MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH MAY 2012 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BEES CREEK ROAD, FRED'S PASS

Present:

Allan McKay

Mayor

Mike Bowman Victor Statham

Deputy Mayor/East Ward Councillor/South Ward

Terry Richards Mathew Salter Councillor/Central Ward Councillor/North Ward

Russell Anderson

Chief Executive Officer

John Delaney

Director Engineering and Planning

Diane Chellingworth

Corporate Services Manager

Marlene Watt

Council Secretary

Public:

Rosemary Chalmers

Palmerston

Judy Cole

Humpty Doo

Morgan Bowman

Howard Springs

Peter Cole

Humpty Doo 7.50 p.m.

1. OPENING OF MEETING:

The Deputy Mayor, Mike Bowman opened the Meeting at 6.35 p.m. filling in for the Mayor who was held up in traffic because of the tragic accident on the Stuart Highway.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Nil

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

4. PUBLIC FORUM:

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mike Bowman asked if any members of the public would like to address Council.

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Rosemary Chalmers advised she had come along tonight to thank Council for agreeing to change the name of AAAA Road to the suggested name by the Place Name Committee of Maxwell Road named after Maxwell McMillan. As a historian, Rosemary Chalmers, a gave a most informative overview of the history of the McMillan family from 1927 up until the current relatives of today. She asked Council if it was possible for her to be present when Council change the road signs over to Maxwell Road. The Chief Executive Officer could not see any problem and advised that he would ask the Public Relations Officer to contact her in relation to the paperwork and photos she has.

Judy Cole advised she was a candidate for the Country Liberal Party and was standing for the seat of Nelson and on the Howard Park Reserve Board and gave a brief resume of her past history and to seek answer and information from Council to questions that had been asked of her by residents. Rural Planning and Traffic condition topping her list.

Morgan Bowman advised he had come along to see what was happening with the flooding problem on Whitewood Road in relation to he and neighbors last visit to Council. Mr Bowman advised it did not flood this wet season however was concerned with the increase and projected increase in population around the area. The Chief Executive Officer advised Mr Bowman that the Director of Planning and Works had this problem as a budget item for Councils consideration when setting the 2012/2013 Budget. (Councillor Mathew Salter made arrangements to meet with Mr Bowman to assess the situation.)

At 6.50 p.m. Rosemary Chalmers left the meeting and the Mayor Allan McKay arrived and apologies for his lateness and took over the chair of the meeting.

5. ACCEPTING OR DECLINING LATE ITEMS:

Nil

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

6.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 24th April, 2012

The Mayor called for confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 24th April, 2012

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It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 24th April, 2012 are confirmed in full by full Council.

MOVED:

T. Richards

SECONDED:

V. Statham

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Councillor Mathew Salter asked what has transpired in relation to the areas of government land zones CN which Council would like zoned Open Space. The Chief Executive Officer advised a letter has been written to the Northern Territory Government and are awaiting a reply.

8. DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND WORKS REPORT: MAY

It was resolved that the Director of Planning and Works Report be noted.

MOVED:

M. BOWMAN

SECONDED:

V. STATHAM

CARRIED

8A BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND WORKS REPORT - MAY

The recommendation in the Report from the Staff Waste Management Meeting held today Council did not proceed in forming a resolution until the Director of Planning and Works has time to consider further the point raised.

9. POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS:

9.1 PA12/CAM/056:

COMPLAINTS HANDLING POLICY

It was resolved that Council laid this matter on the table until the next Ordinary Meeting.

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MOVED:

M. SALTER

SECONDED:

M. BOWMAN

CARRIED

9.2 PA12/LGANT/143

LGANT - NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, 17th to 20th JUNE 2012

It was **resolved** that Council support the Mayor's attendance at the National General Assembly of Local Government conference.

MOVED:

M. BOWMAN

SECONDED:

T. RICHARDS

CARRIED

10. FINANCE AND RECREATION MATTERS:

10.1 FR12/ASS/096:

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - TAMINMIN STUDENT

UNDER 16 AUSTRALIAN EUROPEAN HANDBALL TEAM TOUR

EUROPE JUNE/JULY 2013 SPAIN AND ITALY

It was **resolved** that Council advise the student it is unable to provide funding for the European travel.

MOVED:

M. SALTER

SECONDED:

T. RICHARDS

CARRIED

11. PLANNING AND WORKS MATTERS:

11.1 PW12/RPET/002

PETITION FROM LANDOWNERS ON STRANGWAYS RD

DATED 28 MARCH 2012

It was resolved:-

a) That Council note the action taken on this matter.

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b) That Council reaffirm its decision to levy each landowner the amount previously stated in the letter to them.

MOVED:

M. BOWMAN

SECONDED:

V. STATHAM

CARRIED

11.2 PW12/AQ/085

REQUEST TO HAVE LAND ACQUIRED FOR ROAD RESERVE
RETURNED SECTIONS 2085 & 2086 Nos 225 & 235 PIONEER
DRIVE HUNDRED OF STRANGWAYS

It was **resolved** that Council approve the transfer of a 5 m strip of land back to Mr Oppusungu on the proviso that he pay all transfer and legal costs associated with that transfer.

MOVED:

T. RICHARDS

SECONDED:

M. SALTER

CARRIED

12. MAYOR'S REPORT: MAY

The Mayor, Allan McKay advised that he has been very busy over the last few weeks and today he attended through LGANT the Mayors and Presidents Meeting at which there were 13 Mayor/Presidents in attendance, most of them new to the position. The Meeting was mainly an introduction to each other with the main issues being Planning and concerns of the Shires.

The Mayor advised he had met with Mr Cartwright during the week discussing his problem and on last Sunday met with two residents in relation to the access regarding Oscar and Hana Roads which is a very difficult situation to resolve.

The Mayor advised he would be meeting tomorrow afternoon with the relevant Government Departments in relation to the Abattoir and later in the afternoon with AACo and would report back to Council.

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It was resolved that the Mayor's Report be noted.

MOVED:

V. STATHAM

SECONDED:

T. RICHARDS

CARRIED

13. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT: MAY

The Chief Executive Officer provided Council with an update of the negotiations regarding Inpex trucks use of Thorngate Road.

The Chief Executive Officer advised he today had attended through LGANT the Chief Executive Officers meeting. He advised that a national procurement has been rolled out in relation to cost savings when buying equipment. It revolves around buying locally with savings and the local businesses receiving a discount from the suppliers.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that there are 10 nominations for the positions on the LGANT Executive which will be voted on at Fridays General Meeting.

It was resolved that the Chief Executive Officer's Report be noted.

MOVED:

M. BOWMAN

SECONDED:

M. SALTER

CARRIED

14. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS: MAY

Nil

15. NOTICE OF MOTION: MAY

Nil

16. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY: MAY

Judy Cole asked several questions of Council in relation to planning in the rural area, sewerage pond at McMillans Road, surveyors on Stevens Road and traffic issues at Howard Springs lights

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and on the Arnhem Highway and the pool. Council answered as best it could as all items raised came under the control of the Northern Territory Government.

17. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: MAY

Councillors gave an overview of happenings in the Wards

18. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS: MAY

19. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING:

That pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration Regulations) the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda at 8.00 p.m.

MOVED:

M. BOWMAN

SECONDED:

V. STATHAM

CARRIED

20. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS:

20.1 PA12/CAM/010 SETTING OF FEES AND ALLOWANCES FOR SITTING MEMBERS

It was **resolved** that Council adopts the Minister for Local Government guidelines for Council Member Allowances applicable from the 1st July 2012.

MOVED:

T. RICHARDS

SECONDED:

M. SALTER

CARRIED

20.2 FR12/RTP/185:

COMPLAINT AGAINST LITCHFIELD COUNCIL FROM Ms ELLEN

SEYMOUR

It was resolved that Council:-

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- a) acknowledge the Ombudsman's comments;
- b) wavier the outstanding interest;

MOVED:

M. BOWMAN

SECONDED:

V. STATHAM

CARRIED

21. NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY 22ND MAY 2012

The Meeting closed at 8.10 P.M.

MINUTES CONFIRMED

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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