

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

ABN 55 631 460 952



Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting

Date: 16th September

Venue: LRASC Chambers Lockhart River

1. **Attendance**

Cr. Wayne Butcher – Mayor
Cr. Norman Bally
Cr. Rebecca Elu
Cr. Paul Piva
Cr. Veronica Piva

CEO Ian Bodill
Deputy CEO Dora Accoom

2. **Opening**

Mayor declared the meeting open at 09h38 and welcomed all.

3. **Apologies**

Nil

4. **Conflict of Interest: Material Personal Interest**

5. **Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 0001|09|2014**

RESOLUTION LRASC 0001|09|2014

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 20/08/2014 be confirmed as true and correct subject to the following amendments:

Item 9.3

The minutes incorrectly state that council approves allowing 20 litres of diesel weekly to each person on the building crew that uses their personal vehicle for work. The minutes should read that Council does NOT approve providing fuel to building crew members who use their own vehicle.

Moved: Cr Rebecca Elu
Seconded: Cr Paul Piva
Carried: 5/0

6. Business arising out of Minutes

- 6.1** CEO is to report back on whether Council can legally provide a 99 years peppercorn lease to an interested party.

RESOLUTION LRASC 0002|09|2014

This item reads correctly but council questioned when the lease period was dealt with. It has been confirmed that the lease period was dealt with in July as follows:

RESOLUTION LRASC 17/07/2014

1. That Council formerly approves the relaxation of boundaries on lot 33, WWT47, Parish – Lloyd, County – Weymouth to be the most effective for the design of the Kuunchi Kakana (Families Together) Centre.
2. That Council formerly approves a peppercorn lease for a period of five years. Council will review the rental after 5 years where a higher lease payment and conditions will be determined for the remaining 94 years, totalling a 99 year lease.

Moved: Cr Paul Piva

Seconded: Cr Norman Bally

Carried: 5/0

7. Confidential Business

Nil

8. Reports from Chief Executive Officer

- 8.1** Contract to Newton Spencer Contracting to complete the remaining 2103 NDRRA works on Portland Road and Pascoe Farms Road

RESOLUTION LRASC 0003|09|2014

That the tender documents prepared by Black and More be accepted

Moved: Cr Paul Piva

Seconded: Cr Veronica Piva

Carried: 5/0

- 8.2** Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal 2014
Remuneration Review

This item was noted by council

- 8.3** Transfer of gas operations to the Lockhart Store.
Members of Staff queried whether the gas operations could be moved from Council control to the control of the Community Store.

RESOLUTION LRASC 0004|09|2014

- 1. Council resolved that the gas operations stay with the shire.**
- 2. Council further resolved that staff investigates the option of a bulk cylinder container as an alternative and that the information is brought back for council consideration.**

Moved: Cr Wayne Piva

Seconded: Cr Rebecca Elu

Carried: 5/0

- 8.4** Health Reform Transition to Community Control

RESOLUTION LRASC 0005|09|2014

That Council invites Apunipima representatives to a face to face meeting with the council to discuss their model and frameworks.

Moved: Cr Paul Piva

Seconded: Cr Norman Bally

Carried: 5/0

- 8.5** Close Lockhart Offices effective 21 December – 2nd January inclusive for Xmas shutdown.

RESOLUTION LRASC 0006|09|2014

That the Council closes its offices for the Christmas period commencing Monday 22 December 2014 and re-opens its offices on Monday 5th January 2015.

Moved: Cr Wayne Butcher

Seconded: Cr Paul Piva

Carried: 5/0

- 8.6** Provide Credit card to Mayor with a limit.

Mayor, Cr Wayne Butcher declared an interest in this item and did not vote.

RESOLUTION LRASC 0007|09|2014

That Council approves the provision of a credit card to the mayor with a credit limit of \$1000 with the following conditions and responsibilities:

The mayor is to:

- **Ensure that expenditure is for fuel and items that have been approved in the annual budget.**
- **Provide receipts for all fuel and expenditure otherwise he will be responsible for payments.**
- **Make sure that the card is kept in a safe place and is responsible for all expenditure incurred.**

Moved:Cr Norman Bally

Seconded: Cr Paul Piva

Carried: 4/0

- 8.7** Scrap plant - request to purchase scrap plant by Jason Watkins.
Noted only and the Mayor to arrange a meeting with Mr Watkins for further discussion.
- 8.8** Retention of rocks on Nyimuchin Subdivision, Lockhart River.
This will be discussed with the Program office before a decision is made on whether to remove or leave the rock onsite at the new subdivision.
- 8.9** Balkanu support letter from the council and My Pathways on behalf of the Wuthathi Corporation.

RESOLUTION LRASC 0010|09|2014

That Council provides a letter of support to Balkanu.

Moved:Cr Wayne Butcher

Seconded: Cr Rebecca Elu

Carried: 5/0

- 8.10** As part of the Royalties 4 Regions grant, Balkanu would like to partner with the Council on an application under the Community Infrastructure category to develop Tourism Infrastructure, linking it with the Dreaming Track.

RESOLUTION LRASC 0011|09|2014

That council regrestfully declines this request as it has other plans for this category of funding.

Moved:Cr Wayne Butcher
Seconded: Cr Norman Bally
Carried: 5/0

- 8.11** Request for Lease of lot 28 WMT/50 and lot 58/SP 117601 for establishment of a meat and abattoir business.

RESOLUTION LRASC 0012|09|2014

Council requested that a round table of discussion involving Councillors, TO's and members of the community be held in the chambers to discuss this matter further.

Moved:Cr Wayne Butcher
Seconded: Cr Rebecca Elu
Carried: 5/0

All reports below were noted and received without formal resolution

9. Director Community Development

This month started off with visitors from the Bond Uni in Brisbane, about 15 school principals came to Lockhart and to see our school and see what we do in the school. The school did welcome to Lockhart with lunch and BBQ, with tour of the school. The principal were also getting to see the Art Centre, Quintell Beach, Chile Beach and Portland Roads.

The ladies also attended our Sunday service and we provided morning tea after the services. The ladies also had yarn to our old ladies and enjoy the morning with us. At night there was supper at the Iron Range Cabins.

At the Puuya Centre, the next day, we had to do a presentation for them, telling them about the Puuya Foundation.

Tim Fairfax also arrived in Lockhart with his wife and daughter; we had lunch with the ladies at the Puuya centre. We went into our Learning Circle straight after lunch and dinner was at the cabins with our elders.

We also went down to the school, so they can have a look at classroom and meet the teachers and to see what our children do. The little ones did some dancing at the Kids Club area for them. We had lunch at the Art Centre and then left for Brisbane.

Had a meeting with Darryl James, Yosena, Denise H, Pat and Veronica Piva about funding for our Puuya Foundation. Also spoke to Anita about the funding that she got for us for the Men Centre and she also flag with me that the funding comes with attachment, meaning that we just don't go spend the money on what we want to, we have do what they asked of us.

I took the CEO around my community development area, where he gets to meet the Co-ordinators and see the work place and also get to talk with the other workers.

Every Monday morning down at the Kids Club we have a planning meeting for the week, the youth, Kids club, library, radio, playgroup and Puuya foundation workers. There's going to be fun day at the Ivy's park so we need to get the park tidy and new sand to be dropped off there.

The Men centre has no phone, so the men co-ordinator will have to have a mobile phone. The centre also doesn't have any computers.

The vacancy was put around the community for a replacement for Community Development support officer (Cate's Job).

Julie Venable approached Veronica and me about coconut weaving. She wants to see if we can do that through the Puuya Foundation. We thought that was a good idea, but I think it is better if it is done through the art centre. We spoke to Denise Hagen about it too.

I had a meeting with the CEO and Stanley the accountant about budgeting.

Veronica and I went to Cairns and then to Horn Island and took a ferry boat over to Thursday Island. The Monterrsi Conference was on for three days. We meet a lot of people who speaks highly of the teaching and even had look at a video from Kenya, where the people had to build their own school and make their own furniture and make their own blocks etc. We also had look at the Centre at Rose Hill, (0-3 years). The outer island ladies also say that this is the best way to go. We had to have look and see because we want to have this teaching in our new Puuya Foundation Early year centre next year.

Travel back to Horn Island and then on to Cairns and returned home on the Monday afternoon late plane.

D. M. HOBSON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

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10. Director Engineering

- RAJA to provide progress reports of the Portland Road and other work once it commences.
- RAJA to assess batching plant and make an assessment and bring back a report to council.

11. Manager Building

- Regis to get prices on an office space, toilet, water etc for Tip (dump site) and bring back to Council.

12. Director Finance and Administration

- Determine whether Black and Mores contract has expired and bring information back to next council meeting for council decision.
- Check our insurance and determine whether Council is paying for the aerodrome insurance or whether the aerodrome is paying for itself.

13. Councillor Reports

13.1 REPORT AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2014 – CR VERONICA PIVA

I flew down to Cairns on Friday the 22nd August. On Saturday went to Cazalys Cairns to watch Pylarnie play football in their under fifteen team. They won the finals and were presented with the trophy and medals. Cape York team got the trophy for the year. Everyone supporting the team was very happy. Pylarnie played another game with the under seventeen and unfortunately lost.

On Monday the 25th of August, Dottie & I flew to T.I (Thursday Island) for the Montessori Education Conference. Arrived Horn Island at 11:30am and over to the T.I on a ferry. We checked into the Grand Motel, met up with some of the guest speakers and also ladies from the outer Islands. Denis Hagen and Tanya Koko arrived on Tuesday the 27th August. They were met at the wharf by one of the organizers who took them to have a look at the Early Childhood Centre, Thangai State School, years 0-3. One of the guest from France and I went to observe the early years 4-6. What I saw was very impressive. The whole concept of our visit to the centres was to see if our Early Childhood Centre through Puuya Foundation would take on the Montessori Education Teaching when it is built and open for our young ones to attend.

The Montessori Conference Education lasted for three days. There were Speakers and question sessions for everyone all throughout the afternoon. Exchange of ideas took place during the meal breaks, very friendly atmosphere all through the week.

An Island dinner was hosted by students from Thangai State School at the Bowls Club. A lot of Island style food and catch up with friends. We also met John the ex-Principal from Lockhart River who's there now.

Dottie and I left Thursday Island for Cairns on Saturday morning. Denis Hagen and Tanya followed in the afternoon. We all came back to Lockhart River on the late flight Monday night.

On Thursday 4th September I went down to Lockhart State School to observe year 7. On the 6th September we had a service at the Toza Gap for the people who lost their lives in the plane crash. Ama Mary & husband came with some of the families from Injinoo and Bamaga. Dottie and I, together with some people from the community joined in the service that day. Cr Norman Bally & Cr Paul Piva attended as well. We also had a BBQ down at the HACC Centre in the evening.

Thursday the 11th September I went down to the beach with Tanya's team to show the young ladies coconut basket weaving, and there were some old ladies from here to show grass weaving. We spent the day down at the beach with 8 children and 10 adult ladies. Lunch was provided by Puuya Foundation.

13.2 COUNCILLOR REBECCA ELU REPORT AUGUST 2014

Sports & Rec

- There are no Sports & rec in Lockhart. PCYC is still looking for a worker. If we get one soon, PCYC really need to support them. It is very hard when the organisation is not in the community.

Women Business

- Basket making
- Bingo
- Trying to get more women involved
- Looking after clients when in shelter

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- Movie night for 2 weeks (because of sorry business).
- Hopevale camping (5 boys & girls) this Saturday 20th- 24th.

Benedict Macumboy was accepted into the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program for 1 week training in Sydney and 6 weeks in Vanuatu, to do some community development work.

R. ELU
COUNCILLOR

14. General Business

14.1 Pest control in the community.

RESOLUTION LRASC 0013 |09| 2014

That the quote for Pest Control of \$12 358 in the community, received from Richards Pest Control be accepted and that the Director Corporate Services be authorised to arrange for immediate commencement.

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Moved:Cr Paul Piva

Seconded: Cr Norman Bally

Carried: 5/0

14.2 Lockhart Scorpions Jerseys sponsorship by Council.

RESOLUTION LRASC 0014 |09| 2014

That Council pays the balance of the amount owing after other sponsorships have been made by specific sponsors.

Moved:Cr Paul Piva

Seconded: Cr Rebecca Elu

Carried: 5/0

15. Closure of meeting

There being no other business, Mayor thanked all and closed the meeting at 016h20.