

# 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: Wednesday 18th November 2021**

## MINUTES

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

**Visitors:** Josh Stafford (Director of Nursing LR Clinic)

### **Issue: Covid vaccination update by Josh**

12 and up population 465: Jab 2 351; Jab 1 42; 27 personal refusal; 7 in prison; 11 at boarding school; 13 in Cairns not vaccinated; 8 in community who are willing to be vaccinated but not yet presented. Overall the view is that our population is as well covered as we can get it. Some concern was raised about the variation in data sets being used which had Lockhart as low as 55% double vaccinated. Cr Koko and Josh Stafford advised the figures presented above were our reality.

**Issue:** Next meeting will be held in the Cairns office on Tuesday the 7th of December with a session with the Department of Local Government on Wednesday 8th on Council Registers of Interest designed two ensure accurate compliance with Belcarra requirements.

### **Issue: Minutes of the meetings of the 5th of August and the 22nd of September.**

The minutes of these meetings were tabled and discussed in detail noting those of the 5th of August only recorded the abandonment of that meeting.

**Resolution 1:** That the minutes of the meeting of the 5th of August and the 22nd of September be adopted as tabled.

**Moved:** Cr W. Butcher                      **Seconded:** Cr K. Koko

All in favour                      Motion passed

### **Issue: Council Covid policy amendment.**

That a formal communique be sent to the Premier requesting all government workers, NGOs, and their contractors be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 prior to entering Lockhart River. (Confirming the resolution of the meeting of September 22nd 2021).

### **Issue: Conflict of Interest**

Mayor Butcher advised he had resigned from the Cape York Partnerships Board three months ago but is yet to receive formal notification of his change of status with that organisation. In addition, he wants Council to note he has not sought re-election to the chair of the Torres and Cape Indigenous Mayor's Alliance (TCICA). He will amend his register of interests accordingly.

### **Issue: Covid vaccination encouragement grant of \$10 000 via the Government Champion's program.**

That the CEO write to Warwick Agnew requesting the following approach be applied: \$6000 on raffle items of white goods etc with entry predicated on double vaccination; the remaining \$4000 be allocated towards a community celebration honouring the work of our community in being proactive and coming forward in numbers to protect each other.

**Issue: Basic Card**

Note this agenda item will no longer be discussed at every meeting

**Issue: Council sponsored kids Christmas party.**

That Council sponsor a Christmas party for all kids 12 and under.

**Issue: Audit letter to the Mayor LRASC**

The Audit letter to the Mayor of the findings of the 2020 - 2021 financial year is tabled and noted.

**Issue: Audit letter to the Chair of the Aerodrome Company**

The Audit letter to the Chair of the Lockhart River Aerodrome Company of the findings for the 2021 - 2021 financial year was tabled and noted.

**Issue: The Annual Financial Report final documents were tabled and discussed for both the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire and the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council and noted.**

**Issue: The Finance Reports for September and October 2021**

The Finance Reports for September and October 2021 were discussed.

**Resolution 2:** That the September and October Finance Report be accepted as tabled.

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

All in favour

Motion passed

**Issue: Audit Committee meeting minutes**

The minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of the 7th of October were tabled and noted.

Issue: Donations for funerals

**Resolution 3:**                      That Council donates \$500 towards the funeral of the late Kura Stephen due to the long association his family have with Lockhart and that \$1000 be donated towards the funeral of the late Mr D. Hobson.

Moved: Cr A. Bowie

Seconded:      Cr N. Bally

All in favour

Motion passed

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 3:40pm