Minutes of the Meeting

of

Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council

at

Lockhart River Council Chambers

Date: **28th of January 2026**

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MINUTES

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

Apologies Cr Steven Bally

Visitors: Johanne Omeenyo and Chrissie Warren – Umpila update

Kaarpay Kuuyan – Noel Accoom, Greg Omeenyo, and Peter Accoom

Opening and Venue: Mayor Cr Wayne Butcher opened the meeting at 10:30am.

Conflict of Interest: Mayor Butcher advised Councilors to review their circumstances and make amendments to their disclosures, as necessary. No new conflicts to report.

Issue: Apology, Cr Steven Bally

Resolution 1: That the apology for this meeting from Cr Steven Bally be accepted.

Moved: Cr D. Hobson Seconded: Cr A. Bowie
All in favour motion passed

Issue: Minutes of Council meeting of the 11th of December, 2025

The minutes of the meeting of the 11th of December, 2025 were tabled and discussed.

Resolution 2: That the minutes of the meeting of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council held at chambers on the 11th of December, 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Cr K. Dean **Seconded:** Cr A. Bowie
All in favour Motion passed

Issue: Minutes of Council meeting of the 16th and 17thth of December, 2025

The minutes of the meeting of the 16th and 17th of December, 2025 were tabled and discussed.

Resolution 3: That the minutes of the meeting of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council held at chambers on the 16th and 17th of December, 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher **Seconded:** Cr A. Bowie
All in favour Motion passed

Visitors: Umpila update with Johnanne Omeenyo and Chrissie Warren

The Umpila Corporation provided an update on progress on their Indigenous Protected Area, GBRMPA and GBR Foundation funding. They also flagged July 2nd as the dedication day for their handover. They asked to use the festival grounds as the location for their celebrations. All Council agreed to making the festival grounds available for the celebration. Mayor congratulated them on resolving their issues and working together to reach their goals.

Issue: Reggie Edmond – Building SERVICES Director

Council is looking to deliver the first 5 dwellings to the new sub-division noting one will be a four by one bedroom unit complex. Reggie worked through the challenges of delivery with Council advising that with current Building Services staff we may only be able to deliver two houses in house in year one while capacity re-develops. Once design has been endorsed by Dept of Housing, Tender documents will be developed. The capacity to seek advice from Community on preferred design was also discussed with a project to consult developing.

Visitors: **kaarpay Kuuyan**

Mayor welcomed Kaarpay Kuuyan Chair, Noel Accoom, and Directors Gregory Omeenyo and Peter Accoom. Discussion flowed about future collaborative arrangements with Council over their PBC area and were very constructive. Mayor congratulated them on their successful submission to the RJED program of NIAA. Noel laid out his request to access an office for Kaarpay Kuuyan to base themselves from. They also requested to use Council's meeting room in the Cairns office for a couple of hours a month to allow their Directors to meet via MS Teams. Council gave the requests their consideration.

Resolution 4: That Council grant permission to use the office attached to the Business Hub as the administrative base for Kaarpay Kuuyan and that this be formalized via agreement once occupied. That Council approve Kaarpay Kuuyan accessing the meeting room at our Cairns at level 1 – 7Anderson St Manunda. Bookings to be made through the Cairns office staff.

Moved: Cr. A. Bowie Seconded: Cr W. Butcher

All in favour Motion passed

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