# MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 39 KANG KANG ROAD, AURUKUN ON FRIDAY, 9 JANUARY 2015

PRESENT: Councillors Cr Dereck Walpo

Cr Angus Kerindun Cr Ada Woolla Cr Edgar Kerindun Cr Vera Koomeeta

Officers Bernie McCarthy - Chief Executive Officer

Jason Holt - Director of Community Services
Philip Krisanski - Director of Technical Services

Teresa Button - Minute Secretary

Guests:

#### 1. OPENING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.08am.

#### 2. CONDOLENCES

A minute silence was observed for the recent tragic deaths of the eight children in Cairns.

#### 3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

#### Resolution 15.4600

That Council grants a leave of absence to Ron Fenner, Director Corporate Services.

**MOVED:** Cr A Kerindun **SECONDED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**CARRIED** 

#### 4. Barge operations proposal

#### Resolution 15.4601

That Council resolves to not become involved in the proposed Aurukun barge services due to:

- ASC considers that the major risk factors including unknown financial operation i.e. projected operational costs and revenue, unskilled operators and other unforeseen issues that require further investigation
- ASC already being fully committed in providing an extensive range of municipal services for the township area as well as roads maintenance and construction for the Aurukun access road
- ASC involvement would contradict the celebrated land handover of 18 September 2013 which Council understood was for the purpose of granting greater autonomy to local Traditional Owners
- ASC considers that Traditional Owners representation organisations of Ngan Aak Kunch Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC or Aak Puul Ngantam should own and operate the proposed barge services.

**MOVED:** Cr V Koomeeta **SECONDED:** Cr E Kerindun

**CARRIED** 

#### 5. Community housing allocations

#### Resolution 15.4602

That Council approves proposed Department of Housing and Public Works allocation for the following:

- Lot 261 Archewald Crescent to Aelan Woolla and Pearl Walmbeng
- Lot 263 Archewald Crescent, council will advise their agreed tenant nomination
- Lot 265 Archewald Crescent to Marrita Woolla
- Lot 267 Archewald Crescent to Felicia Walmbeng

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

**CARRIED** 

#### 6. WCCCA grant application for next round

#### Resolution 15.4603

That Council agrees that an application be submitted to WCCCA for improvements at the new Aurukun "Aak Ngench Thayan" cemetery.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla SECONDED: Cr E Kerindun

**CARRIED** 

#### 7. Roads status

Noted.

#### 8. Council dates for the Year

Noted.

#### 9. <u>Councillor IT training</u>

Noted.

#### 10. <u>Councillor participation in staff induction</u>

Noted.

#### 11. Cancellation of Safer Streets workshop 19 January 2015

Noted.

## 12. <u>Visit of Minister Senator Nigel Scullion and D/C Peter Barron QPS on 19 January</u> 2015

Noted.

#### 13. Air service update

#### Resolution 15.4604

That Council writes to the Minister of Transport and Main Roads seeking a permanent RPT service be introduced to Cape York.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

**CARRIED** 

#### 14. State election issues

#### Resolution 15.4605

That Council submits this State election priorities statement to:

- candidates within the next week by Thursday 15 January 2015, and
- put out a media statement on the above issues to the main media outlets and on ASC WWW and Facebook.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

**CARRIED** 

15.	Meeting with Labor candidate on 12 January 2015
	Noted.

### 16. Other urgent issues

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the Meeting at 11.10am