

**LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE  
COUNCIL**

ABN 55 631 460 952

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# **ORDINARY MEETING**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**9:40 AM**

**Held at the**

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

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## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Cr Wayne Butcher (Mayor)  
Cr Norman Bally (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr Dorothy Hobson  
Cr Alistair Bowie  
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: Covid – 19 general discussion on process**

Council went through the three tiered process for entry dependant on the reason for travel.

- Medical – travel, accommodation, and isolation paid for by Qld Health;
- Essential Services – travel classified by the Human Bio-security Officer as essential who don't have to isolate before coming into Lockhart;
- General community people who have been stuck in Cairns by the closures who need to isolate at Pacific or Ridges Esplanade in Cairns at govt expense;
- People who just want to come.

A Public Meeting will be held to make sure the message of Council and the rules of the Bio-security Act are understood

**Issue: LGAQ Executive – discussion on nomination of Mayor Butcher for an Executive position**

The Local Government Association of Queensland is the peak body that represents all local governments in lobbying state and federal governments on matters of relevance to local government. There has never been a Mayor from Cape York on the executive committee. This is an opportunity to secure a piece of history but also provide for a platform to progress issues that are unique to our town.

**Resolution 1:** That Council supports the nomination of Cr Wayne Butcher for the Executive Committee of the LGAQ.

**Moved: Cr. N. Bally      Seconded: Cr. A. Bowie**

All in favor

Motion passed

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**Issue: Minutes of the meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2020.**

Minutes for the meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of April were tabled and discussed in detail.

**Resolution 2:** That the minutes for the meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 be adopted as tabled.

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

**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: 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.

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CYLC has been informed and requested to expedite work with the Nyiimuchin-Kanthanumpu people to confirm land access. Funding for the ILUA is at risk due to lack of progress.

**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: Disaster funding applications**

**The CEO informed council the following funding submissions have been developed and submitted:**

- Back-up generator for HACC;
- Electronic signage to be installed at the front of the Chambers;
- Installation of back-up generators and SCADA on the sewerage pump station.

**Issue: Finance Reports for February and March 2020**

**Resolution 4:** That the Finance Report for February and March 2020 be accepted as tabled.

<b>Moved:</b>	<b>Cr. D. Hobson</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>Cr. W. Butcher</b>
	All in favor	Motion passed	

**There being no further matters to consider the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3:20pm**