

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

ABN 55 631 460 952



Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting

Date: 17 December 2014

Venue: Boardroom – Lockhart River
Maathuy Street
Lockhart River, QLD 4892

1. Attendance

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

A/CEO David Clarke
Deputy CEO Dora Accoom

2. Opening

The meeting opened at 9:00 am.

3. Apologies

Cr. Veronica Piva

Resolution 1:	That the apologies of Cr Veronica Piva be accepted as advised.
Moved:	Cr W Butcher
Seconded:	Cr R Elu
All in favour:	Motion passed

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Mayor Butcher reiterated his conflict on the matter of the Expression of Interest for the future of the former Putchiwu Fishing site.

Cr Bally advised his conflict seeking reimbursement for fuel used in the conduct of council activities.

Cr Paul Piva reiterated his conflict on consideration of the issue of a trustee lease to support tourism infrastructure.

5. Minutes of the meeting of the 19th of November

Resolution 2:	That subject to the amendment noting the apologies of the Deputy CEO, Dora Accoom, the minutes of the meeting are accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.
Moved:	Cr P Piva
Seconded:	Cr N Bally
All in favour:	Motion passed

6. Claudia Saurerland vs the Council

Council was briefed on the Claudia Saurerland Vs Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council district court claim number 384 of 2014. Note that Lisa Hulcombe of BN Law is representing Council in the matter.

The CEO will monitor progress and advise Council accordingly.

7. Aboriginal Land Holding Act activity in Lockhart River.

Council noted the complexity of resolving this matter and the implications for future community development and Council's future revenue stream. The Mayor advised the LHA leader, Jacquie Michael, had committed to continuing negotiations with affected community members and Council into the New Year.

8. Finance Report for the month of November 2014.

The Accountant presented and spoke to the Financial Report for November. The aged debtors in particular were noted and discussed. The CEO committed to follow up ESW on a disputed amount on the 90 days+ schedule.

Resolution 3:	That the Finance Report for November 2014 be accepted as tabled.
Moved:	Cr P Piva
Seconded:	Cr R Elu
All in favour:	Motion passed

9. Chief Executive Officer Position

The position of CEO has been unstable for some time. The Mayor has played a significant role providing guidance and advice during this period calling on his experience as a former CEO but advised stability in the executive leadership is essential. To that end Interim CEO, David Clarke, was approached to put an offer to Council in light of the unclear position of the incumbent who proceeded on leave without pay three months prior for medical treatment.

The Interim CEO advised after discussions with his family he was willing to commit to Council for three years as CEO but the decision on the way forward is one Council must be happy with.

The Interim CEO left the room.

Deputy CEO Dora Accoom fulfilled this role in his absence.

Council discussed their options and requirement for leadership stability. They also rang the incumbent, Ian Bodill, on speaker phone to discuss the matter.

Resolution 4: That Council resolves to discontinue the contract of Ian Bodill exercising its right under the probation conditions of the contract. They further resolved it be noted this is no reflection on his performance but reflects Council's need for administrative stability.

Moved: Cr W Butcher

Seconded: Cr N Bally

All in favour: Motion passed

Resolution 5: That David Clarke be offered a three (3) year contract as Chief Executive Officer with terms and conditions to be finalized and circulated to councilors out of session prior to final sign off.

Moved: Cr W Butcher

Seconded: Cr N Bally

All in favour: Motion passed

10. Traffic management in township area

Discussion took place on the need to regulate traffic better within the township area. The Interim CEO was asked to investigate the implementation of speed bumps, speed signs, and other traffic dampening techniques and report back to council at the next meeting.

11. Meeting closed

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed by the Mayor at 4:00pm.