

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

ABN 55 631 460 952



Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting

Date: 18 June 2014

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

1. **Attendance**

Cr. Wayne Butcher – Mayor
Cr. Norman Bally
Cr. Rebecca Elu
Cr. Paul Piva
Cr. Veronica Piva
Mr. Stanley Mugwiria – Accountant

2. **Opening**

Mayor declared the meeting open at 11.00am and welcomed all.

3. **Apology**

Nil

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

Nil

5. **Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 21 May 2014**

RESOLUTION LRASC 01 | 06 | 2014

That minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 21 May 2014 be confirmed as true and correct.

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

6. **Business arising out of Minutes**

6.1 Working on Country

The Department has written a letter to the Council requesting refund of the unspent funds of \$110,201.56 (GST inclusive) and return of all assets purchased for the program.

The Council will send a letter to the Department confirming the expenditure of carryover funds after the audited financial acquittal is ready and available.

6.2 Appointment of Executive Officer

The position for the CEO was filled after interviews and the successful CEO applicant has already accepted the offer.

RESOLUTION LRASC 02 | 06 | 2014

That Ian Bodill be appointed to the position of CEO of Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council for three years period commencing 28 July 2014.

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

6.3 Local businesses

The local people should be encouraged to start their own businesses to exploit the opportunities offered by changes from the federal and state government service delivery models. The available business mentoring and support service from Ms. Noleen Clark is an added advantage.

6.4 Queensland Playgroup

The Council should enter into MOU agreement with Playgroup Queensland over the use of the Council building for specified period of time and at agreed weekly rate. Stanley will initiate the discussion to be finalised when the new CEO commences.

6.5 Register of interest for Councillors

The register of interests of all Councillors is not yet fully updated and the affected elected members should ensure this is completed. This register should be kept under the responsibility of the CEO and cannot be delegated to anyone else.

6.6 Pricing and stock in Council Store

The prices of items sold at the Council Warehouse should be reviewed to reflect their fair value to ensure the Council is not subsidising for the items sold. On the minimum, the prices should be reviewed to match the Retail Store's price lists.

An example of suspected undercharging is price of car batteries. The Accountant will carry out the review to confirm this and report to the Council.

7. Panel of preferred providers for occasional plant and restoration works

Following the advertisement for the occasional plant hire expressions of interest by Black & More on behalf of the Council, 13 submissions were received and the Council resolved to occasionally hire plant as follows:

RESOLUTION LRASC 03|06|2014

That Council will accept the following companies as preferred suppliers of occasional plant hire:

- **Newton Spencer Contracting**
- **Hockey Machinery Sales Pty Ltd**
- **Coates Hire**
- **Hastings Deering CAT.**

Moved: Cr. Wayne Butcher

Seconded: Cr. Paul Piva

Carried:

The delivery of the outstanding and new Restoration Works (NDRRA) was discussed and the Council approved delivery schedule as here below:

RESOLUTION LRASC 04|06|2014

That Council resolved to award restorations works as follows:

- **Newton Spencer Contracting - Old restorations works (REPA 5.13) on Portland road (continue to finish from where they left before wet season)**
- **Council crew – Start new restoration works (REPA 7.13) on several sites – Line hill road, Taylor’s landing, Old site road, Pound Pond Road.**

Moved: Cr. Paul Piva

Seconded: Cr. Rebecca Elu

Carried:

8. Engineering Services Sections: Reports for the month of May 2014

RESOLUTION LRASC 05|06|2014

That Council receive and note the various reports from the section for the month of May 2014.

Moved: Cr. Wayne Butcher

Seconded: Cr. Veronica Piva

Carried:

9. Community Development Section: Reports for the month of May 2014

RESOLUTION LRASC 06|06|2014

That Council receive and note the various reports from the Community Development section for the month of May 2014.

Moved: Cr. Wayne Butcher

Seconded: Cr. Veronica Piva

Carried:

10. Finance and Administration

Council Financial Statement for the month ended 31 May 2014

RESOLUTION LRASC 07|06|2014

That the Financial Statement of the Council for the period ended 31 May 2014 be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr. Wayne Butcher

Seconded: Cr. Paul Piva

Carried:

11. Lockhart River Aerodrome Company PL: Profit and Loss Statement: July 2013 through May 2014

RESOLUTION LRASC 08|06|2014

That Council received, sighted and noted the profit and loss statement for Lockhart River Aerodrome Company for the period ended 31 May 2014.

Moved: Cr. Wayne Butcher

Seconded: Cr. Paul Piva

Carried:

12. 2014-15 Budget proposal (Draft)

The draft budget was prepared and presented to the Council to review before the final approval and adoption later in July 2014 meeting.

RESOLUTION LRASC 09|06|2014

That Council sighted the draft 2014-15 budget and have taken copies for their review before the next Council meeting to approve and adopt the budget.

Moved: Cr. Veronica Piva

Seconded: Cr. Rebecca Elu

Carried:

Council agreed to finalise the budget during the forthcoming meeting in Cairns Office in July 2014.

13. Corporate Plan

The Council agreed that the review of the Corporate Plan will be done when the new CEO commence in July 2014.

14. Operation Plan

The Council sighted the draft 2014-15 Operational Plan that will be reviewed and finalised before the adoption of the 2014-15 budget.

15. Elected Members Report

The Council agreed to present reports to the Mayor for summary report during the next Council meeting.

16. General Business

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Team of Officers from the Department discussed changes to the funding model and service delivery of the following programs:

- Puuya Foundation
- RIBS
- Playgroup Queensland

New funding agreement will replace the current agreements in a transition period of at least 18 months and that 152 programs have been merged into 5 key service delivery areas.

The Council noted the importance of the new funding initiative to take kids back to school but the government should ensure a smooth transitioning for kids who have been away from school for a very long time.

17. Date and Venue of next Ordinary Council Meeting

The next ordinary meeting will take place on the third Wednesday 17 July 2014. The meeting will be held in Cairns Office.

18. Vote of thanks and close of meeting

There being no other business, Mayor thanked all and closed the meeting at 4:00pm