St Josephs College
LGANT General Meeting and associated activities
Katherine East Development Meetings x 2
Budget meeting
ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Alderman Gazey

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

Alderman Toni Tapp Coutts

Ordinary Meeting of Council
Open Forums
Elected Members Information Session x 2
GYRACC Board Meeting
Budget Meeting
Bilske Family Fundraiser
Museum / CBD Consultation Meeting
Biggest Morning Tea – Katherine Museum
ICAC Information Session
T Heaslip Book Launch – Darwin
KROW – Library – Writer's Festival

Alderman Raynor

Ordinary Meeting of Council
Open Forum
Elected Members Information Session x 2
Airport User Group Meeting

Alderman Zelley

Ordinary Meeting of Council
Open Forum
Elected Members Information Session x 2
ICAC Information Session
CBD Revitalisation consultation
Sportsgrounds User Group consultation/presentation

Alderman Hurley

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

15. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

To accept the late agenda items x 3 to the meeting.

MOVED: Clark / Tapp Coutts

CARRIED: 7 / 0

15.1 DRAFT MUNICIPAL PLAN 2019-2020

File: Local Governance / Compliance / Municipal Plan

MOVED: Clark / Zelle

Alderman Clark – Page 18 – Museum funding in the vicinity of \$100K. We only give \$44K.

CEO – This number takes into items including in kind etc. But we will provide you a breakdown of that figure.

Alderman Clark – Page 37 – Review of website content. States once per year? I would have thought we'd do more than that?

CEO – There is a continual review by Officers throughout the year. However, a formal detailed review takes place once per year.

Alderman Clark – Page 41 - Airport usage fees. Estimate is that will go down this year. Are we expecting less usage of the airport?

COO – Projected income is based on actuals, on what is happening this FY. Then add 2% for next year.

Alderman Clark – Page 65 – Subscriptions have increased from \$39K to \$86K. Why?

COO –\$35K was paid as a consultancy fee (and wrongly coded). That item was the biggest impact in that increased figure.

CEO – We did review our subscriptions and we have cut some.

Alderman Tapp Coutts – Membership to LGANT etc are included as subscriptions?

CEO – Yes, that's correct.

Mayor Miller – Do we have a budget allocation for HR?

COO – External HR support.

CEO – Internal HR and Employsure are our external advisors. We receive a lot of value from that contract.

Alderman Zelle –Page 65. – Electricity increase. How does electricity bill rise when we are using solar and LED lights?

COO – I will take that question on notice.

Alderman Gazey – Rates are going up by 7.5% (Appendix 4). This is not to say that every individual's rates will go up by 7.5%. The 7.5% refers to the total revenue increase for the total rates bill. So when resident's say my rates have gone up greater than 7.5%, that increase is related to their Unimproved Capital Value (UCV).

Alderman Gazey – Page 16 – Katherine Hot Springs – Change the wording to portray the current commencement of works date.

That it be recommended to Council:

That Council approve the Draft Municipal Plan 2019-2020 for public exhibition.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

15.2 VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

File: Legal Documents / Agreements/ Visitor Information Centre

MOVED: Tapp Coutts / Clark

CEO – Some clarification as to why the agreement is dated 2018. This is the past year agreement that was overlooked for the NTG funding component to operate VIC. There is a likely reduction in funding for future years as part of the NTG's cost cutting measures. This potential decrease is included in our budget costing, but not noted in the agreement.

Mayor Miller – This is another tidying up exercises in signing the agreement.

Alderman Gazey – Three years with reducing income, does this restrict our commitment to produce our own income stream, i.e. ability to sell products?

CEO – No it does not. It is almost a copy of the previous agreements.

Alderman Raynor – Page 10 - Operating profits? What is that?

XCCD – Refer to commissions on accommodation sales as well as merchandise sales. Tourism NT are kind enough to provide funding and are looking to move to 3 year agreement. We also enjoy a strong partnership with TTE for bookings etc. The bulk of our income stream through this booking method.

Alderman Raynor – Do we pay an operating profit to TTE?

XCCD – No we don't.

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That Council approves the renewal of the Visitor Information Centre operational funding agreement with Tourism NT for thirty-six months to 30 June 2021; and
2. That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to execute a three (3) year partnership agreement with Tourism NT for the period 2018/2021 and affix the Common Seal as required.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

15.3 KATHERINE AQUATIC CENTRE – WATER USAGE REVIEW

File: Tenders / Works / Operational Management of the Katherine Aquatic Centre

MOVED: Zellej / Clark

XCCD – Other operating expenses for management costs only available three (3) months from FY. The reports speaks to bore water to mains water and to ensure that wasn't having impact on rate payers. 100 days = 63K ltr @ \$2.07/kl = \$1.33 to fill pool per day.

Alderman Raynor – There are some significant jumps in usage in the graph?

XCCD – We can have the discussion with the YMCA on that.

Alderman Tapp Coutts – The pool is closed to the public for the duration of school carnival days.

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That this report be received and noted; and
2. That a further review into the operational costs of the Katherine Aquatic Centre occurs in November 2019 on availability of audited financial statements.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

Alderman Tapp Coutts – Council is concerned about the Northern Territory Government redistribution of electoral boundaries. It means five hundred (500) voters from Binjari, Rockhole and Florina Road will change to the Arnhem electorate. This is a very divisive decision to take that section out. Council will be providing a response on our displeasure with this decision.

Alderman Tapp Coutts – I would like to propose a motion to extend Council's condolences to the Beaumont family who lost their son Dwayne in a tragic accident in Darwin recently.

MOVED: Tapp Coutts / Clark

CARRIED: 7 / 0

Alderman Tapp Coutts - Noting some events for the month of June in Katherine – Junk Festival, Writers Festival including writing workshops, Comedy Festival, Literary lunch and brunch.

Alderman Gazey – Following up on Alderman Raynor's previous comments on No-Go Zones, or reserve block. We need to reiterate the request for the whole of the Katherine Municipality be exempted from Fracturing. We have written to the Minister before, with no response, so we do need to follow that up. The municipal area does not show much potential for fracturing so we shouldn't have too much trouble with being exempted.

Mayor Miller – Reserve blocks noted are those who have already put in an application for exemption. We are an RB 4. There are fifteen (15) reserve block in the NT. I encourage you to all look at the Primary Resources map. All towns are the same with exemptions right on the boundaries.

Alderman Tapp Coutts – Does this mean Florina Rd can be fracked?

Mayor Miller – Technically, but there is nothing to frack there. But I guess you are talking about exploration? We still want it exempted. We have horticultural and agricultural lands which are important parts of the local economy. In conclusion, we really need to present a very good argument to insist on exemption.

Alderman Tapp Coutts – We can't have the Agribusiness Hub and not have exempted fertile agricultural lands.

Alderman Raynor – We have to go back to the Minister as he is not listening. I support a very strongly worded letter needs be delivered asap.

Mayor Miller – 30 June is the close of consultation date.

Alderman Gazey – The letter should be made public so the town know our stance.

Alderman Clark – Alderman Hurley and myself attended "The Long Ride" dinner on 17 May. The organisers say they usually provide a \$50K windfall to the townships they visit. We are expecting photos of the events and riders, which we will publish on our website. The Long Ride raises money for Prostate Cancer research and has been doing so for eleven (11) years. Riders come from all areas of Australia. Some were heading to Broome after here and for some it was their first experience in the Territory. Hopefully, they will visit the Territory again.

Alderman Raynor – There were about 10 riders from Katherine that joined them on their ride.

17. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

NIL

18. NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

The fifth Ordinary Meeting of Council for 2019 will be held on Tuesday 25 June 2019.

19. Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 7:18 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
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