

**Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Lockhart River
Aboriginal Shire Council held at the Offices of the Lockhart
River Aboriginal Shire Council on the 25th February 2015.**

Attendance: Cr Wayne Butcher – Mayor
Cr Norman Bally – Deputy Mayor
Cr Paul Piva
Cr Rebecca Elu
Cr Veronica Piva
David Clarke – CEO
Dora Accoom – Deputy CEO

Meeting declared open by the Mayor at 10:40am

Apologies: Nil

Declarations of Conflict of Interest: Cr Wayne Butcher declared he has a conflict of interest in the decision on the commercial future of the “Old Putchiwu Fishing” site.

Issue: Air Service

The Mayor advised CIMA advocacy continues to put pressure on the market with West Wing still looking as though it will prove the best solution. They have committed recently to commence operations with two Dash 8s (the same aircraft as Skytrans used to operate). Hinterland Aviation are willing to investigate inter community flights on demand. Council’s preferred option of a Cairns-Lockhart-Bamaga run looks as though it will not be possible given the NPAs recent announcement of a deal with Regional Express (REX).

It was noted extreme difficulty is being experienced getting seats on the West Wing RPT to the extent it is affecting Council’s operating efficiency getting services in and out of the community. The necessity to increase air charter activity to meet this demand will be monitored for budget impact.

All in favour Motion passed

Issue: Council self-assessment workshop

Council agreed there would be good value in Councillor's having an "in house" half day work shop designed to reflect on progress made, delivery weaknesses and, targets for the next twelve months of their term. Included in these discussions would be a review of the operations of the Community Development department including an analysis of which services it wants to deliver with matching against community capacity. Friday the 13th was selected as a potential date. CEO will facilitate.

Visitor Bettina Rosser, DATSIMA Weipa

Issues discussed:

- AMP Review
- 1. The Qld Govt has a range of options available to it and would like to hear Council's views on the matter;
- 2. Cr Bally spoke of ownership and other constraints for local people developing licensed premises;
- 3. All agencies need to be involved in the conversation from the beginning;
- 4. Considerable public consultation will be required to advance the discussion;
- 5. Dry house declarations are an option for individuals;
- 6. Gambling and drugs remain a community wide problem.

Visitor: Josh Hubbard – Workshop

This is the first of a series of line manager visits to Council meetings designed to provide Council with an operational understanding of our work areas direct from the business unit leader.

Operational matters:

- Backhoe to be repaired in preparation for tender;
- Roller glass now repaired;
- Roller Doors and gates to be repaired;
- Hoist needs servicing and a second hoist would help efficiency;
- Water cooler needed.

Compliance matters:

- A waste oil disposal system is needed to comply with the Environmental Protection Act;
- A diagnostic computer software upgrade is needed to enable on site servicing of a growing number of Council's fleet

Issue: Finance Report

Council discussed the Finance Report for the month of January 2015 and discussed several matters with the author Stanley Mugwiria who attended in person.

Resolution 2: That after investigation and rigorous recovery effort, Council resolves to write off the amount of \$36 098.00 from its sundry debtors account being those debtors marked in amber in the Financial Report as tabled.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher Seconded: Cr R. Elu

All in favour Motion passed

Resolution 3: That the Finance Report for the month of January 2015 be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr P. Piva Seconded: Cr. W. Butcher

All in favour Motion passed

Resolution 4: That the revised capital budget as tabled for the 2014/2015 financial year be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr R. Elu Seconded: Cr. P. Piva

All in favour Motion passed

Issue: Street Light damage

Council noted the damage being done to several street lights noting it was being done by young girls. Council requested a sign warning damage done will have to be paid for by the parents.

Issue: Public Meeting and Cemetery clean up days

The Mayor led discussions on the need for a cemetery cleanup day and a meeting with the public to discuss a range of matters including gambling, funeral timing, AMP laws, music times, horses and cattle, and kids on bikes.

Issue: Old Putchiwu Fishing facilities

(N.B.) Cr Wayne Butcher left the meeting room before discussions commenced having earlier declared his conflict of interest as a respondent applicant to Councils call for “Expressions of Interest” for the future management and development of the site.

The CEO tabled all expressions of interest received during the application period. The only offer received was that of Cr Butcher. Council asked the CEO to reconfirm this was the case and that the standard community based advertising regime was followed. The CEO confirmed both matters and tabled a copy of the advertisement which was placed at the usual community information billboards during the expression of interest period. The Councilors present requested the CEO to draft up an agreement for consideration at the next meeting.

The Mayor was summoned back to the meeting room

General Business/Reports

The CEO tabled reports from the Women’s Shelter, Community Development, and Justice Group.

The Mayor declared all business had been considered and the meeting closed
the meeting closed at 5:20pm.