

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 Cairns Council Office, Anderson St Cairns.

Date: Tuesday and Wednesday of September 2020.
(August meeting)

NB Council decided to meet in the Cairns office to make it easier to attend mandatory Integrity training at the Department of Local Government.

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 10:00 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 10th of September 2020**

Minutes for the meeting of the 10th of September (the August meeting) were tabled and discussed in detail.

Resolution 1: That the minutes for the meetings of 10 September 2020 be adopted as tabled.

Moved: **Cr. K. Koko** **Seconded:** **Cr. D. Hobson**
All in favor motion passed

Issue: Visitors – Greg O’Brien of Black and More along with Chris Couttes and Laurelle Golding of the Department of Sport and Recreation briefed Council on the redevelopment of the Sports Field. The project was discussed in detail along with Project Management via Black and More. Electrical planning is being considered along with the proposed lighting plan options. Expect to have final quantities and costs to hand before long.

Greg O’Brien stayed and briefed Council on progress against all civil projects against both scope and budget.

Mayor thanked all parties for their up-date and work on the respective projects.

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: Budget Report 2020/2021

Council discussed the Budget Report for 2020/2021 for Council and LRAC in detail on a line-by-line basis. Some amendment to cap ex was discussed in line with recent thinking and financial forward projections.

Resolution 2: That the Budget Report for the 2020/2021 Financial Year be accepted as tabled subject to the following Capital inclusions; New excavator \$220 000; allocation towards new roadworks supervisor's vehicle \$50 000; and Carpentry trailers \$10 000.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher
All in favour

Seconded: Cr A. Bowie
Motion carried

Issue: Lockhart River Aerodrome Cabins - Stage 2

Resolution 3: That Council has budgeted its financial contribution to the project;
That Council is committed to the delivery of the project; and
That Council acknowledges responsibility for funding any shortfall should costs or other contributions change.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher

Seconded:

Cr A. Bowie

All in favour

Motion passed

The meeting was suspended at this point to permit all Councilors and the CEO to attend the Department of Local Government for mandatory Integrity Training under the revised LG Act. Meeting will reconvene tomorrow at 10:00am

Meeting reconvened at 10:15am 30th September 2020 – All Councilors present.

Issue: Corporate Plan 2018 - 2023

Council reviewed the five year corporate plan against achievements.

Resolution 4: That the 2018 – 2023 Corporate Plan be adopted as tabled.

Moved: Cr D. Hobson Seconded: Cr N. Bally

All in favour Motion passed

Issue: Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council Operational Plan 2020/2021

The Operational Plan for the 2020/2021 Financial Year was considered by Council in concert with the Budget.

Resolution 5: That the Operational Plan for 2020 – 2021 financial year be adopted as tabled.

Moved: Cr K. Koko Seconded: Cr. W. Butcher

All in favour Motion passed

Issue: Council workforce Christmas closure

Council considered the closure and nominated Friday the 18th of December until Monday January the 4th as the formal closure period. Skeleton crew to continue with essential services with the usual historical overtime incentives to apply.

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