

**Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Lockhart River
Aboriginal Shire Council held at the Offices of the Lockhart
River Aboriginal Shire Council on the 17th of November 2015.**

Attendance: Cr Wayne Butcher – Mayor

Cr Paul Piva

Cr Rebecca Elu

Cr Veronica Piva

David Clarke – CEO

Meeting declared open by the Mayor at 10:15am

Apologies: Cr Norman Bally - Roadworks

Declarations of Conflict of Interest: Cr Paul Piva advised he is conflicted as W&P Machinery Hire Lockhart River has two machines (a grader and a water truck) working on the Old Mission Road under NDRRA REPA works contract 12.15. Cr Piva advised he is a partner in this business. He committed to remove himself from any discussion in relation to this project.

Cr Norman Bally advised the CEO prior to the meeting he may be conflicted as he is driving a water truck for W&P Machinery Hire Lockhart River and for clarity requested the potential conflict be recorded.

Issue: Apologies Cr Norman Bally

Resolution 1: That the apologies of Cr N. Bally be accepted as advised.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher Seconded: Cr V. Piva

All in favour Motion passed

Issue: Minutes of the regular meeting of the LRASC of the 27th of October 2015.

Resolution 2: That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the 27th of October be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Cr P. Piva Seconded: Cr. R. Elu

All in favor motion passed

Issue: Government Employee Housing

Council received a request to consider making land available to the government employee housing service to support the construction of a new house.

Action: Council requested additional information on:

- Which service would be the end user?
- What delivery method is proposed (IE FIFO)?
- Purpose of the dwelling?

The CEO committed to follow up with the Program Office.

Issue: Mangkuma Land Trust

The Mangkuma Land Trust has engaged the pro bono legal services of Heather Robinson of McCulloch Robinson of Brisbane. Council is concerned the continued instability of the MLT must be addressed as they own 90% of the shire. It is in best interests of all parties to invest in bringing functionality back to the MLT.

Resolution 3: That Council seeks the services of P&E Law to represent Community interests and the rights of the Traditional Owners in the conduct of MLT activities.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher Seconded: Cr P. Piva

All in favor Motion passed

Issue: Year 12 Graduations

Graduating year 12 students this year are Fabian Macumboy, Leonard McMahon (Omeeny?), Jaydon and Brendon Hobson, and Dominic Macumboy.

Resolution 4: That Council resolves to supporting parents and carers to attend graduation ceremonies for the above year 12 pupils. Details to be arranged.

Moved: Cr R. Elu Seconded: Cr V. Piva

All in favour **Motion passed**

Issue: Council services over the close down period

Services to continue over the Christmas break:

- Rubbish collection
- Bank on reduced hours and days
- Post Office on reduced hours and days
- Housing new builds if date targets are slipping and weather permits
- Plumbing/Water supply emergencies only
- Old Site Road NDRRA contract if weather permits
- Sport and Rec kids activities
- Community Bus

Issue: Finance Report period ending 31st October 2015

Resolution 5: That the Finance Report for the period ending 31st of October 2015 be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr V. Piva Seconded: Cr R. Elu

All in favor Motion passed

Issue: Residency status Bernard (???) Jnr from Aurukun

Council observed this man has been a constant law and order issue since he arrived in Lockhart River from Aurukun. His part in what would become a tragic accident is noted along with the continued community unrest his presence causes.

Resolution 5: That Bernard Jnr (staying with Darren Cedric) is no longer allowed to reside in Lockhart River.

Moved: Cr P. Piva Seconded: Cr W. Butcher
All in favor Motion passed

Issue: **Council received guests**

Greg O'Brien of consulting engineers Black and Moore;

Doug Aldridge – Council's Project Inspector NDRRA

Warren Davis – Council Works Supervisor;

Edwin Nkonge – Old Site Road NDRRA compliance Officer

Council received a briefing on progress against the Portland Road contract delivered through Newton Spencer Contracting from Greg O'Brien.

Council received a further in-depth briefing on the Old Mission Road project delivery including areas of operation that require review.

(N.B.) Cr R. Elu sought leave to excuse herself at 5:25pm for family reasons. Leave was granted by the Mayor.

Discussion continued in detail focusing on risk analysis and critical delivery dates for the Council lead elements of the Old Mission Road. It was noted that some areas were suffering from a lack of command clarity on roles and responsibilities but that over-all the project was being delivered. Greg O'Brien committed to repeat visits prior to wet season shut down to ensure Council was on top of delivery dates and compliance.

There being no further business the meeting was closed by Mayor Cr W. Butcher at 6:20pm.