

# 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:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**N.B.** Please note regular meeting and decision making cycles are being complicated and, in some instances, delayed due to a combination of Covid 19, medical travel constraints, and deaths in the community. Every effort is being made by Council to achieve its reporting benchmarks.

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## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Cr Wayne Butcher (Mayor)  
Cr Dorothy Hobson (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr Karen Koko  
Cr Norman Bally  
Cr Alistair Bowie

Mayor Butcher opened the meeting at 10:35 am

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

**ISSUE:** **Operational Plan for 2020/21 financial year**

The Council discussed the performance review of the 2019/20 Operational Plan and the outcome was agreed to be reasonable and most it continued into the new operational year. Effects of the Covid-19 emergency on the Council planning was noted.

The Council discussed in details the new Operational Plan for 2020/21 financial year. The carryover from 2019/2020 plan included engaging a consultant to prepare a community safety plan and review by-laws and consequently seek funding to create the position of Community Police Officer (Liaison Officer) to enhance safety within the Community. It was agreed to establish a Community Justice Centre under Local Justice Committee to coordinate local community justice issues. Mangkuma Land Trust and Kuuku Yau Corporation would be approached again to revive the Ranger Program that would collaborate its activities with the Iron Range National Park and Council. Council will source funding to establish a Business Support function to provide business coaching to locals and explore locally available business opportunities. To support the education initiative, the Council will continue to work closely with the school and Education Queensland to address education and school attendance issues. Recruitment for Health Action Group will be undertaken to start coordinating community health programs. In addition, MOU between Council and Cape York Employment Services will be revisited to focus on local employment and training opportunities. From lessons learnt from TC Trevor and the Covid-19 threat, the Council discussed the need for a locally managed medium size Emergency Coordination Centre. The Council will contact Government Champion to lobby for the capital funding for the shelter.

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**ISSUE: Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council Draft Budget Plan for 2020/21 financial year**

The Council discussed in detail the Operational and Capital Budget for the year 2020/21. The Council will closely monitor the budget performance and take appropriate action as more information/facts becomes available.

**ISSUE: Lockhart River Aerodrome Company Draft Budget Plan for 2020/21 financial year**

The Council discussed in detail the Operational and Capital Budget for the year 2020/21. The Council, in concert with the Aerodrome Company will closely monitor the budget performance and take appropriate action as more information/facts becomes available.

**ISSUE: Review of Council Policies for the 2020/21 financial year**

The Council discussed the detail of the Statutory Policies with only one amendment to include formation of audit committee. The price of gas will again be reviewed to match prices with other local suppliers and all the other prices/charges will remain unchanged. The donations policy was amended to include 100 litres of fuel donations to the bereaved families in addition to the current \$1,000 in kind support towards funeral expenses.

New credit card policy and Complaints involving the public official policy was discussed in detail and accepted to be included in the list of Council policies and implementation. Review of risk management policy was agreed to maintain its currency.

**ISSUE: Minutes of the meeting of the June meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2020.**

The minutes of the above meetings were tabled and discussed.

**Resolution 1:** That the minutes of the meeting of June held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 be adopted as tabled.

**Moved:** Cr K Koko  
All in favor

**Seconded:** Cr D Hobson  
Motion carried



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**Resolution 5:** That Lockhart River Aerodrome Company Pty Ltd budget plan for the 2020/21 financial year be accepted for implementation and close monitoring.

**Moved:** Cr W Butcher  
All in favor

**Seconded:** Cr K Koko  
Motion passed

**ISSUE:**

**Council policies for 2020/21 financial year**

The Council discussed the entire suite of statutory and administrative policies and accepted for implementation.

**Resolution 6:** That the 2020/21 Council Policies be accepted for implementation.

**Moved:** Cr W Butcher  
All in favor

**Seconded:** Cr K Koko  
Motion passed

**ISSUE:**

**Councilor's portfolio reports**

The Councilor's portfolio reports were verbally presented in the meeting with further expansion at the next Council meeting.

There being no further matters to discuss the Mayor closed the meeting at 4:17pm