

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

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Minutes of Council Meeting Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Lockhart River Shire Council held at the offices of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council

Date: Wednesday 20 April 2016

Venue: The Chambers of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council Cairns Office.

Attendance: Cr Wayne Butcher – Mayor
Cr Norman Bally
Cr Paul Piva
Cr Dorothy Hobson
Cr Marshall Symonds
David Clarke – CEO

Meeting opened: Meeting declared open by the Mayor at 10:00am
All councilors present

Call for declaration of conflict of interest:

Cr Marshall Symonds flagged he may have conflict to declare in relation to the application from Ken Woodhouse to operate a mobile food van in Lockhart Shire but will wait to that agenda item before declaration.

Issue:	Minutes of the meeting of the 21st January, 2016.
Resolution 1:	That the minutes of the meeting of the 21 st January 2016 be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved:	Cr W. Butcher Seconded: Cr P. Piva
All in favour:	Motion passed

Issue: Government Champion visit briefing

The CEO provided a briefing on the outcomes of Government Champion, Paul Simhauser’s recent visit highlighted by confirmation of securing funding for a 100kwt solar trial at Lockhart River. This trial will be expressed in three sub-trials; on ground collection; rooftop collection; and roof collection and storage. At this point the Council Chambers is the likely rooftop and storage trial site. The end result will be a small annual allocation of power cards to all households in Lockhart.

Issue:**Water Park update**

The CEO was requested to brief Council on the progress on the Water Park. Council was advised the project was being assessed to see what parts of the project Council could do using our workforce. The CEO is working with Black and Moore on the project delivery methodology and will keep Council informed of developments. Mayor Butcher requested the matter be placed on the agenda for the next public meeting. Cr Bally stressed it was important to get detail of this project out to the public.

Issue:**Councilor Portfolios**

Discussion occurred on the allocation of specific portfolios to each Councilor. The benefits of this approach were endorsed by all.

Resolution 2:

That the below portfolios be accepted by the nominated Councilors and take effect immediately:

- * Mayor – Education, governance, and Infrastructure;
- * Deputy Mayor – Law and Order, Men’s Group, Land & Sea, and Sport & Rec.
- * Cr Dorothy Hobson – Culture, Language, Arts, Women’s Group, Sport & Recreation;
- * Cr Marshall Symonds – Housing, Home Ownership, and Health;
- * Cr Paul Piva – Economic Development, Employment and Training, and Child Safety.

Moved:

Cr P. Piva **Seconded:** Cr M. Symonds

All in favour

Motion passed

Issue:**Finance Report period ending 31st March 2016**

The Finance Report for the month of March 2016 was tabled with considerable explanatory discussion for the benefit of the new Councilors given changes in reporting format in recent years. Sustainability and liquidity levels were both sound.

Resolution 3:

That the Finance Report for the period ending 31st of March 2016 be accepted as tabled.

Moved:

Cr M. Symonds **Seconded:** Cr P. Piva

All in favour:

Motion passed

Issue:	Application – food van Application to conduct a mobile food van business in Lockhart River Shire by Ken Woodhouse. (Cr Symonds declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from all debate)
Resolution 4:	That acknowledges the application from Mr. Woodhouse
Moved:	N. Bally Seconded: Cr D. Hobson
All in favour:	Motion passed

Issue: Cr Piva floated the idea of Council engaging an electrician.

Issue: Up-date on Kuunchi Karkana Centre
Cr Dorothy Hobson provided an up-date on preparation for the official opening of the Centre on 23rd June. Still required are stone from Garraway, top soil, mulch, seedlings, and fencing. Blessing and soft opening on the 8th of May.

Issue: Cr Marshall Symonds led discussion on IT support to make sure Councilors remain connected to each other and their constituents. He flagged a Men’s health initiative with an ENT screening led by Apunipima. Cr Symonds requested and was provided a briefing on “Katter Leases” in Lockhart. He also asked for further details on the Pride of Place Program.

Issue: Mayor Butcher asked his Council to give thought to a short sharp agenda to guide the first Public Meeting of this term. He then provided a briefing on the recent Empowering Communities forum in Sydney.

Issue: Proposed meeting between Council and Mangkuma Land Trust
Council received correspondence from the MLT Chair David Claudie requesting a meeting between Council and MLT to discuss roles and responsibilities and future partnership arrangements.

Resolution 5: That Council hosts a meeting between Mangkuma Land Trust and Council to define roles and responsibilities and map out tasks required to re-establish a land use management function in the Shire.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher Seconded: Cr D. Hobson

All in favour Motion passed

Meeting Closed: There being no further business the meeting was closed by Mayor Cr W. Butcher at 6:08pm.