



Special Council Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday 16 July 2019
5:30 PM**

Council Chambers, Civic Centre,
Stuart Highway, Katherine

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL HELD
AT THE KATHERINE CIVIC CENTRE TUESDAY 16 JULY 2019 @ 5:30PM**

Special Council Meeting declared open at 05:30PM

1. Present:

Mayor Fay Miller – Via Teleconference
Deputy Mayor Lis Clark
Alderman Peter Gazey
Alderman Toni Tapp Coutts
Alderman Matthew Hurley
Alderman Jon Raynor

Allan McGill – Interim Chief Executive Officer (I/CEO)
Claire Johansson – Chief Operations Officer (COO)
Rosemary Jennings – Exec Mgr Corporate and Community Development (XCCD)

Minute Taker: Casey Anderson – Governance Officer

2. Apologies and Leave of Absence:

Alderman John Zelle

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

Nil

4. Reports of Officers

**4.1 Participation in Shine Lawyers Katherine Contamination Class
Action (PFAS)**

MOVED: Deputy Mayor Clark SECONDED: Hurley

Alderman Gazey – The information that was provided and given the situation we are in, I do not see there is a lot to discuss regarding this matter. We have worked well with Defence and to follow with the recommendations.

Alderman Raynor – Regarding the report that Council received, if action is successful, the Council will be required to pay out any costs which are outlined in the funding agreement with the provider of the money and Shine Lawyers. Can I please obtain clarification of obtain an explanation?

Mayor Miller – Alderman Raynor, I did read that and thank you for raising that.

(COO) – I will have to take that on notice.

Alderman Tapp - Coutts – I endorse this recommendation, at first I initially thought that Council should not participate in the Class Action. However, now that Council has obtained legal advice, I now agree with the recommendation.

Deputy Mayor Clark – I agree.

Alderman Hurly – I initially thought the same, until Deputy Mayor Clarke reminded me that we were waiting on the Lawyers advice; I support the recommendation.

Mayor Miller – The recommendation, is that we do we remain the class actions to provide for the interests and well-being of the individual and groups in the Council area. Council will engage with Defence to communicate with Council's decision to remain Class Action and it is to support the interests and well-being of the individuals and groups in Katherine. It is important to acknowledge the good work Defence has undertaken to remedy the impact of PFAS in Katherine.

Recommendation:

That it be recommended to Council:

1. Katherine Town Council does remain in the Class Action to provide for the interests and well-being of individuals and groups within the Council area.
2. Council engage with Defence to communicate Katherine Town Council's decision to remain in the Class Action is to support the interest and well-being of individuals and groups in Katherine. Acknowledge the good work Defence has undertaken to date to remedy the impact of FAS in Katherine and emphasise Katherine Town Council's commitment to support the work with Defence in its endeavours to address the impact of PFAS in Katherine.

CARRIED: 6 AGAINST: 0

7. Meeting Close

Special Council Meeting declared closed 05:37PM



Fay Miller
MAYOR OF KATHERINE