

LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council at the Lockhart River Shire Office.

Date: Wednesday 24th April 2024

MINUTES

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Present: Mayor Cr Wayne Butcher
Cr Dorothy Hobson
Cr Alister Bowie
Cr Krystal Dean
Cr Steven Bally

Visitors: Regis Edmond – Building Services Director

Building Services has been struggling a bit with the attendance and productivity of our workers. The need to lift our productivity will rely on day to day oversight and we need more carpenters as we look into the future with staff housing and potentially new social housing funding coming on line. Regis was asked to work with his team to review and develop contemporary price points. Council is keen to look for trainees and to work with Education Queensland if opportunity permits taking school graduates directly into the workforce.

Visitors: Chloe Manai and Susan Booth

Chloe and Susan addressed Council on progress made for the 100 years celebrations and Paytham Malkari Festival working group. Chloe has developed an action table identifying roles and responsibilities and time lines. They enquired about the possibility of fireworks for the opening. Council asked for quotes from industry providers. Mayor Butcher thanked them for their stewardship of the process and asked to be kept up to date on progress.

Opening and Venue: Mayor Butcher opened the meeting at 10:30am.

Conflict of Interest: Mayor asked for confirmation all Councilors have completed their Register of Interests forms including related parties. Mayor called for disclosure of any new conflicts.

Issue: **Minutes of the meeting of the 4th of April 2024.**

Minutes for the meeting of the meeting of the 4th of April 2024 were tabled and discussed in detail.

Resolution 1: That the minutes of the meeting of the 4th of April, as tabled, be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher

Seconded:

Cr D. Hobson

All in favour

Motion passed

Issue: Councillor portfolios

Noting the portfolio distribution recorded in the minutes of the meeting of April 4th is amended to change “Housing”, originally allocated to Cr Krystal Dean, to Mayor Butcher with Cr Dean taking on the portfolio of Councilor for Women.

Issue: Financial Reports for March 2024

The Finance Reports for March 2024 were tabled and discussed with interpretative analysis from Stanley Mugwiria.

Resolution 2: That the Finance Reports for March 2024 be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr A. Bowie

Seconded: Cr S. Bally

All in favour

Motion passed

Issue: Critical dates for Councilors to note and enter into diaries

- Civic Leaders Forum Gold Coast and Ministerial advocacy trip - 20th May to 23rd of May;
- Torres and Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance forum Cairns 28th and 29th May;
- Australian Local Government General Assembly Canberra – 2nd – 4th July;
- Indigenous Leaders forum – Cairns 24th and 25th of June;
- Ministerial Chamion visit (Minister Linard) 6th and 7th of June with DG Champion Warwick;
- Local Government Association of Queensland AGM Brisbane 21st – 23rd of October;
- 100 year celebrations and Paytham Malkari Festival 24th – 28th September;
- Lockhart Sports Carnival 9th and 10th November.

Issue: Building our Regions – SCADA upgrades

A resolution is required confirming Council’s contribution to the program

Resolution 3: That Council confirms it has budgeted for its contribution to the round 6 SCADA upgrades and water infrastructure. Council acknowledges responsibility for any funding shortfall.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher

Seconded: Cr K. Dean

All in favour

Motion passed

Councillors reports delivered verbally;

- ✓ Cr Bowie pointed out the need for dump maintenance and asked for a progress report on the matter. CEO advised there was a recent independent study on our dump and sewerage system with findings and recommendations to be provided to Council as soon as the report is to hand.

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- ✓ Cr Dean confirmed her commitment to the Education and Women's portfolios and will work with the Women's Group on up-coming events;
 - ✓ Mayor Butcher provided feedback on the Prime Minister's forum in Brisbane and briefed Council on his audience with Housing Minister Scanlan and DATSIP and Arts Minister Enoch. He welcomed the appointment of Minister Linard of the Environment, Science, and Innovation Department as the new Ministerial Champion for Lockhart River.

There being no further matters to discuss the Deputy Mayor closed the meeting at 3:30pm.