

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

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

Date: Wednesday 28th June 2023 and Tuesday the 4th of
July, 2023.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Cr Wayne Butcher
Cr Dorothy Hobson – Deputy Mayor
Cr Karen Koko
Cr Norman Bally

Apologies: Cr Alister Bowie – on work works duty remote

Visitors:

Opening and Venue: Mayor Cr Wayne Butcher opened the meeting at 10:15

All Councillors present then proceeded to the Lockhart River Clinic for the dedication of the new ride on mower in honor of the late Mr G. Beard.

Council then re-convened at Chambers.

Conflict of Interest:

Mayor called for any conflicts of interest to be declared. No new conflicts advised

Issue: **Minutes of the meeting of the 27th of April 2023**

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

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

Moved: **Cr W. Butcher** **Seconded:** **Cr D. Hobson**

All in favour

Motion passed

Issue: **Visitor – Police Inspector Dave Rutherford**

Mayor Butcher welcomed new regional Inspector, Dave Rutherford. Community Safety Plan, Bi-Laws, Community Justice Group activity, Police Liaison Officer, and the AMP and Social Club operations were all discussed. Mayor thanked Inspector Rutherford for the introduction and the robust discussion and noted Council is looking forward to working with him and his team going forward.

Issue: Community Safety Planning and Hot Grog Strategy

Council has reviewed the Community Safety Plan and has now referred the matter to the Justice Group for their input. A critical date will be the commencement of duties in the Justice Group Coordinator's role of Doug Williams scheduled for mid-May. Council notes the intended recruitment of a Police Liaison Officer and the male Justice Support Officer position to give more structure to the Justice/Mediation space.

Issue: Cultural Precinct project – 1st Festival 21st to 23rd September 2023.

Council was advised by Cr Dorothy Hobson she has stood down as Chair of Kawadji Wimpa with Simon Butcher taking over. Cr Hobson committed to continue to work with the Mayor, CEO, and the new Kawadji Wimpa board to get the proposed event organized in time. At this point, the intention is to invite three visiting dance teams to join with two from Lockhart for the event. Groote Eyland, Pormpuraaw, and maybe NPA would be targeted. Council to work closely with the board including assisting with preparation and attendance at the Laura festival next week. Deputy Mayor advised Kawadji Wimpa meeting is scheduled for Monday 3rd July. The preparation and organisation for the festival will rely heavily on Kawadji Wimpa being active and functional.

Issue: Social Club transition away from Council financial support 30th June 2023.

Council confirmed they will seek a \$200 000.00 payment from the social club to part reimburse wages paid on their behalf during the business start-up phase. The Board need to be encouraged to understand the business and operational challenges of the Social Club and make appropriate arrangements to underpin the transfer of responsibilities from Council to the Board.

Issue: TCICA meeting and Community Cabinet attendance

Mayor Butcher sought advice from Councilors as to their availability to attend the TCICA forum and Community Cabinet in Cairns. Cr Bally agreed to attend with Mayor and CEO.

Issue: Women's Group meeting feedback – Cr Karen Koko

Cr Koko briefed Council on Women's Group activities with more functions planned including a ladies get together tomorrow night at the KK Centre. She is hoping the group will build more momentum from there and plan events together going forward. Note the Women's Centre is still being renovated and is off-line.

Issue: Staff accommodation

Council was briefed by the CEO on the roll out of the staff accommodation building program noting most non-construction elements have now been completed. Survey and design are to hand but the unknown remains the Native Title compensation rates for budgeting purposes. The land in question is held by Council under Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT). Council to continue to lobby the State and CYLC to quantify the matter.

Issue: Isaac Hobson Field – Official opening

A prospective opening date was discussed with the 23rd of October featuring prominently. Mayor Butcher flagged the possibility of hosting a carnival to celebrate the opening. The field still requires top dressing but is being groomed well in preparation.

Issue: Financial Reports for April and May 2023

The Finance Reports for April and May 2023 was tabled and discussed with interpretative analysis from Stanley Mugwiria.

Resolution 2: That the Finance Reports for April and May 2023 be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr K. Koko
All in favour

Seconded: Cr N. Bally
Motion passed

Issue: The Business Continuity Plan, the Risk Register, the 2023 – 2028 Corporate Plan, and the Annual Operational Plan were all tabled for discussion. Mayor and Council decided to hold the consideration of all these instruments over until Tuesday the 4th of July when Council will reconvene.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00am on Tuesday the 4th of July, 2023 at Chambers.

The following plans were tabled and discussed in detail with CEO and Director of Corporate Services:

- Council Business Continuity Plan;
- 2023 – 2028 Corporate Plan;
- Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council Annual Operational Plan;
- Updated Risk Register.

Each was gone through in detail.

Resolution 3: That the Plans described and tabled as per above be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher
All in favour

Seconded: Cr N. Bally
Motion passed

There being no further matters to discuss the Mayor closed the meeting at 3:15pm.