

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

ABN 55 631 460 952



Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting

Date: 20th May 2015

Venue: The Chambers of the Lockhart River
Aboriginal Shire Council

1. **Attendance**

Cr. Wayne Butcher – Mayor
Cr. Norman Bally
Cr. Rebecca Elu
Cr. Paul Piva
Cr. Veronica Piva

2. **Opening**

Mayor declared the meeting open at 10:15am and welcomed all.

3. **Apology**

Deputy CEO Dora Accoom phoned in her apologies from Cairns being on long service leave. Her apologies were noted.

4. **Conflict of Interest: Material Personal Interest**

No Conflicts of Interest were declared

Note: The Mayor was called away with the Deputy Mayor, Cr Norman Bally, taking over.

5. **Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 22nd of April 2015**

RESOLUTION LRASC 1:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 22nd of April 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

**Moved: Cr P. Piva
Seconded: Cr N. Bally
Carried: All in favour motion carried**

6. **Business arising**

6.1 Dog control

The CEO advised he had been contacted by Acting OIC Lockhart River Police advising they had received several complaints of a dog biting people at the Retail Store possibly belonging to Belinda Dean.

6.2

RESOLUTION LRASC 2:

That a destruction order be issued for the brown bitch belonging to Belinda Dean.

Moved: Cr P. Piva
Seconded: Cr R. Elu
Carried: All in favour motion carried

7. Confidential Business

7.1 No confidential business to report

8. Reports from Chief Executive Officer

The CEO introduced Mark Kelleher from Dept of Local Government as a guest to brief Council on the implementation of a rating process in the Lockhart Shire area. He advised the following:

- Changes to the legislation need to occur to support this process;
- It is scheduled for implementation in May 2016;
- Council will need to compile a land register of all holdings within its Shire area.

Council thanked Mark for the briefing and took the opportunity to seek his advice on the regulatory reporting requirements in relation to an alleged incident involving a Councillor. He provided advice on the regulations applicable for dealing with allegations of this nature. He was provided with hard copies of all correspondence in relation to the matter for referral to the DLG complaints unit.

Note: Mayor, Cr Wayne Butcher, returned and re-assumed the chair at 10:50am.

8.1

Council briefed the Mayor on the discussion on the recent Art Centre allegations which occurred in his absence.

8.2

Absenteeism: The CEO made mention of the disruption to our operations through absences of key personnel.

RESOLUTION LRASC 3:

That all full time Council employees must get approval in advance to attend any meetings or forums outside Lockhart River. Should approval be granted, annual leave must be taken for non-Council events.

Moved:	Cr W. Butcher
Seconded:	Cr P. Piva
Carried:	All in favour motion carried

8.3 Application for permission to reside at the old abattoir from Palm Cockatoo researcher Christina Znedec was tabled, considered and referred to the Traditional Owners of the area for their views. Council supported the application but acknowledged they were not the decision makers in this matter.

9. Director Community Development

Nil Report

10. Director Finance and Administration

The Finance Report for the month of April 2015 was tabled and discussed with the Director Finance Services. Council noted the fluctuations in Aerodrome activity and raised concern over the long term sustainability of the Company given consistent annual losses. Stanley raised his concerns over the impact of Council's new training policy. Council noted his concern.

RESOLUTION LRASC 4:

That the Finance Report for the month of April 2015 be accepted as tabled.

Moved:	Cr. R. Elu
Seconded:	Cr. V. Piva
Carried:	All in favour motion carried

11. Director Engineering

Nil report

12. Councillor Reports

The Mayor presented his report focusing on PDR opportunities and the role of CIMA in advocating for local employment and business involvement.

Councillor Veronica Piva presented her report.

Councillor Rebecca Elu tabled her report

13. General Business

Reports from the Women's Shelter and Justice Group were tabled.

Council welcomed guests James Purtell, Director-General Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Bettina Rosser from the DATSIP Weipa office. Discussion points included:

- PDR local business opportunities and capacity to maximise residual benefit;
- AMP/Carriage Limit review;
- Puuya Foundation support including the allocation of Lucy Kelly as secondee support officer.

Council invited James and Bettina to a BBQ to be held in their honour at the Airport this evening.

Closure of meeting

There being no other business, Mayor thanked all and closed the meeting at 5:20pm.