



Aurukun Shire Council

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

9.00am

FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2018

Venue:

Chivaree Centre, Fred Kerindun Drive
Aurukun Qld 4892



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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL, HELD AT THE CHIVAREE CENTRE, FRED KERINDUN DRIVE, AURUKUN ON FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY, 2018

Present:

Cr.s	Cr. Dereck Walpo (Mayor) Cr. Edgar Kerindun Cr. Ada Woolla Cr. Doris Poonkamelya
Arrived Late	Cr. Vera Koomeeta
Apology	NIL
Officers	Bernie McCarthy – Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Alan Neilan – A/Director Community Services (A/DKOM) Perry Gould – Director Technical Services (DTS) Marina Schaefer – A/Director Corporate Services (A/DCOR)

Guests:

Nil

1. Opening

Mayor declared meeting open at 9:18 am

Minute's silence for sorry business.

2. Condolences

Bowenda Family, Matthew Family

3. Leave of Absence

Ron Fenner/ Director Corporate Services

4. Budget Review 2017/2018

Update from Finance Manager/A/DCOR was provided on a formal presentation which will be made at 20 February 2018 Council meeting

NOTED



5. Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal - 2017 Remuneration Determination

On 30 November 2017, the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal finalised its determination of remuneration arrangements to apply from 1 July 2018

Resolution 18.5840

That Council adopts the Councillors. Remuneration Policy to remunerate Councillors from 1 July 2018:

Position	Remuneration Payable
Mayor	\$103,918.00
Deputy Mayor	\$59,952.00
Councillors	\$34,639.00 Plus \$1,443.25 per meeting attended.

MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya

CARRIED

6. Australia Day Event – Report

A/DKOM gave a verbal report to the Council on the recent Australia Day event

NOTED

7. Griffith Neighbourhoods Project

The Griffiths Neighbourhoods Projects have successfully secured an additional six months of funding from Queensland Government (DATSIP) to continue the existing Youth Sexual Violence and Abuse (YSVA) prevention activities in Aurukun

NOTED

8. Expiration of National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH)

Correspondence from LGAQ, dated 21 December 2017, regarding the lack of replacement program for the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH)



Resolution 18.5841

That Council writes to the Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs in support of LGAQ's request for clarification of the Government's plans regarding a replacement program for NPARIH, and reassurance that the Government remains committed to funding housing construction by local firms in the discrete and remote Indigenous Councils in Queensland (including Aurukun).

MOVED: Cr. Ada Woolla
CARRIED

SECONDED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya

9. Request for Gazettal of 20 July 2018 as Aurukun Show Holiday

Office of the Industrial Relations is preparing the request for the Minister, and ASC will be advised in due course ASAP

NOTED

10. Street Signs Update

DTS provided an update on the street signs project being completed. He advised that it was disappointing that some signs have been stolen or damaged. Cr. are requested to speak to the community. Any reports of sign offenders will be referred to the Aurukun Police

NOTED

11. ASC Staff Changes

A/DCOR, CEO, DTS and A/DCOM provided an update on the ASC staffing changes

NOTED

12. Removal of Abandoned Vehicles

Removal of vehicles has become an issue with several requests being made to remove vehicles off private properties

Resolution 18.5842

That Council:

- 1) approves the cessation of the service of relocating and transporting abandoned motor vehicles from government leased and community housing properties
- 2) authorises the release of a Public Notice notifying the community that the service for relocation and transport of any abandoned motor vehicles from government leased and community housing property is no longer provided by ASC
- 3) adopts a process/policy to define the relocation and transport of any abandoned motor vehicles from road reserves and public areas in accordance with the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*, and promotes this new process/policy to Aurukun community as soon as possible
- 4) allows an amount of \$10,000 for removal of abandoned vehicles from Council roads and public areas in 2017/2018 Budget
- 5) allows an amount of \$20,000 for removal of abandoned vehicles from Council roads and public areas in its 2018/2019 Budget for a removal program in November 2018
- 6) requests approval for these allocated amounts to be funded from the ICCIP program for ASC
- 7) investigates the relocation of abandoned vehicles dumped adjacent outside the township boundary with the possibility of costs being funded by ICCIP
- 8) If necessary seeks advice from LGAQ, and other sources including Councils, on the introduction of a penalty infringement for the illegal abandoning of vehicles on Council land, road reserve, and public areas.

MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya

CARRIED

13. Amendment of ASC Accounts Receivable Policy (F001)

The policy is being amended to incorporate a new section for commencing bankruptcy proceedings against a debtor

Resolution 18.5843

That Council approves amendments in the Accounts Receivable Policy (F001) to:

1. incorporate a section for commencing bankruptcy proceedings and
2. provide correct title of Finance Manager.

MOVED: Cr. Ada Woolla

SECONDED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta

CARRIED

14. RNTBC Coordinator Appointment

The Board of Directors of Ngan Aak Kunch RNTBC has appointed Ms Lynette Adidi as the RNTBC Coordinator, commencing 1 March 2018. Council wishes to see promotion of the new Coordinator being located at NAKAC Office in Aurukun

NOTED

15. Motorised Vehicle Infringement Policy

The new policy absolves ASC responsibility and places it in the hands of the person/s driving a vehicle registered to ASC

Resolution 18.5844

That Council adopts the Motor Vehicle Infringement Policy as presented, subject to necessary amendments to grammar and spelling being undertaken by the CEO.

MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya

CARRIED

16. Sorry Business – Request for Road Closures, and Other Areas

Advice has been received from Preston Law regarding the request for road closures and other areas during Sorry Business. Mayor advised that Smoking Ceremonies are suggested in the near future for:

- areas of Big Archer River
- areas of Watson River
- areas of South Arm
- Deep Water landing
- Bamboo landing

The Mayor suggested Kencherang Outstation, Blue Lagoon Outstation, Ti-Tree Outstation, and Stoney Cross Outstation be opened in the dry season

NOTED

17. Aurukun Community 'Closure of Access'

Correspondence received from Ngan Aak-Kunch Aboriginal Corporation, dated 11 January 2018 regarding their support for closure of community areas in Aurukun in support of the Pootchemunka family

NOTED

18. Delivery of ASC Essential Services

It is concerning that with the low attendance of local staff, ASC is encountering difficulties in delivering consistent essential services to the community. CEO and Directors raised the current issue and asked Council to raise this issue with local people

Resolution 18.5845

That Council fully acknowledges the importance of ASC essential services delivery, and determines actions that can assist in improved work attendance of local staff to ensure essential services delivery to the community.

MOVED: Cr. Ada Woolla

SECONDED: Cr. Doris Pookemelya

CARRIED

19. Excessive Noise from Power Station

Another complaint has been received about the noise from the power station and referred to Ergon Energy. The matter was raised again in a teleconference with Ergon senior officers held on 31 January 2018

NOTED

20. Memorandum of Understanding – ASC/Transport and Main Roads

ASC is in discussion with Transport and Main Roads in regards to the extension of existing MOU conditions

Resolution 18.5846

That Council seeks the retention of existing MOU with Transport and Main Roads until 30 June 2019, and seeks the assistance of the Director-General (TMR), North Qld Regional Director (TMR), Far North Qld District Director (TMR), Aurukun Government Champion and Senior Government Coordination Officer to enable this MOU to remain in place until Aurukun Access Road sealing is completed.

MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla

CARRIED

21. Queensland Government Public Service Medal Nomination Letter

Correspondence received from Department of Premier and Cabinet, dated 5 January 2018, regarding request for nominations for the Public Service Medal

Resolution 18.5847

That Council forwards a letter of congratulations to Edward Natera (CEO of Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council) on receiving a Public Sector Medal in the recent Australia Day Awards.

MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya

SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla

CARRIED

22. Grant of Mining Lease

Correspondence received from UTM Global, dated 8 January 2018 regarding the renewal of Grant of Mining Lease 100044 for another 15 years, commencing 1 February 2018 until 1 February 2033

NOTED

23. Confidential

Resolution 18.5848

That in accordance with Local Government Regulation 2012, Chapter 8 Administration, Part 2 Local government meetings and committees, Council closes the meeting to the public for the following reasons

Clause (h) other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage, Clause (c) the local government budget; and Clause (e) contracts proposed to be made by it.

MOVED: Cr. Ada Woolla

SECONDED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta

CARRIED

24. Tenders – Council Depot

DTS provided recommended tenderer by circulated documents (carried over from 12 December 2017 Council Meeting, Agenda 14.2 Civil Construction and Maintenance / Parks and Gardens)

25. Appointment of Internal Auditor

A/DCOR advised Pacifica was recommended to be appointed as the preferred tenderer

Resolution 18.5849

That Council comes out of closed committee and opens the meeting back up to the public.

MOVED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla

CARRIED

26. Meeting Opened Back to the Public

Resolution 18.5850

That Council accepts the tender of Cameron Herbert Constructions Pty Ltd (Tender 002/18) for Council Depot Concrete Driveway at a price of \$353,768.00 (ex gst) subject to possible scope/price reduction being negotiated.

MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya

SECONDED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun

CARRIED

Resolution 18.5851

That Council accepts the Expression of Interest from Pacifica Accountants as Council's Internal Auditor for the next three years, and instructs Pacifica to prepare a 2017/2018 Internal Audit Plan for consideration by Management and Council at Council's Ordinary meeting on 20 February 2018.

MOVED: Cr. Ada Woolla

SECONDED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta

CARRIED

27. Emergency Power Generator for ASC Council Chambers

The recent power outage has highlighted the need to investigate an emergency power generator for ASC Council Chambers

Resolution 18.5852

That Council requests Management to:

1. advise the specification and costs for adequate emergency generated power for ASC Council Chambers, Offices and other essential services
2. advise possible funding source/s for the cost of a generator/s
3. include the cost in 2017/2018 Budget Review for urgent generator power purchase
4. include all other necessary purchases in the 2018/2019 Budget.

MOVED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya

CARRIED

28. ASC New Business Information System

A/DCOR A/DCOR advised Council that approval has been received from Minister of Local Government, Racing, and Multicultural Affairs, Stirling Hinchcliffe, for the purchase of a new Business Information System for ASC

NOTED

Closure

The meeting closed at 10:56 am

Bernie McCarthy
Chief Executive Officer