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MINUTES

FOR A MEETING OF THE

COASTAL PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Held at 10.00am in the Shire Committee Room

5 APRIL 2007

SHIRE OF BROOME
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TO BE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM
ON THURSDAY 5 APRIL 2007
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1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance	Cr C R Mitchell Damien Parriman Michael Corpus Frank Sebastian Cecelia Djiagween Frans Hoogland Gary Waldron	Proxy for G Campbell & Chairperson KLC Rubibi Rubibi Rubibi Proxy for Richard Hunter Community Member
Apologies	Graeme Campbell Cr M L B Albert Cr C M Maher Cr V L Wevers Robert Powrie Richard Hunter	Chairperson KLC Rubibi
Officers	Suzanne Lollback Jillian McMahon	Director Community Services Council Secretary
Public Gallery	Candy Curran Jacki Turfrey Kerry Marvell	KLC KLC KLC

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Michael Corpus

Seconded: Frank Sebastian

That the Minutes of the Coastal Park Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2006 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

AGREED

The Director Community Services briefly reviewed the item 'Weed Reduction in Minyirr Park' from the last formal meeting on 6 March 2006.

3. MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 POWER FOR MINYIRR PARK

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Minyirr Park, Broome
APPLICANT:	Rubibi Land Heritage and Development Group
FILE:	CTE28
AUTHOR:	Kandy Curran
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	N/A
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	N/A
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	22 March 2007

SUMMARY: Minyirr Park seeks Shire approval for a proposal to bring in power into Minyirr Park. In the immediate future the power will be used for lighting in toilets blocks that are to be constructed in 2007 at the Base Camp and Youth Camp.

BACKGROUND

Minyirr Park wishes to discuss bringing power into Minyirr Park. The power source will be used for lighting toilet blocks that are to be constructed in 2007 at Base Camp (information centre) and future works that include conferencing (power point presentations).

COMMENT

Minyirr Park wishes to discuss bringing power into Minyirr Park, pending Rubibi approval. Kevin Moore at Western Power has indicated that the power is likely to be underground and a 2sqm transformer would need to be constructed in the Park. The Georgiou Group who are associated with Landcorp have offered to provide financial assistance with the high costs involved - with the Januburu Six Seasons Estate the closest power source. Minyirr Park wish to discuss planning considerations, whether the Shire can contribute resources to offset the high cost, the necessary steps required such as cultural and environmental approvals, Shire planning and building approvals. Minyirr Park has met with Kevin Moore at Western Power (24 October 2006) and the estimated cost for a 25kVa pole mounted transformer supplied via a high voltage underground cable from Gubinge Road to the site boundary is \$45,000. The works within the Minyirr Park boundary which would need to be carried out by an electrical contractor are being investigated by the Georgiou Group.

CONSULTATION

Shire and Rubibi consultation are required before commencement of the project. Future Acts and Aboriginal Heritage will need to be consulted, although Future Acts clearance is not normally required to bring in power.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972
Land Administration Act
Local Government Act

Native Title Act 1993-1998

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Consistent with the Shire's Interim Agreement with Rubibi (signed in May 1996), the findings of the Local Government Development Program (1997), the implementation of the Shire's Coastal Park Management Plan (April 1999) and the Shire's Strategic Action Plan 2004-2009.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Broome Shire Council considers financial/on ground engineering works that can be contributed toward the project.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Consistent with the Shire's Interim Agreement with Rubibi (signed in May 1996), the findings of the Local Government Development Program (1997), the implementation of the Shire's Coastal Park Management Plan (April 1999) and the Shire's Strategic Plan (2001).

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Consensus

RUBIBI RECOMMENDATION

That Council advise Rubibi of planning considerations with bringing in power and advice of financial/on ground assistance that can be contributed.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Gary Waldron

Seconded: Michael Corpus

That Council:

- 1. Support in principal the provision of power to Minyirr Park noting that Landcorp have agreed to fund the proposal, and**
- 2. Waive any development and building fees associated with power being supplied to Reserve 43080.**

AGREED

3.2 **MINYIRR COSTAL PARK REQUEST INCREASED FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FOR 2007-2008 TO MEET INCREASED SALARY COSTS FOR OUR FOUR PERMANENT PART TIME POSITIONS AND TO ASSIST WITH FUNDING A WORK TEAM THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY ON CDEP**

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Broome
APPLICANT: Rubibi Land Heritage and Development Group
FILE: CTE28
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Kandy Curran
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST: Nil
DATE OF REPORT: 22 March 2007

SUMMARY: Minyirr Park is an important joint arrangement between Aboriginal Traditional Owners and the Shire of Broome. The three main goals are to:

- Conserve the environmental integrity of the coastal areas;
- Protect and promote Aboriginal culture and heritage; and
- Provide opportunities for people to recreate, in a manner compatible with the conservation and cultural and heritage values held for the Park

Minyirr Park requires increased financial commitment for 2007-8 financial years due to an increase in staffing on costs – our four Minyirr Park part time positions became permanent part time in December 2006, and to assist with funding a work team that was previously on CDEP. In light of these changes, Minyirr Park seeks Shire commitment to increase funding to help meet staffing costs to assist with the implementation of Minyirr Park coastal plans into the 2007-2008 budget.

BACKGROUND

Since the Commonwealth Regional Development funded, Local Government Development Project,(LGDP) and the adoption of the *Shire of Broome Coastal Park Management Plan* in 1999, the Shire has committed funds for the Plans implementation ranging from \$55,000- \$75,350 per year. Since its inception, the Coastal Park budget has been allocated to help meet the operational costs in the Minyirr Coastal Park, which helps to cover essential personnel.

The Shire has made funds available to support a part-time: Coastal Landcare Project Officer (CLPO) for 17.5 hours per week, Administrative Assistant 20 hours per week to enable implementation of the Plan and coordination of coastal works and two on-site supervisors for 3 days per week to supervise the work-teams in the Coastal Park.

The Kimberley Land Council (KLC), who have been hosting the four Minyirr Park staff, announced in 2006 that there was an urgent need for the four positions to become permanent part time with the ongoing lack of salary loadings no longer acceptable to the organisation due to the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection *Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993* (the Act). The KLC recognise Minyirr Park as a unique and extremely worthwhile project that is culturally/environmentally important to Broome and its growing population. To support the changeover the KLC Land & Sea Unit has provided **\$12,750.00** to cover increased salary loadings from 12 December 2006 to 30 June

2007. As expected however, the KLC cannot continue to offer ongoing financial assistance for the four positions after 30 June 2007.

Whilst Minyirr Park is charging grants an administrative component (Envirofund and Skillshare), this income is not sufficient to meet these costs and varies each year – particularly with Skillshare (allocated according to number of Work for the Dole participants).

The amount needed for the four permanent part time positions are as follows:

Kandy Curran	17.5 hrs per week	@ \$24.00 per hour
Kerry Marvell	20 hrs per week	@ \$22.00 per hour
Micklo Corpus	21 hrs per week	@ \$22.00 per hour
Frans Hoogland	21 hrs per week	@ \$22.00 per hour

To meet increased loading for the four permanent part time positions Minyirr Park requires **\$42,251.00 on top of the \$75,350.00 provided by the Shire.**

With the loss of CDEP funding on 30 Jun 2007, Minyirr Park has lost its work team. Over the last seven years eight CDEP workers have been working 17 hours per week over three days. In addition to this workforce, there have been, on average, four *Work for the Dole* participants and two volunteers who put in the same hours. This workforce performs a wide range of duties to maintain and develop this unique Coastal Park to a high standard.

Shire funds for the Park have been supplemented each year with grant monies worth twice the Shire amount and to cover materials/tools/equipment and a highly valued **community and volunteer labour force valued at over \$250,000 every year.** The commitment to improving the Coastal Park is exemplified in the number of grants being sourced:

- Ablution block at Base Camp (Community Facilities Grant/Coastwest Grant/Kimberley Development Commission).
- Composting Toilets at Youth Camp (Community Water Grant).
- Regeneration of Old Stables area in Minyirr Park, including native plantings and reticulation, shade shelters, tables/stools and dune trails.
- Booklets about Minyirr Park (Coastcare NRM).
- Weed control project (Envirofund).

Rubibi would like to continue the highly successful Minyirr Park joint management model with the Shire and as such request financial assistance to help Minyirr Park meet the shortfall of wages for the work team. The two preferred options are as follows:

Employment of **6 Part Time Workers** 21 hours per week @ \$15.00 per hour
 \$16,800 base Salary with \$22,161 with loading x 6 = **\$132,999.00**

Or

Employment of **4 Full Time Workers** 21 @15.00 per hour
 Base Salary \$30,000 with loading \$36,771 x 4 = **\$147,084.00**

It is important to add that the Minyirr Park office is seeking funding for wages from the Office of Native Title and the Christensen Fund to carry the project over into the next

financial year. However the Minyirr Park office has no guarantee that this funding will be forthcoming.

Rubibi would like to request that the Shire of Broome consider contributing to the salaries of a work team to continue ongoing Park maintenance and development.

COMMENT

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Consistent with the Shire's Interim Agreement with Rubibi (1996), the Coastal Park Management Plan (1999), the findings of the Local Government Development Program (1997) and the Shire's Strategic Plan (2001)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Consensus

Kerry Marvell spoke to the item reiterating that the \$42,251 requested is to meet legislative wage loading requirements for the current part time staff. It was also pointed out that KLC currently provide free use of office space, phone, use of the financial department staff, vehicles from time to time, fuel, training etc and that negotiations with other organisations for possible funding of staff costs has been investigated, however KLC have nothing to confirm at this stage. It seems there is funding available to cover projects but not staff costs.

Cr C R Mitchell will investigate possible Federal funding grants for which the Committee may qualify.

The Committee agreed that although the long term goal for Minyirr Park is to be a self sustaining tourism enterprise, there is a long way to go and that a solution needs to be formulated for effectively funded operations in the meantime. As such, the Director Community Services will convene a meeting of stakeholders in the next month to endeavour to formulate strategies.

RUBIBI RECOMMENDATION

That the Shire of Broome:

1. Increase funding by **\$42,251.00** to meet increased salary costs for our four permanent part time positions to financially support the Minyirr Park project at least to the basic operational level to ensure the implementation of the Coastal Park Management Plan.
2. Increase funding to assist with the employment of a Minyirr Park work team that has lost CDEP town funding.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Frank Sebastian

Seconded: Cecelia Djiagween

That the Report Recommendation be adopted by the Committee with the addition of the following two points:

3. **That a meeting be organised by the Director Development Services involving the Shire, Rubibi and other Stakeholders to develop long term funding strategies for Minyirr Park.**
4. **Request that Council consider Points 1 and 2 of the recommendation in their 2007/08 Budget deliberations.**

AGREED

4. MEETING CLOSURE

The next Coastal Park Management Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 3 May. To ensure a quorum at that meeting to confirm these Minutes for subsequent presentation to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council late May, Committee members are requested to advise one of the Council Officers of their availability as soon as possible via the following email addresses: Suzanne.Lollback@broome.wa.gov.au or jill.mcmahon@broome.wa.gov.au.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11.01am.