

**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 17th March 2015.**

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

Meeting declared open by the Mayor at 10:21am

Apologies: Dora Accoom in Cairns apologies requested and noted

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. Cr Paul Piva requested it be recorded he has a conflict of interest in matters relating to Palm Cockatoo Lodge should it be raised in discussions.

Issue: Minutes of the meeting of the 25th of February 2015

The draft minutes of this meeting were tabled, discussed, and considered.

Resolution 1: That the minutes of the meeting of the 25th of February 2015 are adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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

All in favour Motion carried

Issue: Council noted:

- the update provided on the air service;

- the letter to Neil Castles re housing construction and allocation methodology;
- Art Centre feedback; and
- The need to reprogram a public meeting.

Issue: Employment of Engineer Raja

Council considered the continued engagement of Raja noting the continued underperformance and failure to meet performance benchmarks and regular breaches of Council's Code of Conduct.

Resolution 2: That Raja's employment contract be discontinued due to breach of contract.

Moved: Cr P. Piva Seconded: Cr N. Bally

All in favour Motion carried

Issue: Engagement of a Works Supervisor

Resolution 3: That the position of Works Supervisor be developed. That the position be offered to Warren Davis under a temporary three month contract. That the position be advertised within this three month period.

Moved: Cr. N. Bally Seconded: Cr W. Butcher

All in favour Motion carried

Issue:

Issue: Finance Report

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

Resolution 4: That the Finance Report for the month of February 2015 be accepted as tabled.

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

All in favour Motion passed

Issue: Public Meeting and Cemetery clean up days

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor led a cemetery cleanup day however asked Council to reprogram 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 noting the last attempt was abandoned due to bad weather.

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.

As requested by Council the CEO tabled a draft Trustee Permit granting an interest to Wayne Butcher Enterprises over the area formally referred to as the Putchiwu Fishing site. Council considered the matter carefully noting any sanctioned agreement must form part of a consistent policy approach to "home grown" business promotion by Council.

Resolution 5: That Wayne Butcher Enterprises be offered a five (5) year agreement with a five (5) year option to manage and operate business activities from the old Putchiwu Fishing shed. That the lease payment for the first two (2) years be peppercorn after which commercial rates will be negotiated under review.

Moved: Cr N. Bally Seconded: Cr V. Piva

All in favour motion passed

At this point, 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 4:20pm.