

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL



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Minutes of Council Meeting

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Lockhart River Shire Council held at the offices of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council

Date: Thursday 30th March 2017

Venue: The Chambers of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council.

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Attendance:

Cr Wayne Butcher – Mayor
Cr Marshall Symonds
Cr Norman Bally – Deputy Mayor
Cr Dorothy Hobson
David Clarke – CEO

The Mayor addressed all present reminding Councilors of their obligations and commitment to community service. All Councilors need to be on the job and focused. Our community expects our Councilors to set the standard. Council needs to reinforce the practice of continual improvement of Councilors, senior staff, and the wider workforce. The dates for meetings over the next six months will be set and it is up to each Councilor to arrange their work and home life so that everyone attends every meeting. No apologies will be accepted in future.

Apology:

Cr Paul Piva applied to the Mayor to be an apology for this meeting.

Meeting opened:

Meeting declared open by the Mayor at 9:40am

Call for declaration of conflict of interest:

The Mayor advised all Councilors to be aware of potential conflict of interest and the guidelines for reporting on these matters. No new conflicts were declared.

Issue:

Apology application submitted to the Mayor by Cr Paul Piva

RESOLUTION 1

That the apology of Cr Paul Piva be accepted.

Moved: Cr Marshall Symonds

Seconded: Cr Dorothy Hobson

All in favour: Motion passed

Issue:

Minutes of the meeting of the 21st February 2017.

RESOLUTION 1

That the minutes of the meeting of the 21st February 2017 be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Cr Wayne Butcher

Seconded: Cr Norman Bally

All in favour: Motion passed

Note: Cr Piva phone linked in to give his portfolio report

Issue: General Business

- 1.1 Visitors: Toni Stiles – Water Resources and Government Champion Representative.
- 1.2 Visitors: Enoch Perazim – Lockhart River Art Centre
- 1.3 Township ILUA update
- 1.4 Audit Committee
- 1.5 Community workers meeting??
- 1.6 Civil works update – Russell Cox
- 1.7 Finance Report November
- 1.8 Licensed premises update
- 1.9 New housing – Nyimuchin Village update - Reggie
- 1.10 Housing matters
- 1.11 CRF Works - 2017 approach to program delivery.
- 1.12 Cultural Heritage project
- 1.13 Language Project – Council Support sought.
- 1.14 Water Tanks Project update
- 1.15 Draft new By-Laws discussion
- 1.16 HACC quality review – visitor Noella

Visitor: Russel Cox

Russel Cox briefed Council on equipment investment options for the coming dry season program of works. His advice was to consider a backhoe as it offers versatility of application. Cat 430F?

Visitors: Toni Stiles and Nakata Alberts, DEWS

Water Quality Management planning needs to be an accurate reflection of what is happening on the ground. Toni and Nakata hosted a BBQ to attract applicants for the electricity subsidy scheme.

Note: Council confirms support for the Cultural Heritage Project and commit to host the project; provide office space and computer access as required; and manage sub-contract arrangements with Athol, David, and Debbie.

Visitor: Regis Edmond, Building Services Director,

Briefed Council on progress on our new builds, major renovations, and maintenance programs. Difficulties still exist with transitioning occupants out of their houses for renovation. Reggie will email CEO with details in preparation for senior housing tele-link next week.

Visitor: Noella Clarke HACC Coordinator.

Noella briefed Council on the recent Quality Review and its findings. She provided advice on current status and potential future challenges including education, kitchen modifications, and potential use as a cyclone shelter for the elderly. The NDIS will bring new challenges some of which are not known at this point.

Visitor: Enoch Perazim – LR Art Centre Manager.

Enoch briefed Council on Art Centre activities and future artistic and strategic plans. A five year funding deal with Federal Govt which provides stability for management and corporate objectives has been signed. Notified 60% sales through Art Centre, 40% through galleries. Intending to introduce an on-line point of sale soon.

Working through minor issues prior to going live. Art Centre trying to resurrect relationships with southern galleries again. Art Centre has \$1800 to support Laura activities. Enoch is seeking assistance with governance mentoring for his Board.

Issue: Audit Committee future

Discussion took place on the merits of continuing the Audit Committee. Council arrived at the view that the Audit Committee process was not working effectively or efficiently and was a design which best served large councils. Council held the view that a robust Internal Audit Plan could cover the ground currently occupied by the Audit Committee.

RESOLUTION 3

That the Audit Committee be disbanded effective immediately.

Moved: Cr Wayne Butcher

Seconded: Cr Marshall Symonds

All in favour: Motion passed

Issue: Finance Report February 2017

The LRASC Finance Report for the month of February 2017 was tabled with explanatory discussion provided by Corporate Services Director Stanley Mugwiria.

RESOLUTION 4

That the LRASC Finance Report for February 2017 is accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr Dorothy Hobson

Seconded: Cr Wayne Butcher

All in favour: Motion passed

Issue: Internal Audit Services

Council considered the results of their call for tenders to provide Internal Audit services for the next three years.

RESOLUTION 5

That the Internal Audit for the next three years be awarded to Jessups of Cairns.

Moved: Cr Wayne Butcher

Seconded: Cr Marshall Symonds

All in favour: Motion passed

Issue: Mayor's Report

Cr Butcher tabled and spoke to the report tabled that chronicled his recent engagements with relevant Ministers and philanthropic leaders.

Meeting Closed:

There being no further business the meeting was closed by the Mayor at 5:15pm.