

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council at the Lockhart River Council Chambers.

Date: 17th SEPTEMBER 2024

MINUTES

Present: Cr Wayne Butcher
Acting Mayor Cr Alister Bowie
Cr Dorothy Hobson
Cr Krystal Dean
Cr Steven Bally

Visitors: Community Development Director – Jamie Love

Community Development Director, Jamie Love, provided a comprehensive snapshot of preparations for next week's Festival. Council thanked him for his advice and the work of his team leading up to this important event. Plan B in case of bad weather may not be able to accommodate all proposed activities.

Opening and Venue: Acting Mayor Bowie opened the meeting at 10:55am.

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: Mayor Butcher attended to both keep Council up to date on developments with him and to offer guidance to Acting Mayor Bowie. 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 continue to act as Mayor until the October meeting when the situation with Mayor Butcher becomes clear.

Moved: Cr S. Bally Seconded: Cr D. Hobson
All in favour Motion passed

Issue: Minutes of the meeting of the 20th of August 2024 were tabled and discussed.

Resolution 2: That the minutes of the meeting of the 20th of August 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved: Cr Alister Bowie Seconded: Cr K. Dean
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 current under question. Arts Queensland will need to be formally informed by Council of the situation seeking their support for a forensic audit and recruitment of a new coordinator. Council has supported the Art Centre purchasing art production materials and supporting Silas Hobson with airfares to Cairns to change signatories.

Issue: Financial Reports for August 2024

The Finance Reports for August 2024 were held over with their production conflicted by external audit demands during what would normally be the preparation period. Corporate Services division will endeavor to distribute out of session.

Resolution 3: That the situation with the Finance Reports for August2024 be noted.

Moved: Cr A. Bowie

Seconded: Cr D. Hobson

All in favour

Motion passed

Issue: Civil Works update

Old Site road program of works has been experiencing slippage on the delivery time line meaning the program of works needs to be revised with plant being bought in from other programs to ensure delivery. CEO will work with the Civil team and our local contractor community to ensure delivery of the programs from Wachee to Nundah and Nundah to Old Site.

There being no further matters to discuss the Deputy Mayor closed the meeting at 3:00pm.