



# MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 in the Council Chambers

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

In Attendance: Mr Frank Mills (Chief Executive Officer)  
Ms Alana Kirchhoff (Minute Taker)

1. Opening of Meeting: Mayor Wilson declared the meeting open at 10:00 am

### 5. Petitions Delegations

- Assistant Commissioner Peter Barron, A/Inspector Tony Ridge, CEO PCYC Rob Fiedler, General Manager Indigenous Program Andy Cassidy and Mornington Island PCYC Branch Manager Jennifer Henry.
  - PCYC would like to develop a partnership with Council with regards to the management of the PCYC.
  - Potential for PCYC to pay council a per annum flat rate fee for the use and lease of the building.
  - PCYC would act as manager of the building and would schedule hire of the building as required by other users (e.g. agencies, community members etc.)
  - They will provide a set of fees to Council with per annum charges for Councils consideration.

Peter Barron, Tony Ridge, Rob Fiedler, Andy Cassidy and Jennifer Henry left the meeting at 10:36am.

Susan Sewter and Peter Linnehan attended the meeting at 10:38am.

- Save the Children Susan Sewter and Peter Linnehan
  - The new Principal of Mornington Island State School, Peter Linnehan, was introduced.
  - Peter will attend a council meeting after the next term to provide an update on his progress.
  - Susan Sewter from Save the Children will be leaving next week. She will be attending a meeting with DEET to discuss funding.
  - Invitation extended to the Mayor and the CEO for them to present the new school leaders at school assembly.
  - Anti-Bullying week coming up. This is a fairly significant problem at the school. Peter is trying to secure a visit from former cyber crimes detective Brett Lee (<http://www.iness.com.au/>) to provide workshops to the whole community about internet safety and cyber bullying. Would like to approach this as a whole community event rather than just coming from the school. Would like Councils support. The approximate cost would be \$3500.00.
  - Overall school attendance is up 10% from this time last year. The school is trying various incentives/programs to encourage greater attendance at school.
  - School is also working to implement programs to encourage self belief, promote self respect and leadership and cultural pride.



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- Save the Children is developing a single education reference group. They would like a councillor to attend these meetings. They will be held every month on the third Friday of that month.

Susan Sewter and Peter Linnehan left the meeting at 10:57am  
Human Resources Manager Naseem Chetty attended the meeting at 10:51am

Resumed Standing Orders at 11:00 am

Moved: Cr Wilson  
Seconded: Cr Thompson

RESOLUTION 70/2015 CARRIED 5/0

2. Apologies and Leave of Absence:

Nil

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.

6 Confirmation of Minutes, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

Moved: Cr Thompson  
Seconded: Cr Wilson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Mornington Shire Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION 71/2015 CARRIED 5/0

7 Business Arising and Status of Actions Schedule.

Action Schedule Report:

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

- Vet Visit – Vet is working on de-sexing and treating ill animals. Next week will be euthanizing excess animals.
- Barge fees – community meeting went well.
- Relocation of Propeller – Grant application to create a memorial has been made.



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- Local Transport Service – Currently waiting for local government department response. Private sector funding may be required.

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

Moved: Cr Thompson  
Seconded: Cr Linden

- 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 72/2015 CARRIED 5/0

Richard Scott Finance Management Arrive 11:20am

### 7.1 Correspondence Outwards

- 7.1.1 Donga Accommodation Request.
- 7.1.2 Gulf Savannah Development's FRRR 'Repair Restore Renew 2013' Application

Moved: Cr Thompson  
Seconded: Cr Wilson

That correspondence outwards of the Ordinary Meeting of the Morningshon Shire Council held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015 be noted and received.

RESOLUTION 73/2015 CARRIED 5/0

### 8 Correspondence Inwards

- 8.1 QLD Fire & Emergency Services – Annual Local Government Subsidy
- 8.2 QLD Fire & Emergency Service – New Strategies to support Disaster Mgmt. Groups
- 8.3 Requesting Permission for Entry – Cramp Family
- 8.4 Gulf Savannah FRRR 2013\_Application Form\_ Jan 2015
- 8.5 Social Housing - HPW
  - 8.5.1 Social houses due for completion on the 27<sup>th</sup> March. CEO will recommend the preferred tenants to HPW. HPW will try and attend the Council meeting in April.

Moved: Cr Linden  
Seconded: Cr Thompson

That correspondence Inwards of the Ordinary Meeting of the Morningshon Shire Council held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015 be noted and received.

RESOLUTION 74/2015 CARRIED 5/0



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#### 9 Call for Items of General Business.

- Mission Australia Visit
- Visit Senator Nash and Senator O'Sullivan
- Asbestos Awards
- Wellbeing Centre Report
- Street Signs
- Boat Ramp

#### Confidential Items for Closed Council.

- Mornington Island Jetty Damage
- PCYC Building
- Resolution 96 of 2014 – Local Government Levy
- Koppens Construction

#### 10 Reception and consideration of Committee Reports

Nil

#### 11 Reception and Consideration of Officers Reports

##### 11.1 Mayor and Councillor Portfolio Reports

- Cr Felton
  - Visited the arts centre; the women are doing a great job. They are also assisting in training young people on computers which is great.
  - Visited Save the Children and Day Care site.
  - Met with Jennifer Hardy new PCYC Branch Manager.
  - Involved in community garden beautification project.
  - Participating and promoting over 40s exercise class.
- Cr Linden
  - MIACSED looking for:
    - Land Ranger position
    - Local coordinator position
- Bobby Thompson
  - Infrastructure requires future long term planning.
  - Additional there is a need for Councillors to report on long term visions for their portfolio not just short term.
- Mayors Report:
  - Last week ADBT meeting to discuss small business report. Recognise change in direction for MI Council. Need for small business enterprise strategies to ensure sustainability of the region. Accommodation enterprise opportunity for Mornington Island. Encourage locals to start enterprises.
  - Rodeo grant put in for funds to get holding yards. Coming out to give an assessment will liaise with Councillors Linden, Thompson and Wilson. May put in 45k for funding for holding yards.
  - Fred from Doomadgee may be able to support with provision of bulls etc.





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- Would like to set up a rodeo committee.
- Good news from Senator O'Sullivan and Senator Nash coming to visit 20<sup>th</sup> May.
- Discussion with Bob & Rob Katter regarding jetty precinct and dialysis unit. Both in support of project
- Exciting to see improvements to the foreshore area by Job find. Meeting with Job find to review the plans for the foreshore work tomorrow (19/3/15) morning at 8:30am.
- Participated in animation show for the kids – Mayor was voiceover. Will be finalised next week and put out for the community.
- Met with new police Sergeant need to develop positive relationships with the community. Safe Streets Safer Communities program needs to be back on track.
- Strong need for the community support in programs such as this.
- Street Lights need to be fixed having ongoing discussions with Ergon about getting them fixed. An audit has completed, with pole numbers. Put a budget aside for 24k so will come out and fix them. Request for brighter or a white light. Should use LED lighting to improve lighting in the community.

Moved: Cr Wilson  
Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council accept the Mayor/Councillor Portfolio Reports as presented.

RESOLUTION 75 /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.

- Meetings with Katter MPS:
  - Both supportive of the Jetty Project at both State and Federal level.
  - Lots of support for installation of additional dialysis units on MI.

Mayor Wilson left 12pm  
Mayor Wilson returned at 12:02pm

- Meetings with Bottoms English Lawyers, Nick Bray from LGAQ about EBAs.
- Health Summit is proposed for May.
- Meetings with Council departments in relation to roles and responsibilities.
- Koppen's may subcontract a portion of Turtle Story to Council.
- Tender documents for subdivision in Lardil Street. Raised matter with Director General who said it is not satisfactory. Koppen will be awarded the tender. This matter is ongoing as design has changed.
- Facebook social media and website continue to be popular. Good positive media.
- Radio interview for CEO and Mayor.
- Final rounds of interviews for housing maintenance team.



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- Will commence on painting some houses.
- Will do some of our work on Council premises before we actually start project.

Human Resources Manager Naseem Chetty Left 12:11pm  
Human Resources Manager Naseem Chetty Arrive 12:13pm

Moved: Cr Wilson  
Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council note and receive this report.

RESOLUTION 76/2015 CARRIED 4/0

#### 11.2.1 Lot 286 Mukakiya Street

Chief Executive Officer tabled a report to seek Councils further direction as to their preference of retaining the land at 286 Mukakiya Street as one Lot or two separate lots.

Moved: Cr Linden  
Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council advise the DATSIMA program office that residents on both sides of the proposed lots are consulted prior to decision being made.

RESOLUTION 77/2015 CARRIED 5/0

Cr Linden left the room at 12:17pm.  
Cr Linden returned at 12:21pm

#### 11.2.2 Lot 323 Mukakiya Street

Chief Executive Officer tabled a report to seek Councils further direction as to their preference of retaining the land at 323 Mukakiya Street as one Lot or two separate lots.

Moved: Cr Wilson  
Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council advise the DATSIMA program office that residents on both sides of the proposed lots are consulted prior to decision being made.

RESOLUTION 78/2015 CARRIED 5/0

#### 11.2.3 Postal Vote for 2016 Council Elections

The Chief Executive Officer tabled a report seeking advice and direction in regard to lodging an application for postal voting for the 2016 Local Government Elections

Moved: Cr Wilson  
Seconded: Cr Thompson



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That Council endorse continuation of current system via polling booth for the elections as of 2016.

RESOLUTION 79 /2015 CARRIED 5/0

#### 11.2.4 Airplane Emergency Landing

The Chief Executive Officer tabled a report to provide Council with an update on the airport emergency landing on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Included in the report was an incident investigation report from associated airline West Wing.

Moved: Cr Wilson  
Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council note and receive this report.

RESOLUTION 80/2015 CARRIED 5/0

Human Resources Manager Naseem Chetty departed at 12:26pm  
Human Resources Manager Naseem Chetty returned at 12:32pm

#### 11.2.5 Dogs on Social Media

The Chief Executive Officer tabled a report to provide Council with an update on the recent press received regarding dogs on Mornington Island.

Moved: Cr Thompson  
Seconded: Cr Wilson

That Council note and receive this report.

Cr Wilson left 12:32pm  
Cr Wilson returned 12:35pm

RESOLUTION 81/2015 CARRIED 5/0

Break for lunch at 12:43pm  
Return from lunch 1:14pm

#### 11.3 Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services Report

The Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services did not present a Report for the month ending February, 2015.

##### 11.3.1 Financial Report

The Finance Manager Richard Scott presented the Financial report for the period ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

- Revenue is on track.
- Expenses are running high



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- Need for debts to be collected.
- Mayor Wilson and Finance Manager Richard Scott to discuss outstanding debtors in order to identify debtor's whereabouts and assist Council to collect debts.

Moved: Cr Linden  
Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council receive and note the financial report to the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015 as presented.

RESOLUTION 82/2015 CARRIED 5/0

Finance Manager Richard Scott departed at 1:33pm  
Cr Felton left the room 1:33pm  
Cr Felton returned 1:42pm

#### 11.3.2 HR Managers Report

The Human Resources Manager Naseem Chetty presented the HR Report for the month ending February 2015.

- Total 57 staff
- 81% Indigenous
- EBA meeting with staff over next two weeks.

Moved: Cr Linden  
Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council take note of this report.

RESOLUTION 83/2015 CARRIED 5/0

Human Resources Manager Naseem Chetty departed at 1:47pm

#### 11.3.3 Sport & Recreation Report for Month of February 2015

The Chief Executive Officer presented the Sport and Recreation Officers Report as included in the Agenda Papers for the Meeting.

- Council would like to ensure organisations and individuals are thanked for their contributions and shoe donations.

Moved: Cr Wilson  
Seconded: Cr Linden

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

Cr Thompson departed at 1:53pm  
Cr Thompson returned at 1:55pm

RESOLUTION 84/2015 CARRIED 5/0

#### 11.3.4 Administration Manager Report for Month of February 2015





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The Chief Executive Officer presented the Administration Manager's Report.

Moved: Cr Wilson

Seconded: Cr Thompson

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

RESOLUTION 85/2015 CARRIED 5/0

Cr Linden departed at 2:02pm

Cr Linden returned at 2:04pm

### 11.4.0 Technical Services Report for Month of February 2015.

The Chief Executive Officer presented the Report for Technical Service and Infrastructure for the month ending February 2015.

- Need to investigate aviation requirements for wind socks at the airport.
- Excellent work cleaning the storm water drain.
- Investigate options for installing rubbish traps at storm water inlets to prevent debris and refuse build-up

Moved: Cr Wilson

Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council receive and note the Report.

RESOLUTION 86/2015 CARRIED 5/0

### 11.4.1 Plumbers Report for Month of February 2015.

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

Moved: Cr Thompson

Seconded: Cr Linden

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

Cr Thompson departed at 2:11pm

Cr Thompson returned at 2:12pm

RESOLUTION 87/2015 CARRIED 5/0

### 11.5.0 Workshop Report for Month of February 2015.

The Chief Executive Officer presented the Workshop Manager Report for the month ending February 2015.

- Need to investigate replacing and calibrating fuel bowsers.
- Investigate potential for wash down bay.

Moved: Cr Linden

Seconded: Cr Wilson

That Council receive and note the Report.



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### 12 General Business

#### 12.1 Mission Australia Visit

Visit from CEO of Mission Australia and State Director of Mission. Katherine Yomans and Phil Schultz 30<sup>th</sup> March requested meeting 31<sup>st</sup> March Tuesday. Please attend.

#### 12.2 Senator Nash and Senator O'Sullivan

Senators Nash and Senator O'Sullivan will be visiting 20<sup>th</sup> May. Mathew Cook from National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation will also be attending.

#### 12.3 Asbestos Awards

Council as a result of the campaign to get rid of the old hospital received Australian Award for Most Innovative Asbestos Campaign and also a State award.

#### 12.4 Wellbeing Centre Report

Demand for the service continues to be strong. The centre provides support and assistance to over 150 people each week, in addition to telephone and video conferencing facilities between families who are separated. They also help to establish bank accounts for those in the community as well as to provide assistance for accessing Centrelink.

Council request that organisations provide information reporting on their work and progress in the community. They commend the Wellbeing centre on this report.

Moved: Cr Thompson  
Seconded: Cr Wilson

Cr Linden departed at 2:41pm  
Cr Linden returned at 2:42pm

That Council note and receive this general business.

RESOLUTION 89/2015 CARRIED 5/0

#### 12.5 Street Signs

Requirement for a previously approved street sign plan to be implemented. Street names have been incorrectly spelt, this need to be rectified. Council would like to have the meaning of all (Lardil) street names displayed underneath each street sign.

Moved: Cr Wilson  
Seconded: Cr Thompson



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That the Chief Executive Officer liaise with the Executive Manager of Technical Services and Infrastructure in order to review street sign plan and correct spelling of street names and action accordingly.

RESOLUTION 90/2015 CARRIED 5/0

#### 12.6 Boat Ramp

Review the foreshore development plan to enquire as to a boat wash down facility has been provided.

Moved: Cr Linden  
Seconded: Cr Thompson

That the CEO to liaise with Job find for inclusion of a boat wash down facility in foreshore redevelopment.

RESOLUTION 91/2015 CARRIED 5/0

#### 13. Closed Committee

Moved: Cr Linden  
Seconded: Cr Wilson

That council move into Closed Committee at 2:55pm 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.

RESOLUTION 92/2015 CARRIED 5/0

- Mornington Island Jetty Damage
- PCYC Building
- Resolution 96 of 2014 – Local Government Levy
- Koppens Construction

#### 13 Open Council

Moved: Cr Wilson  
Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council move into Open Council at 3:56pm.

RESOLUTION 93/2015 CARRIED 5/0

#### 13.1 Mornington Island Jetty Damage

The Chief Executive Officer tabled a report to advise Council on the outcome of negotiations with Colin Biggers & Paisley (CPB) solicitors for cash settlement for the damage caused to the jetty at Gununa.

Moved: Cr Wilson



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Seconded: Cr Thompson

That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer to advise CBP that their settlement offer for damage to the jetty is not acceptable and that Councils' original request stands.

RESOLUTION 94/2015 CARRIED 5/0

#### 13.2 PCYC Building

The Chief Executive Officer tabled a report to provide Council with advice and seek their guidance regarding the building currently known as the "PCYC" building in Lardil Street Gununa formerly being returned to ownership and management by Council.

Cr Linden departed 3:24pm  
Cr Linden returned 3:27pm

Moved: Cr Wilson  
Seconded: Cr Thompson

That:

1. Council approve the survey of the site of the "PCYC" building as per diagram tabled and register the excised portion of the current lease in Councils name.
2. Council advise all current and future users of the "PCYC" building that as of 01.07.2015 a "fee for service" i.e. building hire, will be charged for use of the building unless otherwise exempt by the Chief Executive Officer, in line with the schedule of fees and charges approved by Council.
3. The Chief Executive Office, liaise with Peter Linnehan, State School Principal and Andy Cassidy, PCYC to negotiate suitable building hire and use arrangements.

RESOLUTION 95/2015 CARRIED 5/0

#### 13.3 Resolution 96 of 2014 – Local Government Levy

The Chief Executive Officer tabled a report to provide Council with advice and seek their direction regarding resolution 96 of 2014 – Local Government Levy of \$20.00 for residents over 18 years of age and \$54.50 for Council staff.

Moved: Cr Linden  
Seconded: Cr Wilson

That:

1. Council endorse the return of levy fees collected from Councillors and Council staff residing in social housing since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 on the proviso individuals forgo any other recovery action for amounts paid beyond that date.
2. Council revoke the amount of fees set for the local government levies as cited in resolutions 96/2014 and 103/2014 and all other local government levies set



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in previous resolutions of Council.

3. Council approve an annual fee in the form of Local Government Levy as follows for:
  - a. Every resident of Mornington Shire Council to pay \$25.00 per week unless they are under 18 years of age, are a resident of Council Staff Housing, a full time student, or occupy a residential property otherwise subject to Council service charges; and

This annual fee in the form of a Local Government Levy to commence on 01.07.2015.

- b. Every resident of a Council Staff House to pay \$60.00 per week unless they are under 18 years of age, a full time student, occupy a residential property otherwise subject to Council service charges, or exempt from paying the fee by Council; and

This annual fee in the form of a Local Government Levy to commence immediately.

4. Council include these fees as set in the 2015 – 2016 schedule of fees and charges and from then on conduct an annual review of the fees set to be included in the schedule of fees and charges for 2016-2017 and beyond.
5. Council Chief Executive Office and staff to undertake a comprehensive community education process to advise all agencies, their staff and residents over the age of 18 years, unless they are a full time student, who occupy a residential property not otherwise subject to Council service charges, or exempt from paying the fee by the Council will be required to pay the weekly local government fee as prescribed by Council for inclusion in the annual schedule of fees and charges.

RESOLUTION 96/2015 CARRIED 5/0

#### 13.3 Koppens Construction

The Chief Executive Officer tabled a report to provide Council with an update on the progress of negotiations with Koppens Constructions, for Council to purchase accommodation facilities owned by Koppens Constructions and currently on Mornington Island.

Moved: Cr Linden  
Seconded: Cr Wilson

Council note and receive this report.

RESOLUTION 97/2015 CARRIED 5/0

#### 14. Next Meeting

The next meeting of Council will be the Ordinary Meeting Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April,





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15. Closure

Mayor Wilson closed the meeting at 4:04 pm.

Confirmed

Mayor

Date: 15/4/15