

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 10th of September 2020. (August meeting)

N.B. This is the August 2020 meeting delayed due to a combination of Covid 19, medical travel constraints, and a continuation of deaths in the community.

MINUTES

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

Mayor Butcher opened the meeting at 10:15 am

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

Mayor Butcher emphasized the need to be constantly reviewing declarations to make sure everything is included and recorded in the relevant registers including related parties.

Issue: Minutes of the meeting of the 30th of July 2020

Minutes for the meeting of both the 30th of July were tabled and discussed in detail.

Resolution 1: That the minutes for the meetings of the 30th of July 2020 be adopted as tabled.

Moved: Cr. W. Butcher **Seconded:** Cr. K. Koko
All in favor motion passed

Issue: Visitors – Education Queensland – Deputy Regional Director Susan Curran, Acting Principal Brad Haral, and Cairns West Principal and mentor Mike Hanson.

The EQ delegation spoke about the difficult year it has been working with the kids and teaching staff. The acting Principal was introduced to Council (6 weeks after commencement) and Council was briefed on recruitment processes. The very poor attendance rate was discussed, including the unsustainable level of high school attendance both in Lockhart and at boarding schools.

Mayor thanked the Education delegation for the discussion and the work of their team is doing with our town under difficult circumstances.

Issue: Cr Koko asked for an update on the Basics Card/Cashless Card as she had been observing parents spending money the wrong way. Options are available but they are whole of community or nothing. The state government has moved away from the Family Responsibilities Commission option which is good but costly. Justice Group focus must be reinvigorated. Ross Norman, JGC to source additional information on the card options.

Issue: Finance Report August 2020

Council discussed the Finance report for August 2020 for Council and LRAC, Budget review and Operational Plan review and decided their full attention was required to give the process ownership and their collective drive.

Resolution 2: That the Finance Report for August 2020 be accepted as tabled; that the Budget Review and Operational Plan be reviewed at the end of September at a dedicated meeting in the Cairns office free of distractions.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher
All in favour

Seconded: Cr K. Koko
Motion carried

Issue: Social Club update

The Social Club construction is slowly proceeding. A site visit was conducted by Mayor, Cr Koko and Cr Bowie last week. The doors feature designs of totems as drawn by Geoffrey Warradoo. The verandah is under construction and the shade sales have been ordered. A site visit was conducted by Debbie Dixon-Searle of Liquor Licensing recently. A shortlist of people to target was developed to start community discussion. Justice Group Coordinator, Ross Norman, will help take the idea to the broader community.

Issue: Sports Field redevelopment update

CEO provided an update on progress towards the Sports Field redevelopment including the funding matrix and current project status. Project Management may be required to give some rigor to the delivery process.

Issue: Hot grog

Still too much hot grog coming in. Police get some but there must be further measures that can be applied that are not yet being applied. Police will be approached to collaborate with Council better on the matter.

Issue: Business support services

Jermaine briefed Council on his current approach and views on the way forward for the service.

Lockhart Chamber of Commerce, Lockhart book keeping service and business advisory hub. Need to integrate with existing services.

Issue: Housing

Given the state of the ILUA negotiations Council may need to look at developing a new sub-division on Line Hill. Negotiations with the Department of Housing should be commenced soon on the matter.

Meeting reconvened at 10:15am 16th July 2020 – All Councilors present.

Issue: Cr Koko report

Cr Koko provided feedback on the survey by Robbie Corrie Jnr. Good level of feedback was received. It posed the question “Do we need a Health Action Team”?

Issue: Mayor Butcher provided Council a run down on his interactions at Community Cabinet. He met with Premier, Minister for Health, Haylene Grogan DDG of Health, Mines and Energy on the solar project expansion, Chris Sarra on Thriving Communities and Minister Bailey and TMR.

There being no further matters to discuss the Mayor closed the meeting at 4:25pm