

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council at the Council Chambers, Maathuuy ST Lockhart River.

Date: Monday 29th March 2021

MINUTES

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

Absent: Cr Karen Koko In Cairns on medical.

Mayor Butcher opened the meeting at 10:40 am

Issue: Apologies Cr Karen Koko

Resolution 1: That the apology submitted by Cr Koko be accepted.

Moved: Cr A. Bowie Seconded: Cr D. Hobson

All in favour

Motion passed

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 28th February 2021**

Minutes for the meeting of the meeting of the 28th of February were tabled and discussed in detail.

Resolution 2: That the minutes for the meetings of 28th February 2021 be adopted as tabled.

Moved: Cr. W. Butcher **Seconded:** Cr. A. Bowie

All in favor

motion passed

Issue: **Social Club development**

Council discussed in detail the start-up requirements of the Lockhart River Social Club Committee. This is a difficult matter as the Local Government Act does not allow loans to be made by any Local Government.

The start-up requirements of the Social Club may be diverse and include training, recruitment, administration and reporting, and establishment of supplier accounts.

Resolution 3: That Council write to the Social Club Committee offering the following:

- That personnel be employees of the Council for the first six months of operation;
- That Council assist the Committee to establish supplier trade accounts assuming responsibility for purchasing for the first six months of operation;
- That Council support the training needs of new employees in Safe Food Handling, Responsible Service of Alcohol, and Security noting these disciplines are required in other Council business units already; and
- That a meeting take place between the Social Club Committee and the Council as soon as practical.

Moved: Cr D. Hobson
All in favour

Seconded: Cr W. Butcher
Motion carried

Issue: Social Club Lease

Council discussed the need to create a lease between Council, as the owner of the asset, and the Lockhart River Social Club, as the operator of the premises. This will need to be carefully crafted and will include specific clauses that allow for Council intervention if, in Council's view, the licensed premises were not being run in a financially sustainable way or that this Council asset is unnecessarily being put at risk through unprofessional oversight.

Resolution 4: That a lease be drafted by Council Legal team over the Licensed Premises between the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council and the Lockhart River Social Club. That this lease provide for intervention by Council where required.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher

Seconded:

Cr A. Bowie

All in favour

Motion passed

Issue: Purchases of plant and equipment extraneous to the current approved Capital Budget.

Council discussed the emerging opportunities the next couple of construction seasons will bring given known and approved QRA (Betterment), Cape York Regional Package (\$11M for culverts over three years), Cultural Precinct, and new sub-division. Council policy of maximizing employment and business opportunities for Lockhart River residents was reconfirmed by Council. This continuity of work represents an opportunity for Council to quickly redeem the purchase cost of plant, and importantly, allow for new training and career opportunities for Lockhart River people. The Chief Executive Officer tabled multiple quotes obtained from the marketplace for a new batching plant, late model excavator, and a plant trailer

which would enable quick deployment from site to site of plant and machines. Mobility of plant has been an historical issue and a trailer fit for purpose will help minimize damage done “walking” machines around over distance.

Resolution 5: That Council proceed with the following purchases not currently in the Capital Purchases section of its budget noting this action is designed to maximize downstream job, training, and business opportunities for Lockhart River people;

- ✓ Mobile concrete batching plant new ex-Thomas manufacturing, Dalby priced at \$234674.00;
- ✓ Late model Freightliner eight cubic meter concrete agitator ex- Maroochydhore for \$140 000.00 (noting sound mechanical inspection report); and
- ✓ Tri-axle plant trailer with 25 000kg winch compatible for use with Council’s water truck for \$65120.00 ex-Yatla, Brisbane.

Moved: Cr D. Hobson Seconded: Cr N. Bally
All in favour Motion passed

(Note re above) Council noted the need for specialist on-site leadership and tutorial as Council gets into the concreting trade. These skill sets may need to be imported and married with locally recruited workers who can then learn the requirements of this area of construction.

Issue: Finance Report for February 2021

The Finance Report for February 2021 was tabled and discussed in detail with the Corporate Services Director, Stanley Mugwiria, dialing in.

Resolution 6: That the Finance Report for February 2021 be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher Seconded: Cr N. Bally
All in favour Motion passed

Issue: Visitors Department of Justice and Attorney General

Council received Lachlan Walker and Craig from the Regional DJAG office along with Justice Group Coordinator, Ross Norman, to discuss Justice Group matters, forward planning, and budget priorities going forward. Council was advised “on country” activity is permitted in the Lockhart context as long as it had the support of the wider community. Ross Norman advised his Justice Group had received strong support for this approach from the community and getting the right equipment to support this strategy is a high budget priority. The Justice Group tabled a request for the purchase of a suitable vehicle

and camping trailer to support this initiative with funds to be sourced from existing budget. The DJAG officers present supported the program proposed.

Resolution 7: That the proposed purchase of a suitable 4WD vehicle and camping trailer be approved utilizing funds through the Community Justice Group Program.

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

All in favour Motion passed

There being no further matters to discuss the Mayor closed the meeting at 4:35pm