

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2021

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## MINUTES

**Present:** Mayor Cr Wayne Butcher  
Cr Dorothy Hobson (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr Alistair Bowie  
Cr Karen Koko  
Cr Norman Bally

**Visitors:** Stanley Mugwiria (Director Corporate Services)  
Robert Cameron (Black & More)

**Opening and Venue:** Mayor Cr Wayne Butcher opened the meeting at 10:20 am at Cairns Office Meeting Room.

**Issue:** **Absent and apologies from CEO who is away on holidays**

CEO Dave Clarke submitted his apologies for this meeting while he travelled for holidays and not able to attend the meeting.

**Resolution 1:** That the apology for this meeting from CEO Dave Clarke be accepted.

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

**Conflict of Interest:**

Mayor called for any conflicts of interest to be declared.

The Mayor reminded the elected members the need to update their registers of interests and related party disclosures regularly as and when their circumstances change.

**Issue:** **Minutes of the meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2021**

Minutes for the meeting of the meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 were tabled and discussed in detail.

**Resolution 2:** That the minutes for the meetings of 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 be adopted as tabled.

Moved:	Cr. K. Koko	Seconded:	Cr. A. Bowie
	All in favor		motion passed

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**Issue:           Opening Social Hub**

With refurbishment of the building almost complete, the Mayor confirmed that Social Hub Manager is onsite ready to roll out the services. The Social Hub is seeking permit to soft open for Council staff and community with only BBQ/food, soft drinks and music from 6.00pm-12.00pm on the eve of Christmas Day and New Year. Afterwards the Social Hub will provide services for limited days (Fridays and Saturdays 5.00pm – 10.00pm) before full opening in February.

The full license to operate the premises may be available for official opening on 1 February 2022 with trading hours 6.00pm – 12.00pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only and without trading for Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. Patrons will be allowed to buy and consume 10 cans per day at proposed price of \$10 per UDL and \$8 per can of beer.

The mayor proposed to explore possibility of carrying out fireworks display during the Christmas and New Year's eve community gathering at the Social Hub.

**Issue:           Christmas break essential services**

Mayor Wayne Butcher clarified that during the Christmas break Council will continue to provide essential services to the community. The Council CEO has selected staffing requirements to operate Bank/Australia Post, Sewer/Water, Centrelink, Women Shelter, Meals on wheels, Garbage collection, Outside school care and holiday kids program services. Staff involved have been notified by the CEO.

**Issue:           Delayed sealing on CYRP pavement works concern – Robert**

Robert briefed Council on the progress of delivering CYRP, REPA and Betterment Works. He confirmed that the sealing on current CYRP pavement works will not happen this year due to project management issues and wet weather resulting in delayed delivery of construction materials and base works not completed to scope. This will require some reworking and reshaping the pavement works before sealing after wet season and consequently there will be additional costs involved. Black & More are preparing a report to the Council to highlight these issues and estimate costs to re-do some of these works.

He confirmed that 4 CYRP culverts and Pascoe River Causeway extension have been completed. He reported good progress in construction works at the 2 Crossings on Pascoe Farm Road and REPA works (LRASC.0016 and LRASC.0024) and will be doing site visit next week to inspect REPA works on Wattle Hill and Pascoe Farm Road.

**Issue:           Cultural Precinct, football oval refurbishment and next year's CYRP schedule of works**

Greg O'Brien was not available to update Council on the progress.

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**Issue: Finance report for the period ended 30 November 2021 – Stanley Mugwiria**

The Director of Corporate Services presented finance report for the 5 months period ended 30 November 2021 that was tabled and discussed.

**Resolution 3:** That the finance report for November 2021 is noted.

**Moved:** Cr K. Karen  
All in favour

**Seconded:** Cr D. Hobson  
Motion carried

**Issue: Next Council meeting**

The mayor confirmed that the next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 January 2022 at Lockhart River Council Chambers.

There being no further matters to discuss the Mayor closed the meeting at 3.00pm.