

# 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: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017

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

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**Attendance:**

Cr Wayne Butcher – Mayor – Cairns  
Cr Paul Piva - Cairns  
Cr Norman Bally – Lockhart via tele-link  
Cr Dorothy Hobson – Lockhart via tele-link  
David Clarke – CEO

**Apology:**

Cr Marshall Symonds applied to the Mayor to be an apology for this meeting.

**Meeting opened:**

Meeting declared open by the Mayor at 9:20am

**Call for declaration of conflict of interest:**

The Mayor advised all Councilors to be aware of potential conflict of interest and the guidelines for reporting on these matters. No new conflicts were declared.

**Visitor: Solar project delegation led by Clare O’Donoghue**

The delegation briefed Council on the projects design and implementation strategy. They also briefed Council on the new metering system being introduced by Ergon. The Mayor thanked the delegation for the briefing.

**Visitor: Greg O’Brien of Black and Moore and Dean Patchett from QRA**

Discussion focused on the dry season roadworks program and the proposed delivery methodology. Council advised a preference to go to the market with the CRF and Airport bridge elements and will deliver the balance directly. The Mayor thanked both for their input.

**Visitor: Les Robinson of My Pathways**

Discussion centered on the Host Agreement and the new cleaning business starting up. Council advised pending legal advice they support the agreement in principle. My Pathways to provide PPE, White Cards, and commit to \$8/hr. The Mayor thanked Les for attending.

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**Issue:**

Apology application submitted to the Mayor by Cr Symonds

**RESOLUTION 1**

The matter has been considered and it is the view of Council that Cr Symonds has been provided adequate notice via a range of media to attend this meeting at least via tele-link. It is noted he has not been in Lockhart since December.

Council hold the view it is impossible for Cr Symonds to prosecute his elected member responsibilities while absent therefore his application for apology is rejected.

**Moved:** Cr Wayne Butcher

**Seconded:** Cr Paul Piva

**All in favour:** Motion passed

**RESOLUTION 2**

That minutes of the meeting of 25 January 2017, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Cr Wayne Butcher

**Seconded:** Cr Dorothy Hobson

**All in favour:** Motion passed

**Issue: General Business**

- 1.1 Community workers meeting
- 1.2 QRA and other civil works update
- 1.3 Finance Report November
- 1.4 Licensed premises update
- 1.5 New housing – Nyimuchin Village update - Reggie
- 1.6 CRF Works - 2017 approach to program delivery.
- 1.7 Mangkuma LT meeting – dates/agenda etc

**Issue: Airport Terminal renovation –Funding Submission Building Better Regions****RESOLUTION 3**

That Council supports the development of a full submission; commits to be responsible for the on-going operation and maintenance of the building; is committed to the delivery of the project; and approves Council's financial and "in kind" project contributions.

**Moved:** Cr Wayne Butcher

**Seconded:** Cr Norman Bally

**All in favour:** Motion passed

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**Issue: Finance Report January 2017**

The LRASC Finance Report for the month of January 2017 was tabled with explanatory discussions.

**RESOLUTION 4**

That the LRASC Finance Report for the period of January 2017 is accepted as tabled.

**Moved:** Cr Paul Piva

**Seconded:** Cr Dorothy Hobson

**All in favour:** Motion passed

**Issue: LRASC – Unrecoverable Sundry Debts**

The matter of long outstanding sundry debts being carried forward on Council's balance sheet was discussed noting many of these debts are very aged; have little chance of being recovered and in some cases lack supporting documentation.

**RESOLUTION 5**

That long term difficult to substantiate sundry debtors carried on Council's balance sheet totalling \$18,188.55 be written off.

**Moved:** Cr Dorothy Hobson

**Seconded:** Cr Paul Piva

**All in favour:** Motion passed

**Issue: Budget Mid-Year Review**

Council held thorough discussions with the CEO and Corporate Services Director forming the mid-year review. Business pressures in some areas attributed to a delayed income stream from our building services operations required Council to consider delayed roll out of some capital projects to the 2017/2018 financial year. A series of recommendations designed to keep Council's financial position on track was tabled.

**RESOLUTION 6**

That the budget mid-year review recommendations be accepted as tabled with the exception of repairs to the workshop roof which will be retained in the 2016/2017 financial year.

**Moved:** Cr Norman Bally

**Seconded:** Cr Dorothy Hobson

**All in favour:** Motion passed

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**Issue: Operational Plan quarterly review**

Council reviewed the operational plan against stated benchmarks and objectives.

**RESOLUTION 7**

That the operational plan review be accepted as tabled.

**Moved:** Cr Paul Piva

**Seconded:** Cr Dorothy Hobson

**All in favour:** Motion passed

**Issue: Mayor's Report**

Cr Butcher tabled and spoke to the report tabled that chronicled his recent engagements with relevant Ministers and philanthropic leaders.

**Meeting Closed:**

There being no further business the meeting was closed by the Mayor at 5:55pm.