

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

ABN 55 631 460 952



Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting

Date: 15th January 2014

Venue: Council Chambers
Lockhart River
14 Maathvy Street, Lockhart River

1. **Attendance**

Cr. Wayne Butcher – Mayor
Cr. Norman Bally
Cr. Rebecca Elu
Cr. Paul Piva
Ms. Dora Accoom – D/CEO
Mr. Peter Opio-Otim – CEO

No visitors

2. **Opening**

Mayor declared the meeting open at 10.00am and welcomed all.

3. **Apology**

A written apology was received from Cr. Veronica Piva.

RESOLUTION LRASC 01/01/2014

That apology from Cr. Veronica Piva be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr. Wayne Butcher
Seconded: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Carried:

4. **Conflict of Interest: Material Personal Interest**

Nil

5. **Minutes of Meeting of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17th December 2013**

RESOLUTION LRASC 02/01/2014

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17th December 2013 be accepted and confirmed as true and correct

Moved: Cr. Paul Piva
Seconded: Cr. Norman Bally
Carried:

6. Business Arising Out of Minutes

6.1 My Pathway

Community Action Group Committee meeting was held on 14th January 2014. The need to organise interagency group meetings was mentioned.

6.2 Local Disaster Management Meeting

This meeting will be held on 28/29 January 2014 in Lockhart.

6.3 New Subdivision Project

Council expressed some concerns that the project will not be completed within the project timeline. The need for Council to be provided with monthly progress meeting reports on the project implementation was again raised and stressed.

Council should develop a policy on wet season that deals with outside staff engagement/employment.

6.4 Aerodrome Company

Lockhart River Aerodrome Company is to appoint a new Company Secretary following the departure of the previous secretary.

6.5 Retail Store Report

The Consultant has not yet provided a report on the future of government controlled and operated retail stores on Aboriginal Communities. This needs to be followed-up by LGAQ.

6.6 New Water rates

RESOLUTION LRASC 03/01/2014

That tenants whose houses are not connected to the Council main water system will pay a new water rate of \$20 per month; while tenants who are connected to the Council main water system will pay \$30 per month; these rates will come into effect from 1st March 2014.

**Moved: Cr. Wayne Butcher
Seconded: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Carried**

Cr. Paul Piva declared his interest and did not take part in the discussion.

6.7 Public/Community Meeting

The next public/community meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th February 2014 in the church Hall.

6.8 Council Engineer Position

This position will be advertised next week. Council agreed to the package that will be offered to the successful applicant.

7. Action Sheet

RESOLUTION LRASC 04/01/2014

That Council sighted and noted the actions taken on resolutions passed at the last ordinary meeting.

Moved: Cr. Paul Piva
Seconded: Cr. Norman Bally
Carried

8. Minutes of Special Council meeting held on 6th December 2013

RESOLUTION LRASC 05/01/2014

That Council accepts the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 6th December 2013 as true and correct.

Moved: Cr. Wayne Butcher
Seconded: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Carried

9. Paul Piva

Council meeting was closed to the public for purpose of discussing the agenda.

RESOLUTION LRASC 06/01/2014

That Council take note of the decision of the Mayor to reprimand Cr. Paul Piva for breach of S181 of the Local Government Act 2014.

**Moved: Cr. Norman Bally
Seconded: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Carried**

10. Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal Report of the Tribunal December 2013

RESOLUTION LRASC 07/01/2014

That Council note the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Report on the Review of Categories and assignment of local government as well as the determination of remunerations for Councillors; and further that Council will develop a policy guide on what constitutes "attendance" for the purpose of payment of each monthly meeting fee.

**Moved: Cr. Wayne Butcher
Seconded: Cr. Paul Piva
Carried**

11. Department of Housing and Public Works: Reports

RESOLUTION LRASC 08/01/2014

That Council sighted and noted the;

**Tenancy management report for November
Collections reports for November and December
Removal of names of deceased persons from the tenancy report**

**Moved: Cr. Norman Bally
Seconded: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Carried**

12. **Australian Bureau of Statistics: Estimated Resident Population Data**

RESOLUTION LRASC 09/01/2014

That Council will undertake a survey on the population of all houses in the Community and further that the animal management unit will also undertake a census of dogs, horses and cattle.

Moved: Cr. Paul Piva
Seconded: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Carried

Meeting adjourned for lunch break at 12.10pm.

Meeting resumed at 1.10pm

13. **Department of State Development Infrastructure and Planning: State Planning Policy**

Council noted the information provided on the subject.

14. **The Cape York Cook 2014 Open Strategy Forum**

RESOLUTION LRASC 10/01/2014

That the Mayor and the CEO will represent the Council at the Cape York Cook 2014 Open Strategy Forum in Cairns on 23rd January 2014.

Moved: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Seconded: Cr. Norman Bally
Carried

15. **Program Office: Notice of visit**

Council considered the date of the visit and resolved that it was not appropriate. Program Office to be notified of the decision.

16. Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council: 2nd Quarterly Report on the Implementation of the 2013-2014 Operational Plan

RESOLUTION LRASC 11/01/2014

That Council receive and note the report on the implementation of the 2013-2014 Council Operational Plan for the period 1 October 2013 – 31 December 2013.

Moved: Cr. Norman Bally
Seconded: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Carried

Director of Community Development Section to address the issues associated with Men's Healing Centre.

17. Engineering Services Section

RESOLUTION LRASC 12/01/2014

That Council received and note the reports from the various units of the Engineering Services Section for the month of December 2013.

Moved: Cr. Norman Bally
Seconded: Cr. Paul Piva
Carried

18. Closure of Portland Access Road

RESOLUTION LRASC 13/01/2014

That the Portland Access Road be closed to all vehicles until further notice.

Moved: Cr. Wayne Bally
Seconded: Cr. Norman Bally
Carried

19. Visit to Inspect QRA works

RESOLUTION LRASC 14/01/2014

That the planned trip by Jon Leggett to inspect the work undertaken on the QRA projects be deferred until the weather conditions improve.

Moved: Cr. Wayne Butcher
Seconded: Cr. Norman Bally
Carried

20. Accommodation: Proposals by Kwik Built

RESOLUTION LRASC 15/01/2014

That expression of interest be invited from suppliers for the supply and installation of one bedroom dongas for staff accommodation.

Moved: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Seconded: Cr. Norman Bally
Carried

21. Lockhart River Planning Scheme: Progress Report

RESOLUTION LRASC 16/01/2014

That Council note the report provided by Card No HP on the Lockhart River Land use planning scheme.

Moved: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Seconded: Cr. Norman Bally
Carried

22. Return of leased machines/vehicles

RESOLUTION LRASC 17/01/2014

That Cr. Wayne Butcher, Cr. Norman Bally and Cr. Paul Piva drive the leased vehicles back to Cairns before Christmas.

**Moved: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Seconded: Cr. Wayne Butcher
Carried**

23. Pumping Irrigation and Machinery Services: Maintenance Program Report

RESOLUTION LRASC 18/01/2014

That Council note the report provided by Pumping Irrigation and Machinery Services on the maintenance work undertaken by the Company in November in Lockhart; and further that Council note the recommendations made by the company in terms of regular checking of the water infrastructure as well as data collection needed.

**Moved: Cr. Norman Bally
Seconded: Cr. Paul Piva
Carried**

24. Community Development Services Reports

RESOLUTION LRASC 19/01/2014

That Council note the reports from the various units of Community Development Services Section for the month of December; and that the Director of the Section take appropriate actions to address the problem associated with inactivity at the Men's Healing Centre.

**Moved: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Seconded: Cr. Paul Piva
Carried**

25. Lockhart River PaCE project: Report

RESOLUTION LRASC 20/01/2014

That Council note the PaCE report for the 2013 year as submitted to Remote Partnership Manager.

Moved: Cr. Paul Piva
Seconded: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Carried

Director of Finance and Administration joined the meeting at 3.15pm

26. Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2013

RESOLUTION LRASC 21/01/2014

That the Lockhart River Shire Council Financial Statements for the month ended 31 December 2013 be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr. Wayne Butcher
Seconded: Cr. Paul Piva
Carried

27. Lockhart River Aerodrome Company Income Statement for period ended 31 December 2013

RESOLUTION LRASC 22/01/2014

That Council note the Aerodrome Income Statement for the period ended 31 December 2013.

Moved: Cr. Wayne Butcher
Seconded: Cr. Paul Piva
Carried

28. Information Technology Officer Position

RESOLUTION LRASC 23/01/2014

That the position for Information and Technology officer be advertised, and further that the position will be on casual basis working 2 days a week.

Moved:	Cr.	Paul	Piva
Seconded:	Cr.	Rebecca	Elu
Carried			

29. P&E Law invoices

Council agreed that a meeting to discuss the invoice with P&E Law be arranged to coincide with the Cape York Forum meeting scheduled to take place in Cairns on 23rd January 2014.

30. Amendments to the 2013-2014 Council budget

Council commenced discussions on the proposed amendments but deferred making any decisions until the following day.

Meeting adjourned at 5.00pm to resume at 10am on Thursday 17th January 2014.

DAY 2

Cr. Wayne Butcher – Mayor
Cr. Norman Bally
Cr. Rebecca Elu
Cr. Paul Piva
Ms. Dora Accoom – D/CEO
Mr. Peter Opio-Otim – CEO

Mayor declared the meeting open at 11:40am and welcomed all.

Apology from Cr. Veronica Piva was noted and accepted.

31. General Business

31.1 Award Night

This function took place on 17th December 2013. It was well attended by Community members.

31.2 Public Meeting

Refer to discussion on this subject. Agenda to include:

- Introduction of new water and waste charges
- Local Laws
- Dog registration to go up from \$10 to \$20 per day
- Community clean-up day

31.3 Ms. Dottie Hobson

A letter from Ms. Dottie Hobson to the Council on her intention to buy a cement truck was tabled and discussed. Council agreed to support her in her endeavours.

RESOLUTION LRASC 24/01/2014

That Council develop a policy that supports local indigenous persons who wish to start business in the Community.

Moved: Cr. Paul Piva
Seconded: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Carried

31.4 Conrad Giblet

Council is the host employer as a trainee painter. He is employed by My Pathway.

31.5 CIMA

Register Certificate of CIMA was tabled and sighted by the Council. CIMA focus is on economic development.

31.6 Working On Country

The on-going challenges with the operations – now suspended – of the project was noted.

Council is considering asking the Department to have the project transferred to and managed by a Traditional Incorporated body.

Mayor to discuss this matter with the Co-ordinator of Kuku Ya'u Group.

32. Amendments to the Council budget 2013-2014; revisited

Proposals on how to deal with the issues in the current

RESOLUTION LRASC 25/01/2014

That the Director of Finance and Administration incorporate the main issues and suggestions discussed in the budget review including the new proposed working hours – into a report to be tabled at a special council meeting at the end of January 2014.

Moved: Cr. Wayne Butcher
Seconded: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Carried

33. Date and Venue for next Ordinary Meeting

As per schedule, the next Ordinary meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of month, namely on the 19th February 2014 in Lockhart River.

34. Vote of thanks and close of meeting

There being no other business, Mayor thanked all and declared the meeting closed at 2.40pm.