



MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th April 2015 in the Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Bradley Wilson
Councillor S Linden
Councillor R Felton
Councillor J Wilson
Councillor B Thompson

In Attendance: Mr Frank Mills (Chief Executive Officer)
Mr John Page (Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services)
Ms Cheryl Landrigan (Governance Coordinator - Minute Taker)

1. Opening of Meeting: Mayor Wilson declared the meeting open at 10.05 am
2. Apologies and Leave of Absence:
3. Disclosure of Interest, Conflict of Interest, Material Personal Interest (s172.s173 LGA):

Nil

4. Condolences, Memorial

One minute silence was held in memory of the passing of loved ones and community members.

5. Petitions Delegations.

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- **Rob Woodward (Training Officer) and Gavin Fryar – Qld Rural Fire Service**

QRFS has held a Firearm Management Group Meeting – Working on a Fire Management Plan – Training for local Fire Service including an Airport Exercise – Local Brigade up to a strength necessary for Fire Risk on Island – 10 people attended the Training Course. Communication equipment will be replaced – Slip on Unit – Provide extra radios and mobile base for Council Office and mobile for truck. Staff member to visit island once a month to do training, and island training each fortnight.

Siren for notification for island – community alert – support vehicle (would need grant). Fire breaks early burning in training to reduce risk of fire. Assist with Ranger program training. Replace fire hoses and drums of foam to be sent to Island. PPE will be provided to Members.

Airservice Aust looking into training on Island again.

Officers left at 10.18am

- **Robert Howard – Job Find**

RTC will commence on Tuesday – landscaping - Jessica Beech has taken on the new Manager role. Mine crew is still in place – New contract with Work for the Dole. Regional Manager Cath Rickie will be arriving on Thursday – Robert will raise with General Manager about the fence at the Gununmunda Store. Participants have to work a 20 hours week. – Contract funding mandatory on new start. - 25 week.

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Small engines training starting. Furniture store is going well and men are very keen to learn. Selling furniture at the market. Council works with job seekers how do you catch up on the gap. Upgrade workshop participants are obliged to attend 25 hours. If on Job start they get new start allowance. Need a White card to work on construction. Nursery has trees for the community. Interested in any ideas for activities – to promote business and create more employment. Job start can only offer training to participants and not the community.

Rob Howard left at 10.46am

- **Wayne Street from Street Ryan – MIACSED and MSC business development**

Update of MIACSED – Avril is the Chairperson – Involved looking at the viability of enterprises proposed – Local Co-ordinator – batching plant, land and sea rangers programme.

Money for Land and Sea Rangers up and running – Has applied to ILC for more funds to build a better program – 20 rangers at start and 8 full timers. Need to get funding to get the program up and working for the rangers and will start working around the town area.

Three enterprises are being controlled by Council. Prime Minister & Cabinet wants to look at the viability of the Bakery, Motel and Construction for funding.

Avril Thompson and Wayne Street left at 11am

- **Nicky Rowe & Terry O'Connor – Department of Communities**

Council's concern that no discussion has been made about the demolition of building and the construction planned. Apologised for not having discussions. It was a breakdown in communication in their Dept. Originally the plan was to do refurbishment and was told it wasn't viable and too much work to get up to Australia Building code. There were issues with what the Department was told in regards to the viability of upgrading the building. Their builders would not guarantee any area they did not build. Project has been given out to tender. Building inspection done and Department decided that it was value for money to build new structure. This is to be used as a Women's Shelter and Resource Centre. Safe haven (Jane) was doing some local consultation. Tender has been awarded to builder. Council has asked that they go back to the Department and start from the beginning and have discussions with Council and the Community.

Cr Linden left at 11.13am
Cr Linden returned at 11.15am

Will get advised when project can be started again. Council will not support or endorse new plans or of the knocking down of the original building. Council wants the old building refurbished. Dept of Communities will check what legal obligations will be. Chief Executive Officer extended an invitation for next meeting.

Delegate left at 11.30am

- Snr Sgt Nick O'Brien – Mornington Island Police – Did not attend
- Michael Muscemi – Mission Aust - Did not attend

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Commence Standing Orders at 11.30am

Moved: Cr Wilson
Seconded: Cr Thompson

RESOLUTION 98/2015 CARRIED 5/0

6 Confirmation of Minutes, 18th March 2015

Moved: Cr Thompson
Seconded: Cr Wilson

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Mornington Shire Council held on 18th March 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION 99/2015 CARRIED 5/0

6.1 Business Arising and Status of Actions Schedule.

Cr Linden left at 11.58am
Cr Linden returned at 12.04pm
Cr Felton left at 12.00pm
Cr Felton returned at 12.08pm

6.2 Action Schedule Report:

Cr Wilson left the room at 12.11pm
Cr Wilson returned at 12.14pm

Chief Executive Officer tabled a report on the Business Actions Plan.

Moved: Cr Wilson
Seconded: Cr Thompson

- 1 That Council note and receive the Council Action Plan as tabled
- 2 Council endorse the removal of completed actions from the Council Action Schedule as tabled.

RESOLUTION 100/2015 CARRIED 5/0

6.3 Notice of Motion of Repeal – Mayoral Notice

Moved: Mayor Wilson
Seconded Cr: Wilson

That Council Resolution 110/2013 from the Meeting of 30th October, 2013 and styled "Moved Cr Wilson Seconded Cr Thompson that Council resolves to write off bad debts from Gladstone Civil Pty Limited formerly Beach Building & Civil Group Pty Limited in the sum of \$65,367.74" be repealed.

RESOLUTION 101/2015 CARRIED 5/0

7 Correspondence Outwards

7.1 Allocations for Mornington Island - Remote Communities Mt Isa Housing Service Centre

Moved: Cr Linden

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Seconded: Cr Wilson

That correspondence outwards of the Ordinary Meeting of the Mornington Shire Council held on the 15th April 2015 be noted and received.

RESOLUTION 102/2015 CARRIED 5/0

8 Correspondence Inwards

- 8.1 PCYC Building – Qld Police Citizens Youth Welfare Association
- 8.2 Survey - Understanding and Analysing Local Govt Responses to Hoarding and Squalor Complaints
- 8.3 Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister – Jetty
- 8.4 Robert Zigterman – Program Minister – Amend Planning approval for Seniors Units

Moved: Cr Linden

Seconded: Cr Wilson

That correspondence Inwards of the Ordinary Meeting of the Mornington Shire Council held on the 15th April 2015 be noted and received.

RESOLUTION 103/2015 CARRIED 5/0

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.37pm
Resumed at 1.13pm

9 Call for Items of General Business.

- Billard table and boxing ring
- Rectifying all names in streets
- Tender vehicles
- Drains cleaned
- Toilets for the boat ramp & rubbish bins and signage to clean up camp sites
- Basket gift to Council.

Confidential Items for Closed Council.

- Local Government Levy

10 Reception and consideration of Committee Reports

Nil

11 Reception and Consideration of Officers Reports

11.1 Mayors and Councillors Portfolio Reports

Mayor Wilson presented his report for month of March 2015.

- Involved with meetings in discussion with Women's shelter
- Mission Aust – Meeting re: their managers and communication between Council – spoken about their services weren't moving forward – activities not being delivered. Reports on activities that weren't happening. Team leader skills. Turnover in staff. Discussion with staff regarding Council concerns.

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- Night patrol program – data collected – let Council know what is happening in community. Mission Aust wants to lease the whole building.
- Delayed Women's shelter construction.
- P&C and Job Find meeting – must move forward - do the best thing for this Community –asked for Councillor support at future meetings.

Cr Felton

- Support our women – approached by teacher's aide. They have been put on casual. Asking Council to write a letter to the Minister for Education asking for policies and object on behalf of the women at Mornington Island.
- Map of Gununa (names) of streets being worked on.

Cr Linden

- Nil – All working well

Cr B Thompson

- Nil - all working well.

Cr J Wilson

- Nil – All working well.

Moved: Cr Linden

Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council accept the Mayors/PortfolioReports as presented.

RESOLUTION 104 /2015 CARRIED 5/0

11.2 Chief Executive Officers Report

The Chief Executive Officers presented his report as included in the business papers for the meeting.

- Met with various Govt Depts & Service Providers
- Teleconference with Sen. Bob Katter and Rob Katter Re: Mobile Coverage (Black Sport Program) Dialysis Unit & Jetty
- Nick Braid has met with Staff re: EBA
- Met with Susan Sewter re: Health Summit
- Staff meetings
- NDRRA – Koppens on Island 13/4/2015 to complete works. Won the tenders for subdivision in Lardil Street
- Meetings with Dept of Housing (Social Housing) re: houses not completed.
- Website, facebook and Social Media continue to prove popular
- Social Housing Repairs and Maintenance Program progressing. – will commence 4th May 2015

Cr Linden left the room at 2.02pm

Cr Linden returned at 2.04pm

- LGMA Meeting & CEO Conference, Cairns for Meetings - Holiday for 2 weeks
- CEO reported that the Council was the recipient of the Regional Qld Award and the Aust Betty Award for Asbestos Awareness and have been nominated for an international award.

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Moved: Cr Linden
Seconded: Cr Wilson

That Council note and receive this report.

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CEO Left the room at 2.10p
CEO returned at 2.14pm
John Page left the room 2.12p
John Page returned at 2.13p
Cr Felton left the room 2.14p
Cr Felton returned at 2.16p

11.2.1 Installation of an Emergency Alarm on Mornington Island.

Seeking Councils advise on a suitable location for the installation of an emergency alarm for activation of various emergency response personnel including Mornington Island Rural Fire Brigades, SES etc.

Moved: Cr Wilson
Seconded: Cr Thompson

That the Chief Executive Officer make appropriate enquires with Qld Fire Service in regard to backup power supply and location of device.

RESOLUTION 106/2015 CARRIED 5/0

11.2.2 Change of Date for May Ordinary Meeting.

Requesting that the Ordinary Meeting to be held on the 20th May 2015 be changed to the 13th May, 2015.

Moved: Cr Thompson
Seconded: Cr Linden

That Council alter the date of Ordinary Council Meeting from the 20th May 2015 to the 13th May, 2015 and appropriate notation be put on the website and advertised.

RESOLUTION 107/2015 CARRIED 5/0

11.3 Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services Report

The Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services presented his Report for the month ending March, 2015.

- Barge Operations – New Procedures and fees working well.
- Stores is working well. Have given Gununmanda Store a list of Council Stores so that there is no double up and competition.
- Internal Audit – Meeting on 16th April with Mr David Grugeon Partners in Business and ex Department of Local Government.
- External Audit – Auditor and team on Island 29/6/15 – 3/7/15 for interim

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- Audit and Stores Stocktake.
- Operational Plan 2015/2016 – Plan being developed – submitted to Council in May 2015
- Budget 2015/2016 – Preparation commenced – 17th June Meeting 2015
- Bakery Operations – New baker Mr Friedrich Wipker. Bakery operating well.

Moved: Cr Thompson
Seconded: Cr Linden

That Council receive and note the Corporate and Community Services report for the month of March 2015.

RESOLUTION 108/2015 CARRIED 5/0

11.3.1 Beach, Building & Civil Group Pty Ltd

Seeking Council's authority for the reinstatement of an amount written off in 2013 in the name of Beach Building & Civil Group Pty Limited.

Moved: Cr Linden
Seconded: Cr Wilson

That Council write back the debt of \$65,367.74 in the name of Gladstone Civil Pty Limited (in liquidation) formerly Beach Building & Civil Group Pty Limited.

RESOLUTION 109/2015 CARRIED 5/0

11.3.2 Plumbing Fees and Charges

Seeking Council's authority for the inclusion of fees and charges relating to Plumbing Inspection assessment and water and sewerage connections.

Moved: Cr Thompson
Seconded: Cr Linden

That Council adopt the Plumbing Water and Sewerage fees and charges schedule as presented effective from the date of this meeting.

RESOLUTION 110/2015 CARRIED 5/0

11.3.3 Finance Report

The Finance Manager presented the Financial Report for the period ending 31st March 2015.

Moved: Cr Linden
Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council receive and note the Financial Report and the Chief Executive Officer to delegate a member of staff to liaise with Finance Manager regarding the outstanding debtors list.

RESOLUTION 111/2015 CARRIED 5/0

11.3.4 Administration Manager Report.

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The Administration Manager presented her report to Council.

Cr Thompson left at 3.21pm
Cr Thompson returned at 3.23pm

Moved: Cr Linden
Seconded: Cr Wilson

That Council note and receive this report as presented to Council.

RESOLUTION 112/2015 CARRIED 5/0

Council was introduced to Laila Kesavan (Finance Officer) at 3.24pm

11.3.5 HR Managers Report

The Executive Manager of Corporate and Community Services presented the HR Managers report to Council.

Moved: Cr Linden
Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council receive and note the HR Manager's report.

RESOLUTION 113 /2015 CARRIED 5/0

Layla Kirchhoff arrived at 3.30pm

11.3.6 Sport & Recreation Report for Month of March 2015

Executive Manager for Corporate and Community Services presented the Sport and Recreation Officers Report as included in the Agenda Papers for the Meeting.

Moved: Cr Wilson
Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council note and receive the Sport and Recreation Officers Report as presented to Council.

RESOLUTION 114 /2015 CARRIED 5/0

11.3.7 Motel Report

Executive Manager for Corporate and Community Services submitted the Motel report for the month of March 2015.

Moved: Cr Thompson
Seconded: Cr Linden

That Council note and receive this report and support the implementation of a reduced rate for the weekend rate.

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Cr Linden left the room at 3.45pm

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Cr Linden returned at 3.47pm
John Page left the room at 3.47pm
John Page returned at 3.50pm

11.4.0 Technical Services Report for Month of March 2015

Nil

11.4.1 Plumbers Report for Month of March 2015.

The Chief Executive Officer presented the Plumbers Report as included in the Agenda for the Meeting.

Moved: Cr Linden
Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council receive and note the Plumbers Report for the month of March 2015

RESOLUTION 116 /2015 CARRIED 5/0

11.4.2 Workshop Report

Chief Executive Officer presented the Workshop Managers report for the month of March 2015.

Cr Felton left the room 4.03pm
Cr Felton returned at 4.06pm

Moved: Cr Linden
Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council receive and note the Workshop Managers Report for the month of March 2015

RESOLUTION 117 /2015 CARRIED 5/0

12 General Business

Basket gift to Council. Jeanette Dundun gifted a basket to be held for the Elders of Mornington Island.
Council receive the gift as tabled.

Billard table and boxing ring - Chief Executive Officer reported that the Council owns 4 billiard table and boxing ring and requested Council's advise whether to sell pool table and boxing ring by tender.

Moved: Cr Thomspen
Seconded: Cr Linden

Council endorse the CEO to make appropriate enquiries regarding the sale of the

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boxing ring and possible sale by tender of the pool tables.

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Ministers visit.

Agenda is being drawn up. Layla Kirchoff (Grants and Communications Officer) ran through the proposed agenda.

Construction crew (workshop, plant and trainees) Mayor asked that he be advised as to how many hours are being worked and what jobs they have been working on. Chief Executive Officer said that the Trades Assistance have been put on for a trial period and if they are satisfactory they may be offered an apprenticeship.

Barge – Report not received yet,

Dump Management – The Landfill Officer is doing a good job. There is a problem with Contractors putting their rubbish in the wrong place. Chief Executive Officer to send out a memo to Contractors requesting that their construction rubbish be put in the correct places.

Layla left at 4.31p

Apprentice Tradies at MMG mines - Koppens is supporting with machinery for training.

Rectifying the names of streets. This should be completed in approximately 8 weeks.

Tender vehicles - Queried about tender vehicle regarding the sale of vehicles.

Drains cleaned - Civil staff to work with plumbing staff to obtain knowledge to use the Jetter.

Toilets for the boat ramp & rubbish bins & Sign to clean up camp sites – This is included in the Job Find Foreshore Development plans.

13. Closed Committee

Moved Cr Wilson
Seconded: Cr Linden

That council move into Closed Committee at 4.39pm in accordance with s275(1)(a)(c) of the Local Government Regulations 2012 to discuss matters relating to Staff and Contracts to be entered into.

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13 Open Council

Moved: Cr Wilson
Seconded: Cr Liinden

That Council move into Open Council at 4.50pm.

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RESOLUTION 120/2015 CARRIED 5/0

13.1 Local Government Levy

A discussion was held around Council's introduction to Local Government Levy and the process behind it.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting of Council will be the Ordinary Meeting Wednesday 13th May, 2015.

15. Closure

Mayor Wilson closed the meeting at 4.55 pm.

Minutes Confirmed:

Mayor 

Date: 13th May 2015

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