

# **Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council held at the Offices of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016.**

Attendance: Cr Wayne Butcher – Mayor  
Cr Norman Bally  
Cr Paul Piva  
Cr Rebecca Elu  
Cr Veronica Piva  
David Clarke – CEO

Meeting declared open by the Mayor at 10:50am

Council received new Government Champion Paul Simhauser and Ms Toni Styles of Water Resources. Introductions were dealt with followed by a short Bio from Paul on his professional history as an energy industry economist, ASX listed CEO, his role at University of Queensland, and finally as Director General of the Department of Energy and Water. He spoke of his commitment to make the Government Champion role a meaningful one and suggested a possible solar project trial at Lockhart River. He committed to doing further research and get back to Council after the coming election. Council thanked him for coming and introducing himself and offered it's own commitment to future collaboration.

**Issue: Minutes of the meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December**

**Resolution 1:** That the minutes of the meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher                      Seconded: Cr R. Elu

All in favour                      Motion passed

**Issue:** Conflicts of interest declarations. The Mayor called for any conflicts to be declared. No conflicts nominated or recorded.

**Issue: Old Canteen redevelopment**

Council discussed it's current budget commitment of \$50 000.00 to scope renovations necessary to bring the old canteen building up to Licensing Commission standards. Council discussed the need to get on the front foot with the renovation assuming the existing building meets compliance.

**Resolution 2:** That Council resolves to allocate a notional amount of \$500 000.00 to secure the renovation of the Old Canteen noting this will be monitored and amended according to scope requirements.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher                      Seconded: Cr. N. Bally

All in favor                      motion passed

**Issue: Government Employee Housing**

Council, as Trustee, are required to issue leases which are the product of Indigenous Land Use Agreements. The traditional owners have been in negotiation with the Australian Defence Force over the Army base area at the back of the Court house complex for some years. These negotiations have now concluded and Council is now required to issue a lease under the terms established via the ILUA.

**Resolution 3:** That Council resolves to issue a lease over the Army Base area in favour of the ADF.

Moved: Cr P. Piva                      Seconded: Cr R. Elu

All in favour

Motion passed

**Issue:**

CEO contract and performance feedback

The CEO, having supplied Council with a performance assessment framework, sought both Council's formal commentary on performance and some changes to current contractual arrangements. The CEO asked Council to note he was not seeking additional salary provisions over and above current arrangements. An amended draft contract was tabled for council consideration noting the key changes are; Annual leave provisions change from 4 to 5 weeks; termination payout provisions change from 6 months to 12 months; contract term to be five years from date of endorsement. The CEO left the room to permit Council to consider the matter in confidence.

Council thanked the CEO for his dedicated work over the past year noting they are happy with the overall business performance and leadership of the CEO and commented on the increase in project activity, delivery, and net profit increase in Council private works with a \$1.9m surplus recorded. Council did note they want the CEO to harden in his approach to workforce discipline.

**Resolution 4:**

That Council resolves to accept the contract amendments proposed as tabled by the CEO.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher      Seconded: Cr N. Bally

All in favour

Motion passed

**Issue:**

Finance Report period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015

**Resolution 5:**

That the Finance Report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2015 be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr P. Piva      Seconded: Cr R. Elu

All in favor      Motion passed

**Issue:** Budget amendments as per Finance Report

The Finance Report identified several budget line items that required amendment which in turn require acknowledgement and resolution by Council.

**Resolution 6:** That Budget amendments for the 2015/2016 financial year as identified in the Finance Report be adopted.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher      Seconded: Cr V. Piva

All in favor      Motion passed

**Issue:** Concrete element of the Quintell Beach water front project

The Waterfront project has an element comprising 119 cubic meters of concrete. Quotes were requested from all local suppliers who were also provided the engineering specifications. Prices received: ESW \$1800/cubic meter, Newton Spencer \$1600/cubic meter.

**Resolution 7:** That Newton Spencer be awarded the contract for delivery and installation of concrete to the Water Front Project as per supplied drawings.

Moved: Cr R. Elu      Seconded Cr N. Bally

All in favour      Motion passed

There being no further business the meeting was closed by Mayor Cr W. Butcher at 6:25pm.