

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: Thursday the 24th of February 2022

MINUTES

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

Visitors: Director of Nursing Josh Stafford
Kirsty Davis – CEO Puuya Foundation

Opening and Venue: Mayor Cr Wayne Butcher opened the meeting at 10:15 am at Lockhart Council Chambers

Issue: **Apologies. Council noted no apologies received or necessary**

Conflict of Interest:

Mayor called for any conflicts of interest to be declared.

The Mayor reminded the elected members the need to update their registers of interests and related party disclosures regularly as and when their circumstances change.

Issue: **Minutes of the meeting of the 27th of January 2022**

Minutes for the meeting of the meeting of the 27th of January 2022 were tabled and discussed in detail.

Resolution 1: That the minutes for the meetings of the 27th of January 2022 be adopted as tabled.

Moved: Cr. W. Butcher Seconded: Cr. A. Bowie
All in favor motion passed

Issue: **Visitor – Director of Nursing Josh Stafford – Covid update**

Director of nursing, Josh Stafford, combined with Council Health portfolio lead, Cr Karen Koko, to brief Council on the latest Covid activity in Lockhart as below:

- 85 cases have been diagnosed over all in Lockhart at the time of this meeting;
- There are currently 5 active cases;

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- Sadly two people have passed away with Covid. Both in CBH;
 - Houses continue to be locked down when positives are detected to help prevent the virus spreading to our sick and old people;
 - Our high community vaccination rates are helping prevent people becoming proper sick with the virus;
 - There has been a falling away of those coming in for their booster shots with 150 still needing their booster and 10 to get their second dose;
 - The Clinic will keep working closely with Council to get the right messages out encouraging everyone to get their booster shots;

Mayor Butcher reinforced the need to encourage the booster shots and the need to keep our old and sick away from the treat of Covid. He thanked Josh for the briefing and congratulated Cr Koko on her continued work in this area.

Issue: Visitor – Kirsty Davis and new KK Centre Manager, Emma Shue

Kirsty briefed Council on Puuya matters and introduced Emma, the new Manager of the KK Centre.

Mayor Butcher welcomed Emma into her new role and thanked Kirsty for her briefing.

Issue: Development Application lodged – Piiramo St Sub-Division

The *Development Application* for the development of the Piiramo St Sub-Division was considered and discussed by Council. Even though it is a Council development, the Planning Act requires formal consideration and endorsement by Council, as the relevant Local Government, to enable the development to proceed.

Resolution 2: Council, as the Local Government Authority, resolves to approve the development application before it for the Piiramo St Sub-Division.

Moved: Cr K. Koko

Seconded: Cr D. Hobson

All in favour

Motion passed

Issue: up-coming funerals

Discussion took place on the funerals coming up and Council preparation required. Mrs Macumboy, Mr Chippendale, Ms Johnson, and Mr Matty.

Issue: Cultural Precinct, football oval refurbishment and next year’s CYRP schedule of works

The Cultural Precinct needs heavy focus to meet the June 30 delivery deadline for phase 1. Black and More is working with the CEO and leadership team to develop and deliver a fast tracked scope of works to get the project delivered in a timely fashion. This year’s dry season CYRP works will need to carefully consider how they will be delivered and need to take into account any personnel changes this may require. Black and More have been requested to provide a machine hours analysis of all civil projects to help inform Council’s approach to project delivery in the 2022 dry season.

Issue: Finance report for the period ended January 2022 – Stanley Mugwiria

The Director of Corporate Services presented finance report for the period ending 31st of January 2022 was tabled and discussed. The improved financial performance of the Aerodrome Company was noted.

Resolution 3: That the finance report for January 2022 be accepted.

Moved: Cr N. Bally
All in favour

Seconded: Cr A. Bowie
Motion carried

Issue: Cook Shire Council Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The CEO tabled a draft MOU with Cook Shire that would govern cooperative arrangements for QRA road works between the two shires on the main access road to Portland Roads and Lockhart River. It is underpinned by the need to harmonize the approach to the road ensuring maximum overland freight and efficient and timely repairs are carried out. It also acknowledges Lockhart Shire is best placed to manage the remedial repairs under DRFA arrangements given our proximity and plant availability. Black and More and QRA have both had input into the draft. The draft is currently with CSC for their consideration noting a meeting between our shires would assist with getting a final agreement in place.

Issue: Design options for the Cultural Precinct Stage and market huts were tabled and discussed.

Resolution 4: Council approve Option 3 for the stage, and option 1 for the market huts noting local artwork can be incorporated into the gable design of these.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher
All in favour

Seconded: Cr A. Bowie
Motion passed

Issue: Council discussed the need to invest more in growing the next generation of leaders in Lockhart. The poor attendance at high school in Lockhart and the increasing levels of youth running around at night getting themselves into trouble requires urgent attention. The community needs an “in house” leadership development strategy to bring our young ones back on the right path. Council notes the Puuya Foundation is developing an initiative and DATSIP has some funding available through the Thriving Communities program but it is important these do not develop in isolation and that the response to these challenges is a united and co-ordinated one from the whole community. Education, Health, Council operators should work collaboratively on the concept. The Council discussed the possibility of hosting a Youth Forum to bring all parties together and particularly give voice to the young ones we are focusing on. This forum should include all community stake holders and, if need be, be held over several days using an independent facilitator to record views and write up the findings.

Resolution 5: That a Youth Forum be held at a date that works for all parties and that an independent facilitator be engaged to record the process and present formal feedback to participants.

Moved: Cr N. Bally
All in favour

Seconded: Cr K. Koko
Motion passed

Issue: **Farm area**

The opportunity of revitalizing the old farm area was once again discussed. Cr Bally advised the Men’s Group had expressed an interest in trying to get the area back in use as an activity centre for them. A volunteer group could be raised to help clean the area up again and get it back into a more productive state.

Resolution 6: That the Council endorses the use of the Farm area by the Men’s Group as an activity centre for their members.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher
All in favour

Seconded: Cr D. Hobson
Motion passed

Issue: **Store Shed**

Corporate Services Director Stanley briefed Council on the stock take he was undertaking and how the findings of the stock take will guide the professional development of the Store Shed team going forward.

Mayor Butcher thanked Stanley for his briefing and asked for feed back to be provided through the CEO and Training Officer.

There being no further matters to discuss the Mayor closed the meeting at 2:15pm.