



Minutes of the Budget Meeting
of
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council
at
Lockhart River Council Chambers

Date: Wednesday 8th of October 2025

MINUTES

Present: Cr Wayne Butcher - Mayor
Cr Alister Bowie – Deputy Mayor
Cr Krystal Dean
Cr Steven Bally
Cr Dorothy Hobson

Mr David Clarke, CEO

Apologies nil

Visitors: nil

Opening and Venue: Mayor Cr Wayne Butcher opened the meeting at 9:30am.

Conflict of Interest: Mayor Butcher advised Councilors to review their circumstances and make amendments to their disclosures, as necessary.

Issue: **Removal of ATSIC from the Line Hill mortgage**

ATSIC co-funded the purchase of Line Hill in 1993. Their name co-exists on the mortgage held by Council but it is purely an historical artifact of the era when Council's capacity for effective administration was under question. Having ATSIC on the deed technically means Council would need to seek their permission to develop areas of the land parcel in question which would slow down and already slow process. ATSIC no longer exists requiring Council to seek its removal from the National Indigenous Advisory Agency (NIAA).

Resolution 1: That Council seek the removal of ATSIC from the Line Hill mortgage.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher

Seconded: Cr A. Bally

All in favour

Motion passed

Issue: Paytham Malkari Festival – discussion and feedback

Council reflected on this year’s festival once again noting how positive it was for the town with everyone joining in. A very positive expression of our culture at its best. Council discussed the need to start financial and organizational preparations much earlier next year to avoid some of the last-minute stresses evident. Lighting should be looked at with improvement needed around the ocean side of the performance area. Targeted marketing needs to be considered to raise the profile of the event to the broader tourism market for next year’s event. Mayor Butcher thanked everyone for their contribution to making the festival the success it was.

Issue:	Minutes of the meeting of the 17th of July 2025 The minutes of the meeting of the 17 th of July were tabled and discussed.		
Resolution 2:	That the minutes of the meeting of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council held at chambers on the 17 th of July 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.		
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Issue:	Minutes of the meeting of the 24th of July 2025 – Budget meeting. The minutes of the meeting of the 24 th of July were tabled and discussed.		
Resolution 3:	That the minutes of the budget meeting of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council held at chambers on the 24 th of July 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.		
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Issue:	Finance Report for August 2025 The Finance Report for August 2025 was tabled and discussed with interpretive narrative provided by Corporate Services Director, Stanley Mugwiria.		
Resolution 4:	That the Finance Report for August 2025 be accepted as tabled.		
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Issue:	LGAQ AGM attendance Mayor asked for nominations from Council to attend the LGAQ AGM at the Gold Coast.		
Resolution 5:	That Councilors, Bowie, Dean, and Bally accompany Mayor Butcher to the forum to gain experience and exposure to the issues of other Councils across Queensland.		
	Moved: Cr D. Hobson All in favour	Seconded:	Cr W. Butcher Motion passed

Issue: **Art Centre update**
Cr Dorothy Hobson and the CEO briefed Council on the Art Centre. It will now be operated by Council with phone and electricity accounts transitioning for business continuity purposes. Corporate Services are working on the matter administratively.

Issue: **Civil works update**
CEO briefed Council on the Civil program progress against objectives and budget. Still plenty of work to do as the wet approaches. Dozer did good work opening up the road to the Lockhart River valley again with the grader following. Council needs to ensure this work is reflected through our asset register. Roads to Old Barge Landing and Golden Beach will also be reopened. The Durak contract continues on offering some employment and the promise of more traffic control training. Bitumen over the three culverts around 117 on schedule for delivery.

Issue: **Land matters**
The complexity of the interface between various land holding groups in the Lockhart Shire continues to concern over the ability to plan and invest. The township ILUA should be finalized and should define roles and responsibilities for all parties. The relationship between Nyimuchin Kanthanumpu and Kaapay Kuuyan also needs definition. Note the new Council Ranger service will only operate over the three DOGIT areas and Line Hill initially until these matters are resolved.

Issue: **Naming of community roads**
There are a number of names required for new roads and a couple of old small roads around town. The Traditional Owners will be asked to submit there ideas.

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