

# LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council at the Council Chambers, Maathvuy St Lockhart River.

**Date: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 (June meeting)**

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## MINUTES

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

Absent: nil

Mayor Butcher opened the meeting at 10:00 am

**Issue: Visitors – Director Nursing Josh Stafford**

Council was briefed Council on the Covid-19 vaccination rollout for Lockhart River by Director of Nursing Josh Stafford. Thanks to the effective advocacy of Mayor Butcher, the dates for this important event has been bought forward from November to mid-August for the first injection. Josh asked Council to work together on our public messaging and associated attraction activities scheduled to occur over the three days of the initiative. Council committed to support the process with Marquees, BBQ equipment, tables, and chairs. They will also approach CEQ with the clinic to provide food and drinks on site to attract and retain people in preparation for their inoculations.

Mayor Butcher thanked him for their briefing.

**Conflict of Interest:** Mayor called for any conflicts of interest to be declared.

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 16<sup>th</sup> of June (May Meeting) 2021**

Minutes for the meeting of the meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> June (May meeting) 2021 were tabled and discussed in detail.

**Resolution 1:** That the minutes for the meetings of 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 (May meeting) 2021 be adopted as tabled.

**Moved:** Cr. A. Bowie                      **Seconded:** Cr. K. Koko  
All in favor                                  motion passed



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**Issue: Acceptance of the Preferred Supplier Panel by Council**

The bi-annual Preferred Supplier Panel process was outsourced to Consultant Engineers, Black and More by Council. Their task was to call for expressions of interest for inclusion on the panel across a range of suppliers and service providers from trades to accommodation. Once received, the submissions were independently analyzed against capacity and price point. Black and More then produces a final aggregated recommendation to Council based on their independent assessment scoring matrix. The matter of Council considering the adopting of the Preferred Supplier Panel was discussed in detail. Like many small rural shires, sitting Councilors are in business and have historically been included on Council's Preferred Supplier Panel. This year three Councilors have businesses which have been assessed as suitable for inclusion. Councilors who have businesses included on the panel have a declared conflict of interest and cannot be involved in considering the adoption of Black and More's final report and recommendations. This places Council in the awkward position of not being able to form a chorom to consider the matter. They could approach the Minister for Local Government seeking approval under s175F of the Local Government Act to consider it (noting advice from the Department of Local Government is that this is seldom granted) or grant permission to the Chief Executive Officer to consider the matter noting he is not conflicted.

**Resolution 2:** That Council resolves to vest authority in the Chief Executive Officer to make the decision to accept or otherwise the recommendations of Black and More on the Preferred Supplier Panel where a chorom cannot be reached due to declared conflicts of interest by Councilors.

**Moved:** Cr W. Butcher  
All in favour

**Seconded:** Cr K. Koko  
Motion carried

**Issue: Speed bumps around town**

Council discussed the deterioration of some of the traffic moderating speed bumps around town and the need to install more at critical points. The CEO advised the Road Gang had some in stock and would install them as part of their future works program. Council asked for larger and more regular speed moderation be installed around town. The CEO advised this would be scheduled into the forward works program noting plant availability will dictate timing.

**Issue: ILUA Update**

CEO briefed Council on recent developments with the ILUA negotiations including the changeover of representatives for the Accoom and Claudie families. The "In Principle" agreement remains on the table with CYLC. The Mayor requested a meeting between TOs Council and their legal representatives take place soon. The CEO committed to contacting the CYLC to arrange a time.

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**Issue: Finance Report May 2021**

The Finance Report for May 2021 was tabled and considered in detail including the current project status report from Black and More.

**Resolution 3:** That the Finance Report for May be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr D. Hobson                      Seconded: Cr A. Bowie  
All in favour                                  Motion passed

**Issue: Operational Plan 2021 - 2022.**

The Draft Operational Plan was tabled, discussed, and noted. The Business Continuity Plan and Risk Register were tabled and noted.

**Issue: Social Club update**

**Committee:** Paul Piva, Shimona Walsh, Susan Booth, Thomas Abraham, James Macumboy, Silas Hobson, and Shae Graham.

ORIC has rejected the application for incorporation due to concerns around “membership suspensions” in the Rule Book. The rule book will be revised and resubmitted. The building program continues to proceed with landscaping, outdoor stage, flooring, final lighting, security systems and furniture yet to be finalized. Men’s Group to help with landscaping.

**Issue: Council workers being involved selling hot grog**

Council considered the matter and instructed the CEO to advise the workforce anyone selling grog will no longer have a job with Council.

**Issue: Laura Festival**

Council discussed the support necessary for our dancers to go and perform at the Laura Dance Festival.

**Resolution 4:** That the Community bus, Com Dev vehicle, Mayor’s vehicle be prepared in advance to transport dancers to Laura. Council to provide cooks and food and pay for additional entry tickets for the support staff.

Moved: Cr. A Bowie                      Seconded: Cr D. Hobson  
All in favour                                  Motion passed



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**Issue:** Council donation of cement to support Tombstone events

**Resolution 5:** That Council pay for concrete for the three tombstone events coming up

Moved: Cr D. Hobson

Seconded:

Cr K. Koko

All in favour

motion passed

There being no further matters to discuss the Mayor closed the meeting at 4:45pm