

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

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Minutes of Council Meeting Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Lockhart River Shire Council held at the offices of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council

Date: Thursday 18th August 2016

Venue: The Chambers of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council.

Attendance: Cr Wayne Butcher – Mayor
Cr Norman Bally
Cr Paul Piva
Cr Marshall Symonds
David Clarke – CEO

Meeting opened: Meeting declared open by the Mayor at 9:30am

Apologies: Apologies received from Councilor Dorothy Hobson

Call for declaration of conflict of interest: All present Councilors declared their conflict in relation to the consideration of the LRASC Preferred Supplier Panel. In addition the CEO requested he is also conflicted via a family member. This possibly unique situation creates a problem in that Council procurement relies on accessing the Preferred Supplier Panel process but Council cannot consider the matter to confirm its' validity.

Resolution 1: That Council seeks advice on how to proceed to resolve this matter from the Department of Local Government.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher **Seconded:** Cr P. Piva
All in favor Motion passed

Issue: Acceptance of apologies

Resolution 2: That the apology from Cr Dorothy Hobson be accepted as advised.

Moved: Cr P. Piva **Seconded:** Cr M. Symonds
All in favor Motion passed

Issue:	Minutes of the meeting of the 20th July, 2016.
Resolution 3:	That the minutes of the meeting of the 20 th July 2016 be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved:	Cr N. Bally Seconded: Cr W. Butcher
All in favor:	Motion passed

Issue: CEOs Report

- 1.1 Government Champion – Paul Simhauser Proposed visit postponed.
- 1.2 LRASC preferred supplier panel update – need to seek advice from DLG.
- 1.3 Waanta
- 1.4 Community inter-agency meetings
- 1.5 Jawun exec visit – night of 6th Sept – opportunities to showcase Lockhart
- 1.6 QRA and other civil works update – Guest Russell Cox
- 1.7 Finance Report item – implications for housing leasing/ALHA
- 1.8 Retail Store update
- 1.9 Licensed premises update
- 1.10 New housing – Nyimuchin Village – Guest Regis Edmond
- 1.11 Sub-division remedial works update
- 1.12 Horses and other animal control
- 1.13 CRF Works tender update

Issue: Guest – Glenn - Jawun Secondee

Glenn introduced himself to Council and outlined his goals for the secondment. Council provided feedback and suggestions on approach and preferred Lockhart methodology. It was noted Glenn’s professional experience would suit a review of our stores operations and the Aerodrome cabins. The CEO committed to work with him in the review process. The Mayor thanked Glenn for his volunteerism and looked forward to the on-going relationship.

Issue: Finance Report July 2016

The Finance Report for the month of July 2016 was tabled with explanatory discussion.

Resolution 4: That the Finance Report for the period July 2016 be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher **Seconded:** Cr M. Symonds

All in favor: Motion passed

Issue: Preferred Supplier Panel

Council discussed the preferred supplier list and the cycles of calling for expressions of interest for inclusion. Council noted that in a small township such as Lockhart River it would be inevitable that Councilors would be involved in local commercial activity and therefore be conflicted in considering the matter. The CEO reminded Council they had engaged Engineering Consultants Black and Moore to oversee the process including:

- placing the advertisements;
- calling Expressions of Interest;
- receiving submissions;
- vetting and analyzing submissions against relevant criteria;
- shortlisting compliant submissions; and
- finalizing recommendations to Council on the process.

Council discussed the matter further, identifying that they were aware of a range of individuals and families that had business ideas that may come into reality in the next twelve months. Council voiced concern that these emerging businesses may not be able to be supported by Council if they have to wait until the next review of Council's Preferred Supplier Panel in two years' time. Such a denial could suppress local business start-ups.

Resolution 5: That submissions for inclusion on to the Preferred Supplier Panel of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council be able to be considered by Council at any time conditional that the applicant is a business owned and operated by residents of Lockhart River.

Moved:
All in favor

Cr W. Butcher
Motion passed

Seconded: Cr N. Bally

Issue: Waanta focus - September edition

Council discussed matters for inclusion in Waanta's September edition;

- Progress on the new Social Club;
- The impact of *Sly Grog* on the township;
- Councilor's profile and portfolio responsibilities;
- Community Business Forum;
- Jawun visit and role of secondees;
- Elder's story.

Issue: Inter-Agency meeting

The Mayor advocated the resurrection of inter-agency meetings between the leading community service providers. Early September was identified as a target with invitations to be extended to the OIC Qld Police, Director of Nursing LR Clinic, Principal LRSS, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and CEO. CEO to organize with a short agenda to assist with focus.

Issue: Guest – Russell Cox – QRA Works Director

Russell briefed Council on progress made against QRA approved works being delivered through Council. He advised:

- Pascoe Farm Road was 7-10 days from rough completion with about a kilometer to go followed by table drain work;
- Chuulangun Road is complete with acquittal photos taken;
- Kingdom Come Road is complete with acquittal photos;
- The intention is to mobilize to the Wachee to Old Site section in 14 days;
- Small township roads and tidying up of Turn-off to Wachee saved till last along with final clean-up of Pascoe Farm Road as these are the least risky elements.

Council thanked Russell for the briefing.

Issue: Visitor – Regis Edmond Building Services Director

Regis briefed Council on progress on our new construction and major renovation program. He noted:

- Tender documents for the slabs and block work on the five new builds have been provided to four providers;
- Regis is developing his own price to help inform the appraisal process;
- Council has received approval for 9 major renovations including a number of “Katter” homes;
- He will work with the CEO to appraise how these will be delivered;
- Building Services has recruited a new contract carpenter Rod;
- The apprentices are overall performing better.

Council thanked him for his briefing.

Issue: Construction and civil timelines – consideration of tenders.

The CEO advised Council may have to consider tenders “out of session” to keep to our construction time lines in relation to the slab and block work on our new builds and the Community Resilience Fund – road works and drainage – Garraway to Browns Creek. The Mayor requested this be monitored as both projects are vital and need to be delivered prior to the wet.

Meeting Closed: There being no further business the meeting was closed by Mayor Cr W. Butcher at 5:15pm.