

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: Wednesday 22nd of January 2025

MINUTES

Present: Cr Wayne Butcher

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Mayor Cr Wayne Butcher
Deputy Mayor Cr Alister Bowie
Cr Krystal Dean
Cr Steven Bally

Apologies Cr Dorothy Hobson – sick

Visitors: nil

Opening and Venue: Mayor Cr Wayne Butcher opened the meeting at 10:50am.

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: Minutes of the meeting of the 19th of December 2024 were tabled and discussed.

Resolution 1: That the minutes of the meeting of the 19th of December 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting. Note that no Council break-up event occurred ref res 6 of these minutes.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher
All in favour

Seconded: Cr K. Dean
Motion passed

Issue: **Apology – Cr Dorothy Hobson**

Resolution 2: That the apology for this meeting from Cr Dorothy Hobson due to illness be accepted.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher
All in favour

Seconded: Cr A. Bowie
motion passed

Issue: **Financial Report for December 2024**

The Finance Report for December 2024 tabled and discussed with guidance from Stanley Mugwiria, Corporate Services Director.

Resolution 2: That the Financial Report for December 2024 be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher
All in favour

Seconded: Cr S. Bally
Motion passed

Issue: Annual Report

The Annual Report for the 2023 – 2024 Financial Year was tabled and discussed. Council considered the matter carefully noting it will be placed on Council's website soon.

Resolution 3: That the Annual Report for the 2023 – 2024 Financial Year be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr K. Dean
All in favour

Seconded: Cr S. Bally
motion passed

Issue: Community Safety Plan

A draft of the Community Safety Plan was tabled for Council's continued input. Council noted the plan is a work in progress with the original author, Rick Dutton, continuing to work with community leadership to round out a wholistic document. The next iteration will include community census feedback and incorporate other risks aside from alcohol.

Issue: Women's activities

Cr Dean advised that her and Snr Health Worker Karen Koko are working towards a March event and will be bringing a support proposal to Council in the near future. The first for the year.

Issue: Men's activities

Activities at the Men's Shed are continuing but are being hampered by the current occupants. The Centre is not a permanent accommodation facility and is only available for crisis accommodation. One resident has been there for six months and must find alternative accommodation. The CEO will work with A/Com Dev Director, Doug Williams, to assist current occupants find other accommodation.

Issue: Proposed housing tenancies and nominations to go on the Lockhart housing list as provided by the Tenancy Management Team were discussed and endorsed. Dwayne Hobson and Narelle Gibley.

Issue: Church Retail proposal

The Diocese has been trying to get approval to install and operate a Retail store in Lockhart. They are now advising that if agreement for their proposal can't be reached, Fr Matthias and his family will be removed from the community and re-assigned. Negotiations with Bishop Keith may need to recommence.

There being no further matters to discuss the Mayor closed the meeting at 2:40pm.