

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

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Minutes of Council Meeting Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council at the Council Chambers, 14 Maathuy St Lockhart River

Date: Monday 30th September 2019

MINUTES

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

Cr Dorothy Hobson requested she be excused from this meeting to cater to the medical needs of her elderly mother in Cairns.

Mayor Butcher opened the meeting at 9:30am

Conflict of Interest: Mayor called for any conflicts of interest to be declared. No new declarations were made.

Issue: *Minutes of the meeting of the 28th of August*

Minutes for the meeting of the 28th of August 2019 was tabled and discussed in detail.

Resolution 1: That the minutes for the meeting of the 28th of August 2019 be adopted as tabled.

Moved: Cr W Butcher
All in favor

Seconded: Cr K. Koko
Motion passed

Issue: *Apology – Cr Dorothy Hobson*

Cr Dorothy Hobson sought leave from this meeting to help her Mother with medical appointments in Cairns

Resolution 2: That the apology of Cr Hobson be accepted for this meeting.

Moved: Cr W Butcher
All in favor

Seconded: Cr K. Koko
Motion passed

Issue: *Minutes of the special meeting of the 17th of September 2019, convened to consider the tender report of consultant engineers Black and More against bids to deliver REPA works to the section of the access road from the Pascoe River to the western shire boundary.*

Resolution 3: That the minutes of the meeting of the 17th of September be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher
All in favour

Seconded: Cr N. Bally
Motion passed

Issue: *Donation for the funeral of the late May Smiler at Kowanyama*
Council discussed the matter at length acknowledging that this old lady, being 105, was the oldest person on Cape York and much revered.

Resolution 4: That Council contributes a sum of \$500.00 towards funeral costs of the late Mrs Smiler on behalf of the community.

Moved: Cr. N. Bally
All in favor

Seconded: Cr K. Koko
Motion passed

Issue: *Finance Reports July and August 2019*
The Finance Report for July and August were tabled and discussed in detail noting they have been combined as the transition to the new financial management system in July made the production of a July Finance Report impossible.

Resolution 5: That the Finance Reports for July and August 2019 be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr. W. Butcher
All in favour

Seconded: Cr K. Koko
Motion carried

Issue: ***Sly Grog***

Council agreed the issue of illegal grog sales is causing record disruption to daily life in Lockhart with school attendance suffering, presentations at hospital increased, and public drunkenness causing social disruption day and night. There is a strong need to get on top of the problem and deal with those people who are profiting from the communities misery. Council agreed to work closely with the QPS and the Justice Group to try and curb the effects and stop the trade. It is hoped the Social Club will help regulate supply when it opens.

Issue: ***Abuse of outside staff***

Council discussed the rapid increase in abuse and threats of violence towards outside staff in their work places in the conduct of their duties. This includes multiple threats to nursing staff (including a serious physical assault), threats to teachers, workshop and administration staff and visiting specialists. Although this is often the result of sly grog, it is not always the case and is becoming more prevalent. Council asked the CEO to make sure any issues with Council staff are addressed immediately with incident reports produced.

Issue: Community Leaders Forum to be held on the Wednesday 30th of October. Preparations to be made accordingly.

There being no further matters to discuss the Mayor closed the meeting at 4:45pm