

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

ABN 55 631 460 952



Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting

Date: 20th August 2014

Venue: Lockhart River Council Chambers.

1. Attendance

Cr. Wayne Butcher – Mayor
Cr. Norman Bally
Cr. Rebecca Elu
Cr. Paul Piva
Cr. Veronica Piva

CEO Ian Bodill
Deputy CEO Mrs Dora Accoom

2. Opening

Mayor declared the meeting open at 09h55 and welcomed all.

3. Apologies

Nil

4. Conflict of Interest: Material Personal Interest

Councillor Paul Piva declared an interest in item 8.12, Palm Cockatoo Lodge.

5. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 17th July, 2014

RESOLUTION LRASC 0001 | 08 | 2014

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17th July, 2014 be confirmed as true and correct.

Moved: Cr Paul Piva
Seconded: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Carried: 5/0

6. Business arising out of Minutes

6.1 Mark Kelleher and Airport

RESOLUTION LRASC 0002 | 08 | 2014

That:

1. Council meets with Mr Kelleher and requests that he assists with the boundary realignment required to incorporate the airport and associated land into the LRASC boundary.
2. The CEO writes a letter to Cook Shire in order to commence proceedings with the Aerodrome and Line Hill.

Moved: Cr Paul Piva
Seconded: Cr Norman Bally
Carried: 5/0

7. Confidential Business

Nil

8. Reports from Chief Executive Officer

8.1 Café/Internet Café Proposal

RESOLUTION LRASC 0003 | 08 | 2014

That Council:

1. Agrees to the concept of a Café at the Airport Lounge
2. Authorises the CEO to make an Application to the Cook Shire for this to occur.
3. Prepares a Business Plan for the next Council meeting for further discussion.
4. Forwards this proposal to the Aerodrome Company for consideration and approval.

Moved: Cr Rebecca Elu

Seconded: Cr Paul Piva

Carried: 5/0

8.2 Commonwealth Games Aboriginal Art Collection

RESOLUTION LRASC 0004 | 08 | 2014

That Council agrees to provide a letter of support the LNP ATSI Policy Committee to promote a State wide Official Aboriginal Art Collection for the Commonwealth Games in 2018 in association with the Government Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts.

Moved: Cr Wayne Butcher

Seconded: Cr Veronica Piva

Carried: 5/0

8.3 Lot 33 Divestment and change of purpose - TRUSTEE

RESOLUTION No.1

RESOLUTION LRASC 0005|08|2014

That regarding Lockhart River: lot 33 on WMT47 'Kindergarten' purposes, reserve under trusteeship of Department of Education, Training and Employment.

- a. Council resolves to accept trusteeship of this reserve on the basis that it will be used to facilitate a long term lease between the Council and the Puuya Foundation for the operation of the Kuunchi-Kakana Families Together Centre.
- b. Council also resolves to accept a change of the purpose to 'Provision of Services Beneficial to Aboriginal people particularly concerned with land' as a more appropriate purpose.

Moved: Cr Paul Piva
Seconded: Cr Rebecca Elu
Carried: 5/0

8.4 Royal Flying Doctor (FRDS) Contribution

RESOLUTION LRASC 0006|08|2014

That Council participates in the RFDS Diary/Sponsor's Directory and pays \$595 plus gst in order to do so.

Moved: Cr Wayne Butcher
Seconded: Cr Rebecca Elu
Carried: 5/0

8.5 Fr Brian Claudie – Bus Driver – Working Hours

RESOLUTION LRASC 0007|08|2014

That:

1. FR. Brian Claudie be told that he is unable to work for longer than 20 hours per week due to the fact that it would affect his pension payments.
2. H.R to arrange for Fr. Brian Claudie to be transferred from My Pathway to the Shire payroll on a permanent part time basis (20 hours per week).
3. HR to advise My Pathway (Mali) that they should continue to pay a percentage of his wages for the first six months of his employment with the shire.

Moved: Cr Paul Piva
Seconded: Cr Wayne Butcher
Carried: 5/0

8.6 Sale of Social Housing in Lockhart

RESOLUTION LRASC 0008|08|2014

That:

1. Regarding the LHA lease entitlements in Lockhart River, the following questions which impact on Council's deliberations regarding a methodology for the sale price of social housing on the LHA lease entitlements be asked of the Minister:
 - Will the houses located on all LHA lease entitlements be assessed to establish the condition of the houses prior to the negotiation of sale price? If yes, please advise when this assessment will be done. If no, please advise the date of the last assessment and when it will next be done.
 - The condition of houses varies on the LHA leases. Can you please advise the standard to which the houses will be upgraded or repaired prior to sale and whether there is a financial limit to the amount that will be spent on houses to bring them to a standard for sale? If there is a financial limit would you please advise the amount?
 - A number of lease entitlement holders have asked if they agree to purchase the house will there be the option for them to enter into a sub-lease for the house to continue to be managed as a social house so that they do not have to take financial responsibility for maintenance? If yes, could you please advise what the terms of the sub-lease will be? If no, please advise what other alternative exists for them in regard to the house.
 - Similarly, if the lease entitlement holder currently lives in social housing elsewhere in the community but is interested in purchasing the social house on their lease entitlement and sub-leasing it so that it can continue to be used as social housing, will they be eligible to continue to be a social housing tenant?
 - Will there be an option for lease entitlement holders to purchase their house over a period of time – e.g. a rent to buy scheme? If so, will their LHA lease be granted before the house is purchased in full?
2. The following house prices be forwarded as suggestions to the Minister and included in the correspondence:

House Type	New Condition	Good Condition	Fair Condition
2 bed detached house	\$100 000	\$70 000	\$40 000
3 bed detached house	\$120 000	\$90 000	\$60 000
4 bed detached house	\$150 000	\$120 000	\$90 000
5 bed detached house	\$170 000	\$140 000	\$105 000
6 bed detached house	\$190 000	\$160 000	\$120 000

Moved: Cr Rebecca Elu
Seconded: Cr Paul Piva
Carried: 5/0

8.7 Special Holidays Application for 2015

RESOLUTION LRASC 0009|08|2014

That council applies for the following dates to be observed as Special Holidays in the shire of Lockhart River.

- **Monday 23 February 2015** A holiday for the Shire of Lockhart River for the purpose of the Foundation Day
- **Friday 17 July 2015** A holiday for the Shire of Lockhart River for the purpose of the Cairns Annual Shore
- **Friday 24 July 2015** A holiday for the Shire of Lockhart River for the purpose of St. James' Day
- **Thursday 29 October 2015** A holiday for the Shire of Lockhart River for the purpose of DOGIT (Deed Of Grant in Trust) Day

Moved: Cr Norman Bally
Seconded: Cr Wayne Butcher
Carried: 5/0

8.8 Lockhart River Meats Leases

This item was withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

RESOLUTION LRASC 0010|08|2014

That the item be withdrawn

Moved: Cr Paul Piva
Seconded: Cr Norman Bally
Carried: 5/0

8.9 Joshua...Some items of request to Council.

RESOLUTION LRASC 0011|08|2014

Council chose not to deal with these items as tabled and the mayor Councillor Butcher suggested that he and the CEO arrange a meeting with Joshua to discuss his requests.

8.10 Graffiti Funds Received

RESOLUTION LRASC 0012|08|2014

That:
Council accepts the funds for graffiti and that it be utilised to remove graffiti and re-paint the interior of the office

Moved: Cr Wayne Butcher
Seconded: Cr Veronica Piva
Carried: 5/0

8.11 Australian Governments new Indigenous Advancement Strategy

RESOLUTION LRASC 0013|08|2014

This was noted and received by Council

8.12 Application for Land lease by Paul Piva for the purposes of building Cockatoo Lodge

Cr Paul Piva declared an interest in this item.

Cr Veronica Piva declared an interest in this item.

RESOLUTION LRASC 0014|08|2014

That:

Cr Piva be allowed to make a presentation to Council

Moved: Cr Wayne Butcher

Seconded: Cr Rebecca Elu

Carried: 3/0

That:

The application by Paul Piva be supported and approved and that the CEO be authorised to process and discuss the way forward with the applicant and appropriate organisations.

Moved: Cr Wayne Butcher

Seconded: Cr Rebecca Elu

Carried: 3/0

Councillors Paul Piva and Veronica Piva left the chambers during deliberation and decision making and did not vote on this item.

8.13 Jimmy Hobson and Peter Ropeyarn request the use of the plant Shed for parking the grader, front end loader and water truck

RESOLUTION LRASC 0015|08|2014

That Council regretfully declines their request due to the risk involved with possible damage to their plant and that it is suggested to them that they keep their machines at home.

Moved: Cr Wayne Butcher

Seconded: Cr Norman Bally

Carried: 5/0

- 8.14 LGAQ 118TH Annual Conference in Mackay this year from the 27th to 29th October. Motions due by the 29th August.

RESOLUTION LRASC 0016|08|2014

That the Mayor and CEO attend the conference and put the question to the Minister regarding transfer of DATSIMA Stores to Community ownership.

Moved: Cr Paul Piva
Seconded: Cr Rebecca Elu
Carried: 5/0

- 8.15 Request to store utility vehicle in Council Compound by the Board of Directors for Kuuku Yau Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC.

RESOLUTION LRASC 0017|08|2014

That Council regrestfully declines their request due to the risk involved with possible damage to their vehicle.

Moved: Cr Wayne Butcher
Seconded: Cr Norman Bally
Carried: 5/0

- 8.16 YARI Youth Programme proposal for outdoor gym equipment.

RESOLUTION LRASC 0018|08|2014

That Council supports the outdoor gym proposal and provides assistance with preparation of the site.

Moved: Cr Paul Piva
Seconded: Cr Wayne Butcher
Carried: 5/0

9. Senior Managers Reports

9.1 Engineering

RESOLUTION LRASC 0019|08|2014

That Council accepts the report provided by Director Engineering.

Moved: Cr Paul Piva
Seconded: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Carried: 5/0

9.2 Community Development

RESOLUTION LRASC 0020 | 08 | 2014

That Council accepts the report provided by Director Community Development

Moved: Cr Paul Piva
Seconded: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Carried: 5/0

9.3 Building Services

RESOLUTION LRASC 0021 | 08 | 2014

That Council accepts the report provided by Supervisor Building Services.

1. That Council Receives the Building report.
2. That the Building Manager receives a quote for a set of edge protection and brings it to the September meeting for council consideration.
3. That Council approves allowing 20ltrs of diesel weekly to each person on the building crew that uses their personal vehicle for work.
4. That council approves employing an additional carpenter with immediate effect.
5. That the rate of pay requested is NOT approved.

Moved: Cr Paul Piva
Seconded: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Carried: 5/0

9.4 Finance and Administration

RESOLUTION LRASC 0022 | 08 | 2014

That Council accepts the report provided by Director Finance & Administration.

Moved: Cr Paul Piva
Seconded: Cr. Rebecca Elu
Carried: 5/0

10. Councillor Reports

10.1 Mayor Wayne Butcher's Report July/August 2014

LRASC Meeting Wednesday 20th August 2014

1. CIMA – Economic Regional Participation Strategies
2. DATSIMA Store – 6 Communities are lobbying the government for community control
3. Sub-division - Finally completed. Hand over tomorrow 21st August
4. Welfare Reform – State Government Bill proposed for Policy Welfare Reform. Meeting with Glenn Elmes September 3rd
 - FRC = Family Responsibility Commission
5. New Houses – Moving too slowly. Need clear direction on progress delivery plan;
 - 2 X houses 2014/2015 = LRASC Houses
 - 4 X houses 2015/2016 = Sub-contractors
6. Principal & women leaders – Interesting visit to Bond University. Planning future education pathways
7. Puuya Foundation; -
 - Building donated force 10
 - Land tenure “Qld Kindergarten”
 - Tim Fairfax Family Foundation visit
 - TFFF = \$150K X5 years (Administration)
 - Project Manager / CEO on site
8. Road Works;-
 - Old site road looks great / work ethic
 - \$200m PPR
 - \$50m CR Access Record

10.2 Cr Norman Bally's Portfolio Report
July/August 2014

This is my report, giving the Council an insight on what is happening around my Portfolio areas for the period up to 20th August 2014.

Men's Group

The men's centre has been pretty slack with no attendance from the community men. The Coordinator has bought some tools & equipment for the men's group, and organized activities such as spear making and carving at the centre, but for some reason no men seem to go up to there. Band practises and traditional dances no longer happening. The good news is that the Men's Centre has finally received their budget and will hopefully be operational.

Housing

This year the Lockhart River Shire team is really busy with a lot of renovations handed over from BAS (formerly QBuild). There are many major renovations along with the contract building of 2 new houses. The Council needs to find out what type of man power we have at the moment, whether we need extra carpenters or not, because we do not have much time to play with before the monsoon starts. The QLD Housing team has put down a really good housing application for the applicants that have applied for new housing here in Lockhart River. The spread sheet will give the Council a very good insight of why that applicant is eligible to get a new house. The housing officer position is still being looked at by the QLD Housing Head Office. The LRASC needs to write a letter about the housing officer position and why it has taken this long to have this position available to the community.

Parks & Gardens

Now that we have a Civil Engineer (Rajah) on board to see that the work crew is working well. The Road Gang are not working all over the place anymore. They are now working according to a plan done by Rajah and he makes sure they complete the task. The work crew are in need of a bigger ride-on lawn mower to keep on top of the slashing and mowing around the Community. The budget for the town beautification for the Community entrance has not been released yet, and we're still waiting for the news of whether the Project will go ahead or not.

My Pathway

My Pathway is working pretty well, thanks to a very good team who are making sure this is what the Community wants. The CAPS meeting is happening regularly. Paul and his boys are helping the Parks & Gardens boys doing a splendid job in keeping the town clean.

10.3 Councillor Veronica Piva's Report
July/August 2014

- Sat on interview for 3 new workers for the Puuya Foundation; -
 1. Tanya Koko – Manager
 2. Lorraine Rockeby – Worker
 3. Leandra Warradoo – Worker

- Had to catch the plane down to Cairns to be with my grandson and his friend for the school holidays. The two boys drew up their programme for each day of their holidays. This was a very good way of knowing where they were and what they did. There were 3 main reasons for this;
 - (a) Trust
 - (b) Responsibility
 - (c) Respect

The boys followed their programme for one week. Gregory went to Brisbane with his mum and sister for the second week. Pylarnie stayed with me and it was easier to look after one instead of two.

- Met up with Dottie and Pat of Puuya Foundation, did some deputation work with Dept. of DATSIMA, My Pathway and Apunipima Cape York Health on what ways we could work in partnership with them? Very encouraging feedback from the trio Department.

- Visitors from the Bond University arrived at Lockhart, met them at the school. Lunch-BBQ was provided by the school and the visitors were shown around the school by the principal.

- Church Service at St. James Church. Our visitors attended the service and morning tea after the services with some of the elders and parishioners. Visitors were very impressed with the singing of language hymns and choruses.

- Tim and Gina and Daughter Prue arrived in Lockhart with Jim Burgess, they arrived in their own plane. Dottie, Denise, Pat and I met them at the airport, left our luggage at the cabins. We took them to Puuya Centre for our learning circle over lunch; the Bond visitors also joined us.

- BBQ Dinner at the cabins organised by the HACC ladies for the elders, Tim, Gina, Prue and Jim. Tim and Gina were very pleased to talk to the elders and also the leaders to ask questions about their visit to Lockhart River.

- Tim and Family left Lockhart River on their private jet to Brisbane at 12.30pm – Tuesday 5th August, 2014.

- Puuya foundation meeting with the workers at the HACCC centre, Tanya, Lorraine and Leandra. Dottie, Pat, Denise and I went over the roster with the Puuya Foundation workers. They were very well tuned into their programme.
- Met with Darryl and Yosina from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, topic finances early childhood- Puuya Foundation Centre for 2015 onward. Outcome-look for ways to get more funding.

V. PIVA

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10.4 Council Report (Paul Piva: Health & Education Portfolio)

Outstation North

Brighton Butcher has completed the course and is back in town. I will try him for the Army Reserves.

Chris Bally is working at Springvale station and is going great.

Health Program

Elise the new YARI worker has talked to a few interested groups in town in regards to an outdoor gym.

She has had a great response to the idea, but needs incline Council support to submit a grant application.

Homework Club

This program is still happening, but needs more parents to attend.

I will talk to My Pathway to include this in a RJCP activity as kids will be going to High School in year 7 next year.

Farm

- We are getting things growing at the farm now.
- We have water and planted food that our people eat, e.g. sweet potato, yams, carrots, taro and tomatoes.
- We will get the school to come and grow their own patch as things settle down.

School Base Traineeship

My Pathway in conjunction with RSS, Council, Redlynch State College and ESW are employing Pylarnie Piva for 2 days a week for school base training in carpentry. He will start on the 28/08/3014.

10.5 Cr Rebecca Elu's August Report

- **Women Business**

Nothing happening at Women's Shelter at the moment

- **YARI**

1. Gym equipment
2. Need more volunteers or workers
3. Activity every week
4. Touch Footy competition Wednesday nights

- **Sports and Recreation**

No worker

11. General Business

12. Closure of meeting

There being no other business, Mayor thanked all and closed the meeting at 5.20pm