LOCKHART RIVER ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

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

Date: Thursday 16th May 2024

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Cr Wayne Butcher

Cr Dorothy Hobson (Note Cr Hobson will need to break occasionally to assist with

Art sales for the Gala auction)
Deputy Mayor Cr Alister Bowie

Cr Krystal Dean Cr Steven Bally

Visitors: RATSIC

RAATSIC advised Council on new approaches with child safety and on-going care and stewardship. Currently 34 kids in care from Lockhart. No safe house in Lockhart to facilitate family visits and a lot a blue card driven barriers in the current model. There is a need to review the current model and transition to one designed with the Lockhart River community. It must include a robust analysis of risk and financial implications for all parties. Community Development Director, Jamie Love, needs to be part of conversations going forward as do the Lockhart River Clinic, Justice Group, Men's Group, and our Women's Group. Mayor Butcher thanked the RAATSIC delegation for their briefing.

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Opening and Venue: Mayor Butcher opened the meeting at 11:20am.

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 24th April 2024.

Minutes for the meeting of the meeting of the 24th of April 2024 was tabled and discussed.

Resolution 1: That the minutes of the meeting of the 24th of April 2024 be accepted as a true and

accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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

All in favour Motion passed

Issue: Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Policy Executive position

The CEO tabled ballot papers for the election of Indigenous delegates on to the LGAQ Policy Executive. It was noted Mayor Butcher was a candidate for the positions under consideration. Mayor Butcher left the room to allow independent consideration of Council's votes on the matter. There were three nominees being Mayor Butcher, Mayor Gibson from Hopevale, and Mayor Lacey from Palm Island. Council discussed the process and the role of the LGAQ Policy Executive in detail. It was noted Mayor Butcher is a current member of the policy executive and has worked hard shaping LGAQ policy. Council resolved at its meeting of the 4th of April to nominate Cr Butcher for the position.

Resolution 2: That Council casts its votes for the LGAQ Policy Executive for Mayor Wayne Butcher and

Mayor Alf Lacey with the CEO to advise the LGAQ accordingly.

Moved Cr D. Hobson Seconded: Cr K. Dean

All in favour Motion passed

Issue: Women's Issues

Council discussed the recent March against Domestic Violence noting it was poorly attended. Renewed efforts to better advertise similar events going forward will be needed. NAIDOC womens event is coming up with Councillors Dorothy Hobson and Krystal Dean to work with community and Council leadership to boost numbers.

Issue: Paytham Malkari Festival and 100 years celebration

Council discussed the general progress of the working group. Chloe has done up a task document which offers good guidance and task allocation. Next working group meeting in two weeks time.

Issue: Financial Reports for March 2024

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

Resolution 3: That the Finance Reports for March 2024 be accepted as tabled.

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

All in favour Motion passed

Issue: Puuya foundation sub-lease for the Day Care Centre

The Council discussed the Puuya Foundation and the continued support provided. Puuya are seeking a sub-lease from Council as Trustee for the land to be developed for a Day Care Centre.

Resolution 4: That Council agree to grant a sub-lease over the area around the old feeding centre in

favour of the Puuya Foundation in order to support the construction of a Day Care Centre

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

All in favour

Motion passed

Issue: Council vehicles

Council vehicles continue to be seen driving around out of hours particularly the EHO vehicle and Store Shed truck. CEO to personally approach those responsible to ensure policy is adhered to.

Issue: Council budget preparation

All work groups are to consider their "wish lists" in the lead up to Council framing it's 2024 – 2025 Financial Year budget and program of works.

There being no further matters to discuss the Deputy Mayor closed the meeting at 3:00pm.