LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

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

First meeting post quadrennial election

Date: Thursday 4th April 2024

MINUTES

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

- Visitors: Videographer doing Council web site upgrade. All Councilors participated in a photo session mock up of the swearing in ceremony which had already taken place. These photos were for promotional purposes only.
- **Opening and Venue:** Mayor Butcher opened the meeting at 10:30am. He welcomed the new Council and mapped out the immediate challenges. Discussion was had around roles and responsibilities and the function of the executive team in delivering on Council policies. Mayor emphasized the importance of team work with everyone playing their roles for the betterment of all the community. Mayor Butcher made note of the outstanding long service to the community of former Councilor Norman Bally and the good work of Karen Koko in her Councilor Health portfolio role.
- **Conflict of Interest:** Register of interest forms were handed out for completion and a discussion was held on the importance of compliance and updating your register as things change. He advised that calls for any new conflicts will feature in the agenda of all Council meetings.

Issue: Minutes of the meeting of the 15th of February 2024.

Minutes for the meeting of the meeting of the 15th of February 2024 will be tabled and discussed at the next meeting.

Issue: Deputy Mayor position

Mayor Butcher called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. Cr Steven Bally nominated Cr Alister Bowie. No other nominations were received. Cr Bowie accepted the nomination of Cr Bally. Cr Alister Bowie was elected unopposed to the position of Deputy Mayor of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council.

Issue: Directorship of the Lockhart River Aerodrome Company

Mayor Butcher, being the Mayor of the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council, automatically becomes the Chair of the Aerodrome Company Board. This leaves two vacant Director positions formerly taken by

Cr Norman Bally, who did not seek re-election, and Cr Karen Koko who was unsuccessful at the quadrennial elections. Mayor called for nominations from the floor for these two positions. Cr Dorothy Hobson nominated Cr Steven Bally and Cr Alister Bowie for the vacancies. NO other nominations were received. Cr Ball and Cr Bowie accepted the nominations. They are elected unopposed to the position of Director, Lockhart River Aerodrome Company.

Issue: Councillor portfolios

The Mayor advised the new Councilors that historically, each Councilor takes on a portfolio or two. In other words, they assume responsibility, on behalf of Council, to lead community discussion on certain subjects. A good discussion took place with the following portfolios allocated:

- Law, Order, and Justice: Cr Steven Bally
- Education:
- > Health:
- Culture, Language, and the Arts:
- Business:
- Governance and Leadership:
- > Housing:
- Land Management:
- Sport and Recreation:
- Cr Steven Bally Cr Krystal Dean Mayor, Cr Wayne Butcher Cr Dorothy Hobson Deputy Mayor Cr Alister Bowie Mayor, Cr Wayne Butcher Mayor Cr Wayne Butcher Cr Dorothy Hobson Cr Steven Bally

Issue: Financial Reports for February 2024

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

Resolution 1: That the Finance Reports for November 2024 be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Cr W. Butcher Seconded: Cr A. Bowie

All in favour Motion passed

Issue: Puuya foundation buildings – Fees and Services charges waiver 2023/2024 year

The Council discussed the Puuya Foundation and the continued support provided by Council by way of service fee waiver for facilities and residences.

Resolution 2: That, in recognition of the continuing good work of the organization, the service fees for all Puuya Foundation businesses and dwelling be waived for the 2023 – 2024 Financial Year noting this is in excess of \$20 000.00.

Moved: Cr A. Bowie	Seconded:	Cr S. Bally

All in favour

Issue: Local Government Association of Queensland – Nomination for Policy Executive representation.

Council has the opportunity to nominate a member to seek the position of Policy Executive member of the Local Government Association of Queensland. The Policy Executive drive local government policy decisions across the 77 shires of Queensland and is the pre-eminent think tank in Queensland. Mayor Butcher was a Policy Executive member last term and, being one of the few members returned, would be ideal to continue in that role subject to Council nomination.

Resolution 3: That Mayor Wayne Butcher be nominated by Council for the Policy Executive of the Local Government Association of Queensland.

Moved: Cr A. Bowie	Seconded:	Cr D. Hobson
All in favour	Motion passed	

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