

# LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

ABN 55 631 460 952

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

**Date:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Venue:** The offices of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire  
Council 14 Maathuy St.

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**PRESENT:** Wayne Butcher (Mayor)  
Norman Bally  
Dorothy Hobson  
Paul Piva  
David Clarke (CEO)  
Councilor position vacant

Conflict of Interest: Mayor called for any conflicts of interest to be declared. No new declarations were made.

**Issue:** Minutes 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017

**Resolution 1:** That the minutes for the meeting of the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017 be adopted as tabled noting this extended meeting was budget specific.

<b>Moved:</b>	Cr. W. Butcher	<b>Seconded:</b>	Cr P. Piva
	All in favour		Motion passed

**Issue:** *Cashless Debit Card*

Council remains concerned at the education and child care outcomes currently being experienced

**Resolution 2:** That Council request the Minderoo Foundation return to Lockhart River to present the cashless debit card concept to the wider community.

<b>Moved:</b>	Cr Dorothy Hobson	<b>Seconded:</b>	Cr P Piva
	All in favour,		Motion carried

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**Issue: Fiber Optic and IT project**

Council has endorsed the redesign of its communications network and supporting systems in order to develop an operational platform which will be resilient and capable of meeting need over the next ten years. A Fiber Optic underground distribution network to all Council work sites in Lockhart River will allow continuity of connectivity regardless of weather or atmospheric conditions. With the trend to on-line reporting to funding bodies this new installation removes a significant business risk for Council by taking advantage of contemporary technology. There are few suppliers of this technology.

**Resolution 3:** That BizIT, On-Line Communications, and Active Voice be engaged to deliver the scope of works as described in the project plan.

**Moved:** Cr D. Hobson  
All in favour

**Seconded:** Cr N. Bally  
Motion passed

**Issue: Annual Financial Statements**

Annual Financial Statements for the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council and the Lockhart River Aerodrome Company were tabled, discussed, and considered.

**Resolution 4:** That the Annual Financial Statements for the 2016 – 2017 Financial Year for the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council be accepted.

**Moved:** Cr Paul Piva  
All in favour

**Seconded:** Cr D. Hobson  
Motion passed

**Resolution 5:** That the Annual Financial Statements for the 2016 – 2017 Financial Year for the Lockhart River Aerodrome Company be accepted.

**Moved:** Cr W. Butcher  
All in favour

**Seconded:** Cr N. Bally  
Motion passed

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**Issue: Finance Report August 2017**

The Finance Report for August 2017 was tabled and discussed in detail.

**Resolution 6:** That the Finance Report for August 2017 be accepted as tabled.

**Moved:** Cr. Paul Piva  
All in favour

**Seconded:** Cr D. Hobson  
Motion carried

**Issue:** Support for Greta Accoom and family to attend graduation of daughter Simone.

Greta Accoom approached Council seeking assistance for her family to attend the year 12 graduation of her daughter Simone at Downlands College Toowoomba. The school system was paying her accommodation and logistics but she needed support for her partner and youngest daughter Dakota. She also advised her family was driving to Cairns so sought Brisbane – Toowoomba support only.

**Resolution 7:** That, consistent with Council's Education Support Policy, Council support the attendance of father Michael Short and 3 year old daughter Dakota to attend the graduation ceremony of Simone.

**Moved:** Cr W. Butcher  
All in favour

**Seconded:** Cr P.Piva  
Motion passed

**Issue:** Council Christmas closure

Council considered the Christmas closure and the need to balance continuity of essential services.

**Resolution 8:** That the closure over Christmas 2017 commence on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December reopening on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2018.

**Moved:** Cr D. Hobson  
All in favour

**Seconded:** Cr N. Bally  
Motion passed

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**Issue:** Social housing vacancy levels

Council observed that there are a number of social houses unoccupied whilst there was strong demand and overcrowding. Council seeks comment from the Department of Housing on the matter.

There being no further matters to discuss the Mayor closed the meeting at 4:10pm