

**LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE
COUNCIL**

ABN 55 631 460 952



ORDINARY MEETING

Wednesday 19th February 2020

9:45 AM

Held at the

**Council Chambers, Lockhart River. 14 Maathuy St Lockhart
River**

MINUTES

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

Mayor Butcher opened the meeting at 10:45 am

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

Issue: Visitors – Bala Short, Gennis Giblet, and Garett Hobson – Lawn mowing/landscaping business project – Many Rivers Jenny on line.

The boys came to Council to lay out their plans to start a lawn mowing and landscaping service in Lockhart. Council went through their proposal with them making suggestions about contacting all external agencies such as Telstra, Police, Education Queensland and Ergon as prospective clients. Council also advised it will be conducting an extensive workforce review in April/May which may lead to additional contracting opportunities.

The Mayor thanked the boys for their presentation and the good discussion that took place.

Issue: Sponsorship for familiarization trip to Bond University for Jamila Piva and Zali Hobson.

After years of advocacy from Council, Bond University has provided an opportunity for these two young ladies to be supported through their University experience. The girl's parents are seeking support from Council to travel to the Gold Coast with them on a familiarization tour.

Resolution 1: That Council support the trip to Bond University for them and a family member to help them adjust to University study cycles and life.

Moved: Cr. W. Butcher Seconded: Cr. N. Bally
All in favor Motion passed

Issue: Minutes of the meeting of the 23rd of January 2020.

Minutes for the meeting of the 23rd of January were tabled and discussed in detail.

Resolution 2: That the minutes for the meeting of the 23rd of January 2020 be adopted as tabled.

Moved: Cr. D. Hobson
All in favour

Seconded: Cr. K. Koko
Motion passed

Issue: Sports Field redevelopment

The Sports Field Redevelopment project has got problems. The signed grant agreement was for a refurbishment of an existing facility and valued at \$132 000.00. Subsequently, the funding body has insisted that the facilities must be bought up to Queensland Rugby League standard. This means a big rethink of the entire project which now involves moving the floodlights and the small grand stand to enable a full size field to be developed. The project has gone from the \$132K to nearly \$1m and is now out of Council's capacity to meet the difference.

Resolution 3: That Council resolves to terminate the current project and agree for the Department of Sport and Recreation to deliver it on Council's behalf with the new scope to be negotiated with Council, local contractors, and Q-Build.

Moved: Cr K. Koko
All in favor

Seconded: Cr D. Macumboy
Motion passed

Issue: Social Club Development

New controlled entity should be registered by February 2020 to progress the operations of the Social Club. Adopting ORIC framework is the best option and more representation of Councilors and Executive Team in the Steering Committee (including Police, Nurse, Justice Group Coordinator) would be more beneficial to the new entity. The Steering Committee will provide business leadership until management team is recruited.

Council support with peppercorn lease for the first year of operation would be required due to issues with start-up finances to ensure smooth commencement of operations. Also it was noted that crowd control training is a prerequisite before commencement of operations.

It was agreed that Ross Norman, new Justice Coordinator would assist with the set up process of the new Social Club.

Issue: Land issues

The Township ILUA continues to stall. Land access is required for project delivery on the following:

- Festival Grounds/Cultural Precinct;
- New Water line from town to the beach;
- 4 new houses;
- New sub-division;
- Potential new softball grounds.

CYLC has been informed and requested to expedite work with the Nyimuchin-Kanthanumpu people to confirm land access.

Issue: Cultural Precinct Development update

The Festival Grounds were discussed

- ❖ Community consultations;
- ❖ Small forums even house to house;
- ❖ Rolling consultation process is needed;
- ❖ Land access needs to be confirmed and finalized.

Council will rely on more detailed designs and costings once completed by POD the consultant architects for the Community Master Plan.

Issue: Visitor – Building Services Director Regis Edmond

Regis gave Council a run down on Building Services projects and short to mid-term analysis

Issue: Visitor – Community Development Director – Margie Barnes

Margie gave Council a snap-shot of how her business unit is progressing and advised of her resignation. After to trying to get her to change her mind on her decision, the Mayor and Council thanked Margie for her service to the community over a number of years and offered their best wishes for her retirement.

Issue: Food cart proposal – Jayson Watkins

Mayor tabled a proposal from Jayson and his partner to open a food cart in Lockhart River. The matter was discussed in detail along with the prospect of two new commercial kitchens opening soon and the “Shipping container’ Café proposal from philanthropist, Mark Sowerby.

Resolution 4: That the proposal be not endorsed at this point in time as there are many local Indigenous business opportunities emerging in the same sector in Lockhart.

Moved: Cr D. Macumboy **seconded: Cr K. Koko**
All in favor **Motion passed**

Mayor called a halt to the meeting as the Finance Report will not be available until the 20th of February

Meeting reconvened with Mayor, Cr Dorothy Hobson and Deputy Mayor Cr Norman Bally present: February 20th 10:15am

Issue: Finance Reports for January 2020

Resolution 5: That the Finance Report for January 2020 be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr. D. Hobson **Seconded: Cr. N. Bally**
All in favor **Motion passed**

Issue: Cape York Marina proposal

Mayor tabled some concept documents to support marina developments on Cape York. Very early designs from the private sector. They were duly noted.

Issue: Annual Report for the 2018 – 2019 Financial Year

The draft Annual Report for Council was tabled for consideration and review. The Report was considered carefully.

Resolution 6: That the Annual Report for the 2018 – 2019 Financial Year be adopted as tabled.

**Moved: Cr D. Hobson
All in favor**

**Seconded: Cr W. Butcher
Motion passed**

Caretaker provisions were reviewed and discussed in detail.

The Mayor wished everyone luck in the coming election and thanked his Council for their service.

There being no further matters to consider the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 11:42