

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE
COUNCIL

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ORDINARY MEETING

Monday 19th November 2019

11:30 AM

Location: Lockhart River Council Chambers, Lockhart River QLD 4892

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MINUTES

PRESENT: Cr Wayne Butcher (Mayor)
Cr Norman Bally (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Karen Koko
Cr Dorothy Hobson

Mayor Butcher opened the meeting at 11:30 am

Conflict of Interest: Mayor called for any conflicts of interest to be declared. No new declarations were made.

Issue: **Apology Cr Darren Macumboy**
Cr Macumboy asked to be an apology from this meeting due to work commitments.

Resolution 1: That Cr Darren Macumboy be excused for this meeting and his apology accepted.

Moved: Cr. W. Butcher **Seconded:** Cr. D. Hobson

All in favour Motion passed

Issue: **Minutes of the meeting of the 30th of October 2019.**

Minutes for the meeting of the 30th of October 2019 was tabled and discussed in detail.

Resolution 2: That the minutes for the meeting of the 30th of October 2019 be adopted as tabled.

Moved: Cr. K. Koko **Seconded:** Cr. D. Hobson

All in favor Motion passed

Issue: Minutes of the special meeting of the 28th of October 2019 – Audit Exit Interview with Council.

Council held a special meeting to consider the Audit Exit findings

Resolution 3: That the Minutes of the special Audit Exit Interview of the 28th of October be adopted as tabled.

Moved: Cr K. Koko **Seconded:** Cr. W. Butcher
All in favour Motion passed

Cape York Employment update on fencing and other projects

CEO expressed some frustration with the lack of action in relation to the aerodrome fencing job. CYE seem more focused on making profit rather than getting some extra hours for their people by expanded activities. Still no confirmation of commitment to this job. Plan B will be to use Council's Parks and Gardens team.

Issue: Justice Group Coordinator

Council received only two applications for this vacancy. One of these was from Ross Norman, former PLO for Tharpuntoo Legal Service and ex-CEO of Palm Island Council. CEO will travel to Cairns to interview and recruit against this vacancy.

Issue: Council Christmas closure

Resolution 4: That Council scale back to a skeleton staff between Friday the 20th of December until Monday the 6th of January 2020. Essential services to be maintained. Bank, Post Office, Water, Sewerage, HACC, Rubbish collection, and those involved with delivering the school holiday kids program.

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

Issue: Airport cabins project

A requirement of the funding for the two new cabins under the Iron Range Cabins Flexible Family Accommodation Project is for Council to formally acknowledge it's project obligations via resolution.

Resolution 5: That Council:

- Confirm it's project contribution of \$20 000.00;
- Confirms its commitment to the delivery of the project; and
- Acknowledges its obligation to provide gap funding should it be required to finalise project delivery.

Moved: Cr. W. Butcher
All in favor

Seconded: Cr N. Bally
Motion passed

Issue: Finance Reports September and October 2019

The Finance Report for September 2019 was not available for discussion at the October meeting due to complications with the change-over in systems. Corporate Services Director, Stanley Mugwiria, personally attended this meeting to provide a detailed report to Council covering YTD to the end of October for both Council and Aerodrome Company. The combined report was discussed in detail.

Resolution 5: That the Finance report for year to date to 31st of October 2019 is accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr D. Hobson

Seconded: Cr N. Bally

All in favour

Motion passed

Issue: Internal Control Issues as identified by External Audit.

Council went through the deficiencies identified by External Audit item by item. Council noted and discussed the remedial plans in place to address each deficiency reported. Council recognized both the actions taken to address matters but also the co-operative response to these matters by the Executive team.

Resolution 6: That Council endorses actions and remedial plans to address deficiencies identified by the Queensland Audit Office annual audit.

Moved: Cr K. Koko **Seconded:** Cr N. Bally

All in favour Motion passed

Issue: Community Development matters –update Margaret Barnes Director

Council welcomed Margaret to the meeting who provided a detailed update on Community Development matters and future plans with particular reference to:

- The new NDIS (National Disabilities Support Scheme) support process. The proposal is for Council to use funding from the Community Connectors program to support the current HACC workers and recruit a new male Community Connector worker to assist eligible community members access the scheme.
- Justice Group Coordinator recruitment – only 2 applicants with Ross Norman the stand out candidate. Ross to be interviewed week of the 9th December in Cairns.
- Australia Day funding from the “Great Australian Bites” program. Council received confirmation of \$11 000.00 funding for the program with an emphasis on entertainment rather than food. Popular Cape York band “*Black Image*” have been approached to perform at the planned event with encouraging results so far.
- The School holiday program has been developed by the Com Dev team and is ready to be rolled out.
- Christmas celebrations focused on 24th with a cemetery clean-up followed by kids presents event and BBQ lunch.
- Mayor advised possible Scorpions presentation of trophies later that night.
- Cr Dottie Hobson informed Council she was planning her big Fishing Competition on Saturday the 7th of December.

The Mayor thanked Margaret for her and her team’s work and thanked her for the up-date. Council was particularly relieved at the prospect of finally getting a Justice Group Coordinator on board who could be an active contributor to the process of community justice.

There being no further matters to discuss the Mayor closed the meeting at 4:45 pm