

# LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING of Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council

**Venue:** Council Chambers  
**Location:** Lockhart River, QLD 4892  
**Date:** 17th of July 2024

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## MINUTES

**Present:** Mayor Cr Wayne Butcher  
Deputy Mayor Cr Alister Bowie  
Cr Dorothy Hobson  
Cr Krystal Dean  
Cr Steven Bally  
David Clarke - CEO

**Visitors:** Fr Mattias

Father Mathias spoke to the Council about a proposed shop to be opened as a joint venture between Lockhart Council and the Diocese of Carpentaria. The request was vague, lacking detail on proposed financial model and location. Council advised it will write to Bishop Keith seeking clarification on location and business model. Government Champion, Warwick Agnew, will be copied into the correspondence.

**Opening and Venue:** Deputy Mayor Bowie opened the meeting at 10:20am.

**Conflict of Interest:** No new conflicts were reported at this point however Councilors were encouraged to review their circumstances and make amendments to their disclosures, as necessary.

**Issue:** This meeting has been called by Deputy Mayor Cr Alister Bowie. Mayor Butcher attended to both keep Council up to date on developments with him and to offer guidance to Acting Mayor Bowie. The council considered the situation in detail. Mayor Butcher will continue to attend meetings and provide Council with his views and the benefit of his experience.

**Resolution 1:** That Cr Alister Bowie continues to act as Mayor until such time as the situation with Mayor Butcher becomes clear.

**Moved:** Cr K. Dean                      **Seconded:** Cr S. Bally

All in favour                      Motion passed.

**Issue:** Minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> of July were tabled and discussed. Emergent arrangements to deal with the matter Mayor Butcher is dealing with were dominant.

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**Resolution 2:** That the minutes of the meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

**Moved:** Cr S. Bally                      **Seconded:** Cr A. Bowie

All in favour                      Motion passed.

**Issue:**                      **Art Centre problems**

Cr Dorothy Hobson briefed Council on matters of concern from the Art Centre where she is also a director.

Annual Financial Statements have not been produced since 2021 and current liabilities are unknown. The viability of the organization is currently under question. Arts Queensland will need to be formally informed by the Council of the situation seeking their support for a forensic audit and recruitment of a new coordinator.

**Resolution 3:** That Councillor's Steven Bally and Alister Bowie be appointed to the Audit Committee

**Moved**                      Cr D. Hobson                      **Seconded:** Cr K. Dean

All in favour                      Motion passed.

**Issue:**                      Paytham Malkari Festival and 100 years celebration

The council discussed the general progress of the working group. Chloe has done up a task document which offers good guidance and task allocation. Next working group meeting in two weeks' time. It was noted an amount of \$100 000 has been committed from the Director-General of Resources and Lockhart Government Champion, Warwick Agnew, towards the festival. The council noted this was a very welcome contribution to event costs.

**Issue:**                      **Financial Reports for June 2024**

The Finance Reports for June 2024 were tabled and discussed with interpretative analysis from Stanley Mugwiria.

**Resolution 3:** That the Finance Reports for June 2024 be accepted as tabled.

**Moved:** Cr A. Bowie                      **Seconded:** Cr D. Hobson

All in favour                      Motion passed.

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**Issue: Five Year Operational Plan**

The Draft five-year operational plan for Council was tabled and discussed in detail. This plan sets the aspirational direction for our Council and sets targets and performance indicators to assess their success or failure. The council notes this is a live plan which can be reviewed as required by the Council of the day.

**Resolution 4:** That the Five-Year Operational Plan as tabled be adopted by Council.

**Moved:** Cr K. Dean                      **Seconded:** Cr S. Bally

All in favour                      Motion passed.

**Issue: Annual Operational Plan**

The Draft Annual Operational Plan was tabled and discussed by Council noting this is the plan that drive activity for the next financial year and underpins the budget.

**Resolution 5:** That the Draft Operational Plan for the 2024 – 2025 Financial Year be adopted by Council.

**Moved:** Cr D. Hobson                      **Seconded:** Cr A. Bowie

All in favour                      Motion passed.

**Issue: Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council budget 2024 – 2025 Financial Year**

After input from the Council and the leadership team, the proposed budget for the 2024 – 2025 Financial Year was tabled and discussed in detail. Note over \$35 million in total.

**Resolution 6:** That the budget for the 2024 – 2025 Financial Year be adopted as tabled.

**Moved:** Cr A. Bowie                      **Seconded:** Cr D. Hobson

All in favour                      Motion passed.

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**Issue: Budget of the Lockhart River Aerodrome Company for the 2024 – 2025 Financial Year**

The Budget for the Lockhart River Aerodrome Company was tabled and discussed by Council and Aerodrome Company Directors.

**Resolution 7:** That the Budget proposed for the Lockhart River Aerodrome Company for the 2024 -2025 Financial Year be adopted as tabled.

**Moved:** Cr A. Bowie                      **Seconded:** Cr S. Bally

All in favour                                      Motion passed.

**Issue: Purchase of a new grader**

Three written quotes from Komatsu, Caterpillar, and John Deere, and an analysis by John Mansbridge, Civil Construction leader, for the purchase of a new grader were tabled and discussed. The only All wheel drive option was provided by John Deere who also offered a 60 month or 3500 hour warrantee. It was also available to be commissioned into work quickly, which allows for immediate cash return to Council.

**Resolution 8:** That Council proceeds with the recommended purchase of a John Deere Grader noting all quotes received are over the \$500 000 financial delegation threshold of the Chief Executive Officer.

**Moved:** Cr D. Hobson                      **Seconded:** Cr S. Bally

All in favour                                      Motion passed.

**Issue: Business Continuity Plan**

Council is obliged, under the Emergency Management provisions, to develop a Business Continuity Plan which will be invoked during emergencies/disasters to ensure rapid return to service delivery for the people of Lockhart River by Council. The draft plan tabled has been developed by the Corporate Services division in concert with the SES, Rural Fires, and LDMG.

**Resolution 9:** That the Draft Business Continuity Plan tabled be adopted by Council and brought into effect immediately.

**Moved:** Cr S. Bally                      **Seconded:** Cr K. Dean

All in favour                                      Motion passed.

