

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 Cairns offices of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council

Date: Wednesday 20th July 2016

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

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

Meeting opened: Meeting declared open by the Mayor at 10:10am

Apologies: Apologies received from Councilors Paul Piva and Marshall Symonds

Call for declaration of conflict of interest: Nil declared

Issue: Acceptance of apologies

Resolution 1: That the apologies from Cr Paul Piva and Cr Marshall Symonds be accepted as advised.

Moved: Cr D. Hobson Seconded: Cr N. Bally

All in favour Motion passed

Issue:	Minutes of the meeting of the 22nd of June, 2016.
Resolution 2:	That the minutes of the meeting of the 22 nd of June 2016 be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved:	Cr N. Bally Seconded: Cr W. Butcher
All in favour:	Motion passed

Issue: **CEOs Report**

- Government Champion – Paul Simhauser Proposed visit date 24th and 25th August. Special note that a Ministerial Champion process has just been endorsed by Cabinet and Hon Mark Bailey – Main Roads - is Lockhart's.
- Possible new dates with Airport closure.
- LRASC preferred supplier panel update.
- Waanta – showcase projects
- Community inter-agency meetings – letters sent.
- Jawun – impending visit and associated community strategy.
- Mining: Authority's to Prospect in Lockhart Shire
- QRA and other civil works update
- Budget preparation

Issue:	Operational Plan 2016-2017 Financial Year	
	The draft operational plan was discussed in detail cross referenced to Councils long term strategies and objectives.	
Resolution 3:	That the draft Operational Plan for the 2016-2017 year be adopted as tabled.	
Moved:	Cr W. Butcher	Seconded: Cr N. Bally
All in favour	Motion passed	

Issue:	Finance Report June 2016	
	The Finance Report for the month of June 2016 was tabled with explanatory discussion.	
Resolution 4:	That the Finance Report for the period ending 30 th June 2016 be accepted as tabled.	
Moved:	Cr W. Butcher	Seconded: Cr D. Hobson
All in favour:	Motion passed	

Issue: Visitors - Cape York District Health delegation led by Ian Pressley. Discussions took place to ensure best practice health service over the aerodrome closure period. The response framework was agreed to including communications strategy with Council and the broader user group.

Mayor Butcher thanked the delegation for the briefing and their active collaboration in managing the health risk over the closure.

Issue: LRASC budget for the 2016-2017 financial year.

The budget for the 2016-2017 Financial Year was discussed in detail using both historical data and projections of new initiatives as guiding material. Discussions were robust led by the Mayor. Assumptions were discussed including those relating to the salary component which relies on a degree of non-attendance which carries some risk but aligns with contemporary reality.

Resolution 5: That the budget for the 2016-2017 Financial Year be adopted as tabled.

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

Issue: Aerodrome Company budget 2016-2017 Financial Year

Budget development papers were discussed in detail noting the urgent need to rectify the long term negative trading trend particularly by airside activities. Note was made of the draft budget documents continuing to predict an operational loss albeit a reduced one. Both Council and the Lockhart River Aerodrome Company will carefully monitor the situation and reserve the right for intervention and subsequent budgetary amendment throughout the course of the 2016-2017 Financial Year.

Resolution 6: That the budget for the Lockhart River Aerodrome Company for the 2016-2017 Financial Year be adopted as tabled and subsequently be referred on to the Aerodrome Company Board as endorsed.

Moved: Cr N. Bally **Seconded:** Cr W. Butcher
All in favour Motion passed

Issue: Council Policy amendment

Council considered and discussed draft policies for the following:

- Asset and Services Management;
- Community assistance – Financial; and
- Councilor’s interaction with staff.

Resolution 7: That the draft policies for Asset and Services Management, and Community Assistance – Financial be adopted and that the draft policy for Councilor’s interaction with staff be held over for more detailed discussion at a later point.

Moved: **Cr N. Bally** **Seconded: Cr D. Hobson**
All in favour Motion passed

Meeting Closed: There being no further business the meeting was closed by Mayor Cr W. Butcher at 5:30pm.