



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE PINE CREEK SERVICE CENTRE ON  
THURSDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2012 AT 5:00PM

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**WELCOME AND MEETING ARRANGEMENTS**

Chair Gaye Lawrence welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked participants to introduce themselves

**ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Present:

Gaye Lawrence – Chair  
Cr Veronica Birrell – Councillor VDSC  
Stuart Duncan – CEO VDSC  
Sue Valentine – SSM Pine Creek  
Leonie Ruig – Local Board Member  
Kim Fountain – Local Board Member  
Jocelyn Moir – CSO – Pine Creek  
Glen Fitzgerald  
Robert Liddy – Manager Kybrook Farm  
Ray Wooldridge  
Mike Tomlinson – Minute taker (VDSC)

Apologies:

Betty Sullivan – Mayor VDSC  
Edward Ahtoy  
Shannon Wooldridge  
Peter Hansen

Meeting opened at 5.07 by Chair Gaye Lawrence

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**1. Previous Minutes.**

1.1 Previous minutes were tabled and the Chair requested a mover and seconder that they were a true and correct account.

**Minutes of the Pine Creek Local Board Meeting held on 18 September 2012**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That** the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Moved: Kim Fountain  
Seconded: Leonie Ruig

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **General discussion of previous minutes.**

**1.2** The Chair requested information from VDCS staff regarding the status of items from the previous meeting.

- Have we heard from Power and Water about power coming direct to Pine Creek. Sue replied that the EDL power station was supplying direct to Pine Creek at the moment.

Have we heard from Power and Water about the joint arrangement for the rec dam area. Sue said there had been no word yet.

- Have we heard anything back from National Trust about the Railway precinct. Sue replied there has been no word yet.

### **4. Tidy Towns award and presentation**

- Sue reported that Pine Creek had won an award in the 2012 Tidy Towns competition. An article and photos will appear in the December issue of 'Up-the-Creek'.

### **5. CEO report / Shire Plan – Stuart Duncan CEO**

#### **5.1 Shire planning**

- Stuart outlined changes in the Shire Plan. The current plan is to regionally focused and does not capture community priorities and projects. The new plans will be community focused.
- A 'map and measure' audit will take place in the near future to capture the needs of the community. Council needs to know what is in place before it can move forward with various projects. Buildings, roads, assets will all be included in the audit.
- Local Boards will be important in identifying projects and priorities and feeding this back to Council for planning and funding application purposes. Council relies heavily on these forums to assist in future planning.
- Council can act as an advocate for the community with funding applications and with Govt. agencies to assist with priority projects. The Local Board will help Council allocate budgets. Council will also feedback information to the community via the Board.
- Pine Creek will have its own budget so that it can plan and progress local projects that are overseen by the Local Board.

Comments from the floor:

General consensus that the new Shire Plans were a positive move. The Local Board would be able to progress priority projects faster than previously and achieve more for the community.

## **6. Introduction to By-laws – Mike Tomlinson.**

Mike gave an overview of why By-laws were needed – improve the quality of community life by creating rules that assisted everyone.

- By-laws would deal with dog control issues, noise reduction, camping, rubbish and a range of other areas.
- A three part process: education prior to introduction, introduction of codified law, the enforcement mechanism. By-laws will be enacted by the end of 2013.
- Mike reported extensive discussions with members of the Pine Creek community. The current By-laws for Pine Creek will be re-drafted based on this feedback to capture a range of concerns.

## **7. Needs analysis and training – Stuart Duncan CEO**

Stuart outlined why a needs analysis of skills / capacity was important for Local Board improvement.

- Local Boards were important in terms of information flow to Council and Govt. agencies and he was available to assist members to increase their capacity in the area of governance and meeting procedure.
- He urged members to take advantage of a LGANT offer to provide training.

## **8. General Business:**

- Ray Wooldridge asked Stuart about the progress / status of the Enterprise Road culvert. General consensus that it was in an unacceptable condition and should have been completed months ago. Stuart replied that he had visited the culvert that afternoon and agreed with the community that it was not acceptable. A Contract Engineer would be on site tomorrow at 9.30 and Stuart committed to action the recommendation of the report in order to fix the issue. He urged community members to meet the engineer at the site and relay their concerns.
- Glen Fitzgerald suggested that the culvert pipe had not been aligned properly and the site required cement stabilisation to ensure it was not damaged during the Wet. Stuart replied that he shared those concerns and would be guided by the engineers report. The culvert would be fixed to the standard required as soon as possible.
- The Chair requested information on the completion date of the 'skate park'. Sue replied that it should be completed by the end of the month, however, there was an issue with the amount of fill required. Ray offered the use of his truck to cart fill if that would help. Robert suggested the local mining operations may be able to supply fill. Sue will liaise with Ray.
- The Chair requested information on the status of the recycling project. Have bins been placed for cans? Sue replied she was talking to Territory Resources about bins and placement. General consensus that it was a worthwhile initiative and should be pursued.
- Cr Birrell requested information on the status of the truck parking bay. It was created for fatigue management, however it was constantly being used for truck maintenance / washing. This was causing damage to the surface and annoying community members. General consensus that this needed to stop. Ray reported up to seven or eight trucks can park there quite comfortably at night. Robert felt it

was a big issue, there was damage and mess associated with this. The Chair suggested a levy of some sort if work on trucks was occurring. Stuart replied that the road was not a 'concrete hard stand' and as such it was perhaps better if no maintenance was allowed. Stuart will bring issue to Councils attention and write to the company involved.

- The Chair asked for comments on the alfresco dining at the Pine Creek Railway Resort. General consensus that it was not an issue.
- Jocelyn spoke on the aging toilet block next to the Council Service Centre. During the tourist season it could not cope. Always needed pumping out. Pipes were cracked by tree roots. Major repairs were needed, or perhaps a new block constructed. General consensus this was a big issue that needed attention. Stuart committed to obtaining quote for repair by next meeting. If it was urgent it would be attended to. A new ablution block plan could be included in the Shire Plan if necessary.
- The Chair asked if a 'recycling area' should be established at the rubbish dump in order that recyclable goods could be used by the community. Ray and Leonie replied that there was already an 'unofficial section' and that community members knew that they could take goods from there.
- The Chair asked about the progress of the Water Garden Management Plan. The park needed maintenance to keep it in a serviceable condition. Sue replied that Rossco had used his little digger on some of the ponds but was unable to get to all the weed. Sue mentioned that Darwin City Council suggested a long reach excavator with a mud bucket. Sue will obtain quote from Darwin. Robert asked if a Council excavator was available. Stuart would see what was available and liaise with Sue. He commented that this was a good example of how Local Boards could assist community projects.

#### **9. Questions from the Public.**

- Cr Birrell reminded those attending that the Council fishing competition would take place soon.
- Cr Birrell mentioned the shires community grant program. Sue replied that she had submitted 2 applications for the Goldrush festival and Harmony Day but said the grants were open to anyone in the community. Sue advised that a letter of endorsement had been sent to Tony Tapp-Coutts re a separate application she was putting together for a combined Timber Creek/Pine Creek event .
- The Chair suggested that the price of internet usage at the library was excessive. Stuart would ask Council at the next meeting to review the charge. He would report back at the next Local Board meeting if Council had lowered the rate in light of the Local Boards suggestion.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

No next meeting date was set.

#### **MEETING CLOSE**

The Chair Gaye Lawrence thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. Meeting was closed at 6.12 pm.