

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: Tuesday 29th of March 2022

MINUTES

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

Visitors: nil

Opening and Venue: Mayor Cr Wayne Butcher opened the meeting at 10:10 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 24th of February 2022**

Minutes for the meeting of the meeting of the 24th of February 2022 were tabled and discussed in detail.

Resolution 1: That the minutes for the meetings of the 24th of February 2022 be adopted as tabled.

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

All in favor motion passed

Issue: **Cr Karen Koko Covid update**

- We are currently in week 5 of no Covid cases coming to the clinic;
- 72 children in the 5 year old to 11 year old cohort still need their second shot;
- 150 still need their booster 3rd shots;
- 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 shots as the impact becomes better known;

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- 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 congratulated Cr Koko on her continued work in this area.

Issue: Youth forum

Council will continue to work towards hosting a youth forum. Independent facilitators will be used along with life mentors such as the Harbrow brothers. YARI and associated workers to be central to how the program will look. The School and Men's and Women's Group are expected to contribute towards the event.

Issue: Development Application lodged – Dancer's Camping Ground

The *Development Application* for the development of the Dancer's Camping Ground 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 Dancer's Camping Ground.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher

Seconded: Cr K. Koko

All in favour

Motion passed

Issue: Development Application lodged – Tourist Camping Ground

The *Development Application* for the development of the Tourist Camping Ground 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 3: Council, as the Local Government Authority, resolves to approve the development application before it for the Tourist Camping Ground.

Moved: Cr D. Hobson

Seconded: Cr A. Bowie

All in favour

Motion passed

Issue: Development Application lodged – Festival Grounds

The *Development Application* for the development of the Festival Grounds 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 4: Council, as the Local Government Authority, resolves to approve the development application before it for the Festival Grounds.

Moved: Cr K. Koko

Seconded: Cr W. Butcher

All in favour

Motion passed

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.

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

The finance Report for February has been deferred and will be considered out of session via flying minute.

Issue: Social Club update

The CEO provided an update on progress towards the opening of the new Social Club noting the process has been a slow one. Council discussed the issue noting the Committee was working on the matter ticking off all the matters requiring attention with the Manager, Richard Stafford.

Issue: Council sundry debtors - airfares

Council has been increasingly approached by employees wanting to enter into sundry debts with Council for airfares to be repaid via payroll deduction authorities. Council considered the matter noting they are not able to provide loans under the Local Government Act.

Resolution 5: That current Council policy continue to be applied in its current form.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher

Seconded: Cr A. Bowie

All in favour

Motion passed

Issue: Council vehicle garaging and usage policy

Council noted, supported by the observations of the CEO, which Council vehicle usage is getting out of hand again. The Mayor proposed a possible solution of constructing a vehicle compound to house vehicles outside of work hours adjoining the Council Chambers on the site of the current BMX track.

Resolution 6: That the Council endorses that the use of the current BMX track site be amended to become a Council vehicle compound subject to funding. CEO to investigate possible funding options and report back to Council when information is to hand.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher
All in favour

Seconded: Cr N. Bally
Motion passed

Issue: Land Trusts, PBC's, and royalty payments going forward.

Council discussed the changing land ownership landscape, the emergence of new Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBC's) and the need to pay extra attention to ownership of land and subsequent payment of royalties going forward. Future Ranger services on country and the need for them to have a base to work from was also discussed. MLT is again long overdue for an AGM which is causing some concern as is the need to have a strong Nyimuchin Kanthanumpu Corporation in order to get the Township ILUA completed. It is essential the township ILUA gets sorted ASAP to provide certainty for future development and pay our respects to the Traditional Owners of our township area. This has been going on since 2014. Council understands there is agreement in principle on most matters but both Lockhart parties are waiting on CYLC to formalize the draft agreement.

There being no further matters to discuss the Mayor closed the meeting at 2:10pm.