

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council at the Council Chambers, Maathuuy St Lockhart River.

Date: Tuesday 14th of September 2021 (August meeting)

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cr Dorothy Hobson (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Norman Bally
Cr Alistair Bowie
Cr Karen Koko

Absent: Mayor Cr Wayne Butcher

Acting Mayor Cr Dorothy Hobson opened the meeting at 10:45 am

Issue: **Apologies from Mayor Butcher for this meeting**

Mayor Butcher submitted his apologies for this meeting due to LGAQ Policy Executive meeting clash in Brisbane

Resolution 1: That the apology for this meeting from Mayor Butcher be accepted.

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

All in favour Motion passed

Conflict of Interest: Acting Mayor called for any conflicts of interest to be declared.
The Acting Mayor emphasized the need to be constantly reviewing declarations to make sure everything is included and recorded in the relevant registers including related parties.

Issue: **Minutes of the meeting of the 13th of July 2021**

Minutes for the meeting of the meeting of the 13th of July 2021 were tabled and discussed in detail.

Resolution 2: That the minutes for the meetings of 13th of July 2021 be adopted as tabled.

Moved: Cr. K. Koko Seconded: Cr. A. Bowie

All in favor motion passed

Issue: The CEO briefed Council on the progress made on the Social Club and Football field projects noting costs are set to become an issue at the former in particular. He advised a more accurate budget picture would be available by the next meeting but at least \$100K extra would be required to get the doors open.

Issue: Covid-19 discussion and update

Cr Karen Koko led discussion on community preparation for the easing of travel restrictions within Queensland and across the country including vaccination status. She advised the phase 2 of the Pfizer vaccination program had resulted in 321 residents receiving their 2nd dose, with an additional 77 over 16s receiving their 1st dose. Over all the Pfizer festival concept had been a success but there was still much work to do identifying and approaching those who had not accessed these opportunities. The RFDS will continue to offer vaccinations at weekly clinics. Councilors discussed how they may help with cooperative messaging and assisting to get the best possible protection for our community residents. Particularly the most vulnerable.

Acting Mayor Cr Dorothy Hobson thanked Cr Koko for her contribution in this process and asked her to relay the thanks of the Council to all Clinic staff.

Issue: Annual Financial Statements 2020- 2021 Financial Year.

The draft Annual Financial Statements for the 2020 – 2021 Financial Year were tabled and discussed noting that they were in “draft” and subject to change post Audit.

Resolution 2: That the Annual Financial Statements are noted.

Moved: Cr D. Hobson
All in favour

Seconded: Cr K. Koko
Motion carried

Issue: Visitor and presentation – Lockhart River Farm – John Pritchard

Council was briefed on the historical activity at the farm located on DOGIT land on the Old Site Road. Many images were shown of its productive days which provided a stark contrast to the current situation there where it lies in ruin. Councilors made comment on the good food that used to be produced and the pride the people working there had in their production. They held a strong view that it was a waste in its current form and discussions should take place with relevant parties to get it going again. John thought it needs someone on site to get some momentum back into the concept. Council agreed with the idea noting Cape York Employment should play a role along with the TOs.

There being no further matters to discuss the Acting Mayor closed the meeting at 2:45pm