



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

Date: 2nd of April 2026 (March meeting)

MINUTES

Present: Cr Wayne Butcher – Mayor
Cr Steven Bally
Cr Krystal Dean
Cr Dorothy Hobson

Apologies Cr Alister Bowie

Visitors: Nil

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 Alistair Bowie. Cr Bowie notified Mayor Butcher he was not well and sought leave from the meeting.

Resolution 1: That the apology for this meeting from Cr Alistair Bowie be accepted.

Moved:	Cr W. Butcher	Seconded:	Cr D. Hobson
	All in favour		motion passed

Issue: Minutes of Council meeting of the 28th of January, 2026

The minutes of the meeting of the 28th of January, 2026 were tabled and discussed.

Resolution 2: That the minutes of the meeting of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council held at chambers on the 28th of January, 2026 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Cr K. Dean
All in favour

Seconded: Cr S. Bally
Motion passed

Issue: **kaarpay Kuuyun**

Sent a letter of request to Council for a letter of support for Land Management Project and planning. Council considered the matter and agreed to offer a broad brush support letter to Kaapay Kuuyun under the Mayor's signature. The letter will also encourage Kaapay Kuuyun to discuss their plans and aspirations with Nyimuchin Kanthanumpu and Kuuku Ya'u Corporations to develop a harmonized approach on policy and development.

Issue: **Land matters**

Council acknowledged the sea claim activity occurring with action by Kuuku Ya'u, Uutaalnganu, and Umpila against the eastern Torres Strait Islander claim over sea country in their areas. CYLC are convening meetings to take their instructions.

Issue: **Community activities coming up**

Council flagged the events they are currently aware of for planning purposes.

- Football – Cape York Cluster commencing in June. Lockhart host date to be confirmed
- Dance Festivals – Aurukun 1st weekend of the September school holidays and Ruchook date to be confirmed
- Paytham Malkari Festival – 2nd and 3rd of October

Issue: Finance Report February 2026

The Finance Report for February 2026 was tabled and discussed with narrative provided by Corporate Services Director, Stanley Mugwiria.

Resolution 3: That the Finance Report for February 2026 be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr D. Hobson

Seconded: Cr W. Butcher

All in favour

Motion passed

Issue: Workshop Manager recruitment

Council received 10 applications for the role of Workshop Manager during the advertising period. CEO will provide recommendations at the next Council meeting for Council to consider.

Issue: Business Hub Coordinator

CEO advised Council they were successful in a grant process to assist with economic development. This grant will provide opportunity to revisit the role of the Coordinator to better serve Council's increasingly complex needs. Small business development will remain a focus of the role but it needs to diversify to include grant, report, and submission writing, along with contributing to the maintenance of the Council risk register. This may mean he has to lighten the oversight of the Social Club, particularly given it is now in competent hands with the new Manager.

Issue: Tender for council vehicles uneconomical to repair

Council has a number of vehicles which have reached the end of their economic working life. A list will be compiled and offered for local tender on an "as is where is" basis.

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