

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: Wednesday 18th May 2016

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

Attendance: Cr Wayne Butcher – Mayor
Cr Norman Bally
Cr Dorothy Hobson
Cr Marshall Symonds
David Clarke – CEO

Meeting opened: Meeting declared open by the Mayor at 9:00am
Apologies from Cr Paul Piva who was in Cairns on business

Call for declaration of conflict of interest: Nil declared

Apologies from Cr Paul Piva are accepted.

Issue:	Minutes of the meeting of the 20th of April, 2016.
Resolution 1:	That the minutes of the meeting of the 20 th of April 2016 be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved:	Cr D. Hobson Seconded: Cr N. Bally
All in favour:	Motion passed

Issue: **Guests Housing Penny and Robyn**

Tenancy management team briefed Council on the following:

- Tenancy allocation process;
- Building Yield allocation process;
- Tenant confidentiality;
- Roles and responsibilities;
- Further they advised there was no longer a waiting list rather a Register of Need which determined who gets what house;
- They advised the Housing Liaison Officers position was still unresolved.

The Mayor thanked them for their time.

Issue: Public Meeting

The need for a **Public Meeting** was discussed. **Tuesday 14th of May** was the preferred date at Ivy Park with a sausage sizzle and water to be provided. The topics of **Water Park, Licensed Club, and Puuya Opening** are to lead the agenda.

Issue:	Minutes of the meeting of 30th March noting this was the formal "Taking of the Oath" ceremony.	
Resolution 2:	That the minutes of the meeting of the 30 th of March are adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.	
Moved:	Cr W. Butcher	Seconded: Cr M. Symonds
All in favour	Motion passed	

Issue:	Finance Report April 2016	
	The Finance Report for the month of April 2016 was tabled with explanatory discussion.	
Resolution 3:	That the Finance Report for the period ending 30 th April 2016 be accepted as tabled.	
Moved:	Cr D. Hobson	Seconded: Cr M. Symonds
All in favour:	Motion passed	

Issue: Licensed Club Development

Council discussed the development required to bring the old Canteen up to Licensing Commission standard applicable to the operation of a licensed club. Council noted a 15/16 budget allocation of \$50 000 had been made for investigations required.

Resolution 4: That HC Builders be engaged to do a detailed scope of works and plans for the old canteen to bring it up to a standard capable of supporting a licensed club.

Moved: Cr D. Hobson **Seconded:** Cr W. Butcher
All in favour motion passed

Issue: QRA works – Council program

The CEO briefed Council on the QRA works program which includes the Pascoe Farm Road, Kingdom Come Road, and Old Site Road and Council's obligations under the QRA arrangements. He recommended the engagement of two officers to provide oversight and compliance. Council was also briefed on the ambitious civil works program that needs to be delivered by Council's existing road gang which would prevent direct delivery from this business unit.

Resolution 5: That Council resolves to engage a suitably qualified *QRA Works Supervisor* to provide project oversight and a *Compliance Officer* to ensure the maintenance of quality back of house systems to support the delivery of all project elements. CEO to co-ordinate.

Moved: Cr. D. Hobson **Seconded:** Cr M. Symonds
All in favour Motion passed

Issue: Deputy Mayor Portfolio Report - Cr Norman Bally.

Cr Bally briefed Council on his meeting in Cairns on Health matters and the future of the Retail Store. He also gave an update on progress being made at the Men's Group with the encouragement of healthy lifestyles integrated with the coming Men's Health check supported by Apunipima. He spoke of the positive effect of the recent purchase of Gym equipment and band gear. On another matter he advised he was not having much luck with the Justice Group recommending a public appeal be made to increase membership of the Justice Group Committee. He also noted the Local Laws needed to be better understood.

Issue: Cr Marshall Symonds Portfolio Report

Cr Symonds advised he had been approached by community members querying the methodology applied to housing allocations. He led a brief discussion on the matter referring back to the earlier briefing from the Tenancy Management Team. He noted the work of Deputy Mayor Cr Bally flagging the Ear, Nose and Throat team was coming to Lockhart and should be integrated with the Men's Health initiative delivered through the Men's Group. He recommended the Health Action Group be revitalized with a public call for membership.

Issue: Cr Dorothy Hobson's Portfolio Report

Cr Hobson briefed Council on the Women's Group and the need to develop and resource more activities to bring them together more often. She noted there had been a call for new members to join the Art Centre to which she had personally responded hoping this would encourage others. Cr Hobson advised she has been working with the YARI team on youth activities and that she has been driving the Puuya bus most mornings to help out.

Issue: Mayors Report from Cr Wayne Butcher

Mayor Butcher briefed Council on:

- His recent discussions with the Police Commissioner noting the Ice problems some other communities have been experiencing have not yet turned up in Lockhart but we need to be vigilant.
- He noted a new push from the QPS to recruit more Indigenous officers into its ranks and directed them to our year 12 school leavers as a possible source of recruits.
- He agreed with Deputy Mayor, Cr Bally, that the Justice Group needs better support and an expanded membership.
- He advised he met with DATSIP on the future of the Retail Stores and IBIS noting the Queensland Government appears to have already made its mind up on the model going forward. This will be the subject of a special session with affected communities at the coming Indigenous Leaders Forum.
- Cr Butcher advised he met with Apunipima and Dr. Mark Wenetong recently flagging the proposed Health Round Table to be held at Lockhart.
- He reported his discussions with Principal Soibhan Jackson noting school attendance figures are going well mid-week but Monday and Friday remain a concern. He suggested adopting alternative and innovative approaches such as using sport and classroom on country as valid educational tools. He noted Bullying is still a problem and recommended an Education Round Table be held to help our Community focus on the matter.

Meeting Closed: There being no further business the meeting was closed by Mayor Cr W. Butcher at 3:15pm.