

# LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

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# MINUTES

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Ordinary Council Meeting

Location: Council Chambers, 14 Maathuy St, Lockhart River, QLD 4892

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**PRESENT:** Cr Wayne Butcher (Mayor)  
Cr Norman Bally (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr Darren Macumboy  
Cr Karen Koko

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Dorothy Hobson – Sick and provided medical certificate

**OPEN:** Mayor Butcher opened the meeting at 10:10 am

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** No new conflicts to report

**ISSUE:** **Apology Cr Dorothy Hobson**

Mayor Butcher advised Cr Dorothy Hobson sought leave due to illness.

**Resolution 1:** That the apology of Cr Dorothy Hobson be accepted.

<b>Moved:</b>	Cr N. Bally All in favour	<b>Seconded:</b>	Cr D. Macumboy Motion carried
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**ISSUE:** **Minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**

The minutes of the above meetings were tabled and discussed.

**Resolution 2:** That the minutes of the meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 be adopted as tabled.

<b>Moved:</b>	Cr. W. Butcher All in favour	<b>Seconded:</b>	Cr K. Koko Motion carried
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**ISSUE: Justice Group Coordinator's role**

Council discussed the urgent need for the re-invigorating of the Justice Group and the appointment of a Justice Group Co-ordinator. An approach finalized was to seek the services of a Mentor for 6-12 months to work with the new Co-ordinator to get a new process for local justice bedded down and create the momentum necessary to bring our local Justice Group and Community Court back to community prominence. Co-ordinator's position to be advertised as a priority.

**ISSUE: Public Meetings**

The demand for public meetings was acknowledged by all Councillors. Events beyond the control of Council have hampered past efforts to hold a meeting. The Mayor said he wants to commit to hold quarterly meetings beginning in March. All councilors to check their calendars and advise a common date.

**ISSUE: Finance Report November 2018**

The Finance Report for December 2018 was tabled and discussed. The detailed discussion that usually accompanies the Finance Reports was compromised by poor communications caused by a Telstra fault. The Corporate Services Director, Stanley Mugwiria, advised there were no elements of concern to report. The CEO encouraged all Councilors to review the report at their leisure and report queries back through him. Also note the Budget Mid-year Review is being conducted by the Mayor, CEO, and Corporate Services Director on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Resolution 3:** That the Finance Report for December 2018 be accepted as tabled.

**Moved:** Cr K. Koko  
All in favour

**Seconded:** Cr D. Hobson  
Motion passed

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**ISSUE: Councilor portfolio review**

Mayor asked Councilors to reflect on their portfolios and consider changing if they felt others may be better suited.

**Resolution 4:** That Cr Darren Macumboy give the Health portfolio to Cr Karen Koko given her experience in the field and Cr Koko give Cr Macumboy the Small Business responsibilities.

**Moved:** Cr W. Butcher  
All in favour

**Seconded:** Cr N. Bally  
Motion passed

**VISITOR: Education Queensland – Transition support services – Richard Stuart**

Transition Support Services provided a status report for the senior kids. The challenge remains getting all the kids into high school noting a very high return rate last year. Council discussed some of the problems including the number of funerals that required kids to be taken out of school mid-term.

Mayor Butcher thanked Richard for his report.

**ISSUE: Business Development/Council Investment Options**

The Mayor spoke about the potential to seek Council investment opportunities both in and out of the Lockhart Shire. Such investments will need to be carefully considered and made from a well-informed position. An investment options paper should be produced to guide Council's thinking on the issue.

Funding should also be sought for an on-site Business Development Officer through the IAS or State Development. CEO to follow up.

There being no further matters to discuss the Mayor closed the meeting at 3:30 pm