

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE
COUNCIL

ABN 55 631 460 952



ORDINARY MEETING

Wednesday 18th December 2019

10:00 AM

Location: Meeting Room-Cairns Office, Manunda QLD 4870

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MINUTES

PRESENT: Cr Wayne Butcher (Mayor)
Cr Norman Bally (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Dorothy Hobson
Cr Darren Macumboy (dial in from Lockhart River)

Mayor Butcher opened the meeting at 10:00 am

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

Issue: **Apology for Cr Karen Koko**

Cr Karen Koko's apology from this meeting because she was undergoing medical procedure in Brisbane.

Resolution 1: That Cr Karen Koko be excused for this meeting and her apology considered and accepted.

Moved:	Cr. W. Butcher	Seconded:	Cr. D. Hobson
	All in favour		Motion passed

Issue: **Minutes of the meeting of the 19th November 2019.**

Minutes for the meeting of the 19th November 2019 was tabled and discussed in detail.

Resolution 2: That the minutes for the meeting of the 19th November 2019 be adopted as tabled.

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

Issue arising from the meeting was confirmation of the community clean up event on 24 December 2019 (Christmas eve) and program of the day's activities.

The mayor requested for purchase of clean up equipment and plastic flowers for families for the Cemetery clean up event.

The program of activities for the day was developed and distributed in good time for this event.

Issue: Finance Reports for November 2019

Resolution 3: That the Finance report for the year to date ending 30 November 2019 was tabled and discussed in detail.

Resolution 3: That the Finance Report for November 2019 be accepted as tabled.

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

Issue: Introduction of the internal auditors.

The principal partner of Pacifica Auditors, Carolyn Eagle was invited to the meeting to familiarize herself with Councillors. She outlined her approach to the internal audit services to compliment Council's risk management strategies. The discussion highlights were on the Audit planning, Internal Audit Charter, frequency of meetings and possibility of convening first audit committee meeting in February 2020. The internal auditor committed to deliver at least two internal audit reports by the end of the financial year.

The meeting ended at 1.11pm to allow the Mayor to attend some important matter and meeting rescheduled for the next day on Thursday at 9.00am

The meeting was opened by the Mayor on Thursday 19th December 2019 at 9.36am

Issue: Community security during the Christmas period

CEO and Lockhart River Police Officer Incharge (Lisa) joined the meeting by dialing in from Lockhart River Council office.

In view of recently raised community issues and complaints, Lisa confirmed that 4 officers will be on duty (on call) to keep security during the Christmas period. She mentioned that she will be leaving the community around 5th January 2020 and

new officer will be coming to replace her. She thanked the Council for their support during her term.

It was proposed that Council vehicles could be garaged at the Airport to avoid any misuse or damage during the Council closure period.

Issue: Christmas community celebration

The Council developed the following program of activities for community clean up event and celebration scheduled on the 24th December 2019

- 8.00-10.00am Cemetery clean up
- 10.00-12.00pm Children Christmas presents at Community Hall
- 12.00-2.00pm Community BBQ
- After 2.00pm Community dance at the Community Hall

Issue: Community housing sites and styles

Input will be required from Regis Edmond (Building Services Director) regarding the delivery of the community housing and available connections to sewer/water infrastructure.

Issue: Disaster season preparation

The CEO confirmed that the first DLMG meeting is scheduled for January 2020 before wet season begins.

The testing of the power back-up generator on Council Admin Building was successful while HACC electrical wiring will be re-done to take up power supply from the power back-up system if required.

It was noted that the installation works of Iterra Communication System is in progress to be completed before start of the wet season.

Issue: Social Club Membership

New controlled entity similar to Aerodrome Company should be registered by January 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: Approval of funding for new toilet block at the Airport Terminal

Funding for the new toilet block has been confirmed at \$112,913 (Council contribution \$14,987, BoR project savings \$27,401 and additional BoR funding \$70,525).

The Council requested to be a copy of the draft plan for the new toilet block when when ready for their discussion and input.

Issue: Land issues

The Council is determined to invigorate the functioning of Mangkum Land Trust in 2020 and a meeting with the Trustees/Committee will be arranged at an opportune time to get it started.

There being no further matters to discuss the Mayor closed the meeting at 10.54am