



MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING
Tuesday 18 February 2020



Venue

Council Chambers
506 Kang Kang Road
Aurukun Qld 4892

ORDINARY MEETING

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL OFFICE 506 KANG KANG ROAD, AURUKUN ON TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2020

Present

Councillors	Cr. Dereck Walpo (Mayor) Cr. Edgar Kerindun (Deputy Mayor) Cr. Doris Poonkamelya Cr. Ada Woolla
Leave of Absence	Cr Vera Koomeeta
Officers	Bernie McCarthy – Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Gus Yates – Director Technical Services (DTS) Alan Neilan – Director Community Services (DCOM) Ron Fenner – Director Corporate Services (DCOR) Amanda Ray – Executive Assistant and Minute Secretary (EA)
Via videoconference	Marina Schaefer, Finance Manager (FM)

Guests

Gary Kleidon, Senior Government Coordinator, DATSIP
Ian Mackie, Deputy Director General, DATSIP

In Gallery

Shawna Dalton, Mental Health, Queensland Health
Geordie White, Director of Nursing, Queensland Health

1. Opening

Mayor opened the Meeting with a Prayer at 9.02am

2. Declaration of Material Personal Interests (MPI)

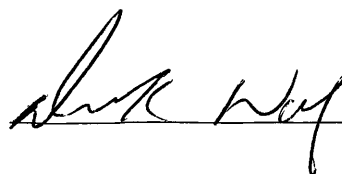
Nil

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI)

Nil

4. Condolences

Waal Waal Nola Kowearpta



Council observed a minute's silence for the families in mourning.

5. Leave of Absence for Approval

Cr Vera Koomeeta

6. Previous Minutes

6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10 December 2019

Resolution 19.6483

That Council

- (1) endorses the Draft Aurukun Sorry Business Protocol developed by Senior Government Co-Ordinator, Mr Brendan McMahon
- (2) provides a copy of this protocol to Emma Burchill, Manager of Remote Services Delivery Aurukun, Cape and Torres Region, DATSIP.

Resolution 20.6535

That Council advises all Government agencies, stakeholders and residents that a copy of the adopted Aurukun *Sorry Business Protocol* is now available on Aurukun Shire Council's website.

MOVED: Cr Ada Woolla

SECONDED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

Resolution 20.6536

That Council receives and adopts the Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10 December 2019 as a true and correct record.

MOVED: Cr Edgar Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 31 January 2020

Resolution 20.6537

That Council receives and adopts the Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 31 January 2020 as a true and correct record.

MOVED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

SECONDED: Cr Edgar Kerindun

7. Procedural Matters

Nil



8. Presentation of Petitions

Nil

9. Consideration of Notified Motions

Nil

10. Reception and Consideration of Committee and/or Delegates Reports

Nil

11. Mayor's Report

11.1 Meetings and Community Events

Future

1 March 2020

Aurukun Clean Up Day

25 April 2020

Anzac Day Ceremony

NOTED

11.2 Update

I would like to sincerely thank Gary Kleidon, Senior Government Coordinator, Queensland Police Service, Government Agencies and Stakeholders for their assistance and support over the last seven weeks in helping to bring calm back to Aurukun community.

I extend thanks and gratitude to other Councils for supporting displaced Aurukun residents within their communities.

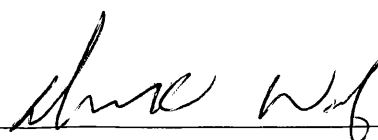
Many thanks to Aurukun Shire Council staff for continuing to operate and provide valuable services to the community with minimal disruption. These operations of Garbage, Water, Sewerage, Bank, Post Office, Animal Control, etc are all essential services for the community residents.

It has been pleasing to see Aged Care, Supermarket, Child Care, PCYC, Community Centre, Splash Park, IKC, etc are open and providing vital services to the community. The holding of Community Events for the first part of 2020 will continue as planned.

There is a substantial number of people living outside the community. It is important that we here in Aurukun live in a harmonious and safe environment.

We need to change our ways to bring calm and respect back to our community by putting our differences aside and taking responsibility for our actions and behaviour in order to restore peace to our community. Thus, displaced persons will have the confidence to return home.

We need our children to attend school and residents to apply for local jobs in Aurukun.



It is time for us to move forward as a community for healing to progress.

NOTED

11.3 ASC Achievements since 2012/20

As the Local Government Election is coming up on 28 March 2020 it is time to remind ourselves of the good work this Council has achieved during the last two Council terms.

We have made many positive changes to the community and have more still in the planning stages to complete.

All these achievements have been made in the community's best interest to provide a better lifestyle for now and future generations.

New Facilities Developed

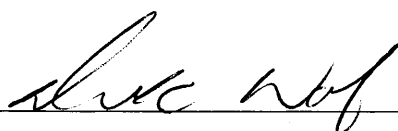
- New Akay Koo'oilu Women's Art Centre development
- Sam Kerindun Senior Business Centre
- New development of Chivaree Aged Care Centre
- Securing, re-developing and leasing of
 - Wuungkam Lodge and May Min Eatery Restaurant
 - Contractors Camp MacKenzie 2
- Completion of construction and sealing of Aurukun Access Road
- Sealing of Aurukun streets
- Aurukun Boat Ramp
- Agan Ngench Thayan Cemetery
- Acquiring the operations of
 - Aak Muunchanak Splashpark
 - Wo'uw Ko'alam Community Centre
 - Themp Street Offices
 - Old TAFE workshop and lease
 - Aawch Mee'-aathanak Training Centre
- Refurbishment of Wik Mungkan Indigenous Knowledge Centre
- SES Facility
- Lobbying for better telecommunications with 4G Network
- Water and Sewerage Reticulation and improvements
- Partial redevelopment of Community Fuel Station and Ngaay Road Industrial Estate

Upgrades to Facilities

- Wik and Kugu Mens' Art Centre upgrade
- ASC Store and Depot upgrades
- Aurukun Supermarket upgrade
- Aurukun Council Office upgrade

In Progress

- Waste Management Facility – Planning for redevelopment



- Airport Terminal – Planning for redevelopment
- Waterfront – Planning for redevelopment
- Providing more Community Events to continue positive community engagement

NOTED

11.4 Cairns and Cape Community Response Team teleconference

On 4 February the CEO and I attended teleconference meeting with Tracey Harding and Duane Amos from Cairns and Cape Community Response Team to discuss work being done around displaced Aurukun residents.

Primary objectives of the meeting were –

- Provide housing and accommodation solutions for displaced Aurukun residents (including supporting people to return to Aurukun)
- Ensure the safety and well-being of displaced persons and their families
- Support displaced residents to re-engage in community, education and work
- Support the maintenance of calm and stable conditions in communities supporting Aurukun residents
- Provide rapid solutions to emerging problems, issues and trends

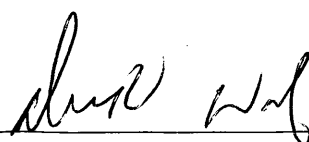
By way of update, the following was discussed –

- Providing support to any Aurukun families wanting to return and if advice given that families do not want to return the Department of Housing and Public Works need to be advised. Family belongings to be removed from house and securely boarded for collection by family.
- Case Coordination networks have been established in Cairns, Pormpuraaw, Kowanyama, Coen and Napranum to convene a cross-agency group.
- Department of Housing and Public Works have established a separate team to work intensively on housing and accommodation needs of Aurukun residents.
- DATSIP continues to work closely with Education Queensland to ensure that as many school aged children are enrolled and attending school.
- Two hospitals and health services along with Apunipima Cape York Health and Wuchopperen Health Service are working with displaced families regarding their health and wellbeing.

The latest update is provided on the number of Aurukun residents living in locations across the Cape and in Cairns. There is regular movement between communities and there are still families who have “self-placed” in Cairns (or other communities) who may not be known to us.

It is a challenging time; however, with the assistance of Government agencies and Councils are doing everything they can to ensure all Aurukun residents either living in Aurukun or elsewhere are being cared for.

NOTED



11.5 Australia Day Ceremony

Australia Day Ceremony held on 27 January 2020 in the Town Square was well attended. We had about 100 residents showing their support on the day and participating in the Community BBQ that was provided by ASC.

NOTED

11.6 Correspondence

Aurukun State School Newsletter for Term 1 shows a strong attendance by students, so far. The School has had many parents/carers attend classes to help their children settle into the new school year.

Lots of smiling faces in the newsletter which is so pleasing to see.

NOTED

Resolution 20.6538

That Council receives and adopts the Mayor's Report.

MOVED: Cr Edgar Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

9.35am Shawna Dalton, Mental Health, Queensland Health left the Gallery

12. Chief Executive Officer's Report

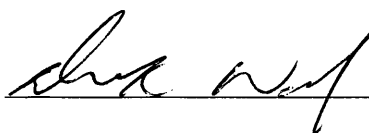
12.1 Action from Previous Council Meetings

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12.2 Future Meetings / Events

Future

20 February 2020	Staff Entitlement Committee (SEC) Meeting
21 February 2020	Joint Staff Meeting ASC
21 February 2020	Full Management Meeting
22 February 2020	Councillor Nominations Open
25 February 2020	So You Want to be a Councillor training session (conducted by DLG/ECQ)
26 February 2020	So You Want to be a Councillor training session (conducted by DLG/ECQ)
27 February 2020	Newcomers Welcome Function
3 March 2020	Councillor Nominations Close
4 March 2020	DCOR Farewell Morning Tea



17 March 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting
28 March 2020	Council Election
TBA	Post-Election Council Meeting
10/14 April 2020	Easter Break

NOTED

12.3 Councillor and Officer's Register of Interest

NOTED

12.4 Council Election 2020

Returning Officer appointed for the Aurukun Shire Council is Renee Gavin, who resides in Aurukun.

As we have a significant number of Aurukun residents currently out of the Shire the Electoral Commission of Queensland is considering how best to provide voting services for these people.

Dates to be confirmed.

NOTED

12.5 So You Want to be a Councillor Training in Aurukun

Owen Hitchings, Principal Advisor for Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs will be in Aurukun on 25/26 February 2020 to conduct *So You Want to be a Councillor Training* (SYWTBC Training) for potential candidates in the Local Government Election.

Completion of this training online, in formal sessions for people intending on running in Aurukun is now a pre-requisite for nomination for candidacy in a local government election.

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12.6 Rainfall for the Wet Season

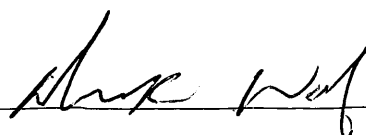
Aurukun recorded 493mm of rain during January over a 15-day period. The wettest day was 28 January recording 90mm of rain.

NOTED

12.7 Tenancy Management Update Report, Department of Housing and Public Works

Please refer to late items

12.8 Facebook Report for January 2020



For the month of January there were 26 posts and 13 notices.

The most popular post was the Mayor speaking out after his period of mourning. This reached 5,901 people with 1,734 engagements and no negative feedback.

The posts showing Indigenous Council employees enjoying their work have been successful. The most popular was of CPO Dick Wilson. It was a coincidence that it ran on January 3, but the timing was good as it resonated with the 1,002 people who engaged with the post and reached 3,726 people. Once again there were no negative comments.

NOTED

12.9 Ron Fenner, Director Corporate Services (DCOR)

Ron has resigned as Director Corporate Services effective from 4 March 2020. He has been appointed as Director Corporate Services with Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council.

Resolution 20.6539

That Council thanks Ron Fenner for his past seven years' service as Director Corporate Services with ASC and wishes him every success for the future.

MOVED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

SECONDED: Cr Ada Woolla

Resolution 20.6540

That Council receives and adopts the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

MOVED: Cr Edgar Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

9.42am Marina Schaefer, Finance Manager joined the meeting via videoconference in Cairns

13. Finance Manager's Report

13.1 Cash and Investments

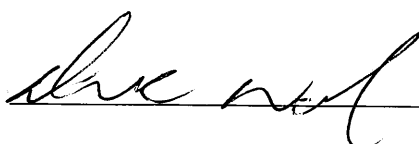
13.1.1 Cash on Hand as of 31 January 2020

13.2 Liabilities

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13.3 Operating Revenue and Expenses as of 31 January 2020

NOTED



13.4 2019/20 Audit Planning

The Finance team and Council's external auditors, BDO, through the partner Margaret Dewhurst, have agreed on these dates:

- Audit Planning visit – week commencing 23 March 2020 in Cairns
- Interim Audit – week commencing 4 May 2020
- Stores stocktake – to be scheduled, preferably the last week of June 2020
- Final visit – week commencing 14 September 2020

NOTED

13.5 Extension of Contract for Insurance Service

The contract to provide insurance services including brokerage was awarded to Jardine Lloyd Thompson in June 2017, commencing on 21 June 2017 and expiring on 30 June 2020.

Under Section 5 Term of Contract, the contract has two optional extension periods of up to 12 months each, which may be exercised at the absolute discretion of Council.

Due to the forthcoming elections and changes to Corporate Services staffing, Finance requests that Council extends the insurance contract.

Resolution 20.6541

That Council extends the insurance services contract with Jardine Lloyd Thompson until 30 June 2021.

MOVED: Cr Edgar Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

13.6 SynergySoft Second Stage Implementation

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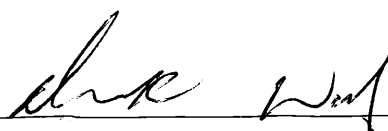
Resolution 20.6542

That Council receives and adopts the Finance Manager's Report.

MOVED: Cr Ada Woolla

SECONDED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

10.05am Marina Schaefer, Finance Manager left the meeting



14. Director Corporate Services Report

14.1 Actions from Previous Council Meeting

NOTED

14.2 Human Resources Manager's Report

14.2.1 Staff Induction

14.2.2 Workers Compensation Claims

14.2.3 2020 Deadly Employee and Deadly Safety Awards

14.2.4 Staff Entitlements Committee (previously EBA)

NOTED

14.2.5 Training

Update

- 2020 training schedule to be finalised
- training applications received, training to be co-ordinated.

Ongoing

- qualified Technical Persons training (Electricians) – ongoing self-paced training
- qualified Businesspersons training (Gus Yates) – ongoing self-paced online training.

14.2.6 Staff Statistics

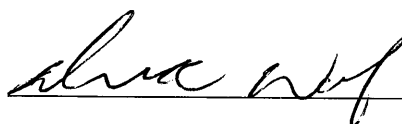
14.2.7 Staff Turnover

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14.2.8 Vacancies –

Local Recruitment

	Position	Closing Date
Koolkan ECC	Group Leader	21 February 2020
	Cleaner	21 February 2020
Koolkan Playgroup	Assistant	21 February 2020
Chivaree Centre	Assistant Cook	28 February 2020
	Bus Driver/Grounds person	28 February 2020
Community Police	Community Police Officer	28 February 2020
Community Services	Splash Park Supervisor	
Waste Management & Town Maintenance	Waste Collection Driver	14 February 2020



	Town Maintenance Plant Operator	14 February 2020
	Parks & Gardens Labourer	14 February 2020
Building Services	Trade Assistant	14 February 2020
Airport	Airport Assistant	21 February 2020

NOTED

14.3 Workplace Health and Safety

New Workplace Health and Safety Advisor, Barry Day commenced with council Monday 20 January 2020.

To date, WH&SA has:

- commenced Mango Safety Management System training
- gathered employee information to review and load into Mango
- prepared toolbox presentations for domestic and trade work areas
- been in the process of reforming the Workplace Health and Safety Committee and distributing nomination requests for WH&S committee representatives
- been closing out all previous injury and incidents reports reviewed as discussed and confirmed by LGW, former ASC HR Manager and Workcover

NOTED

14.3 Administration Manager's Report

NOTED

14.4 Arts Centre Manager's Report

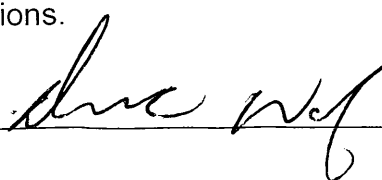
14.4.1 Artists Sales and Purchases

Art Sales Budget	\$155,000
Art Sales Year	93% of budget
Art Sales Dec 19/Jan 20	77% of two-month budget
Art Purchases Budget	\$125,000
Art Purchases Year	64% of budget
Art Purchased Dec 19/Jan 20	63% of two-month budget

14.4.2 Funding

Wik and Kugu Arts Centre has successfully secured \$250,000 in grant funding from *Arts Queensland's Backing Indigenous Arts - Indigenous Art Centre Multi-Year Funding (2019/23)*.

This funding primarily supports the professional development of our female and male artists and their participation in nationwide exhibitions and art fairs to achieve their commercial aspirations.



14.4.3 Workshops

Last week of each month, Wik and Kugu Arts Centre hosts a cultural weaving experience in the women's arts studio.

The activity is run by Aurukun senior weavers who take the participants on an excursion to collect pandanus and natural dye plants and share the ways in which they process the raw materials. This also engages the participants in their cultural weaving practices to increase their personal sense of well-being.

The activity offers a road to economic opportunity and female empowerment because all of the woven products will be exhibited for sale at the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF), Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair (DAAF), and Tarnanthi Art Fair in Adelaide.

This activity is open to all Wik and Kugu women in Aurukun and supported by Cape York Employment.

14.4.4 Exhibitions

Aurukun saw a dramatic increase of 'selling art on the streets' in the lead-up to Christmas 2019, which forced Wik and Kugu Arts Centre to cancel three exhibitions scheduled for December 2019 and January 2020 (Cairns Art Gallery, Woolloongabba Gallery in Brisbane, Maunsell & Wicks Gallery in Sydney).

'Song lines of the Dog', an installation of five Aurukun Ku' camp dogs has travelled from Darwin to Melbourne. The installation will be on show at the prestigious Chapman & Bailey Gallery in Abbotsford in March/April 2020.

NOTED

14.5 Information Technology Report

NOTED

14.7 Leasing Update

NOTED

14.8 Amended Human Resource Policies from SEC for adoption

The listed attached Policies need to be adopted by Council following their ratification by the Staff Entitlements Committee. Some of the clauses in these policies did not comply with legislation (Policies as tabled).

- Toil Policy (HR022)
- Work Health & Safety Policy (HR017)
- Parental Leave Policy (HR023)
- Domestic & Family Violence Leave Policy (HR029)
- Staff use of Pool Vehicle Policy (HR013) was amended with one change restricting use to those senior employees without a personal four-wheel drive vehicle.



Resolution 20.6543

That Council adopts the amended ASC Policies as tabled

- (1) Toil Policy (HR022)
- (2) Work Health & Safety Policy (HR017)
- (3) Parental Leave Policy (HR023)
- (4) Domestic & Family Violence Leave Policy (HR029)
- (5) Staff use of Pool Vehicle Policy (HR013)

MOVED: Cr Edgar Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr Ada Woolla

14.9 Aurukun Freight Tender

Following discussions with Preston Law it is recommended the freight tender be offered on the basis whereby parties interested can tender for either the sea component or the road transport component or both components rather than offering them individually.

Resolution 20.6544

That Council approves the freight tender for Aurukun Shire Council be offered to interested parties to tender on either

- (1) the sea component
- (2) road transport component
- (3) both sea and road components.

MOVED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

SECONDED: Cr Ada Woolla

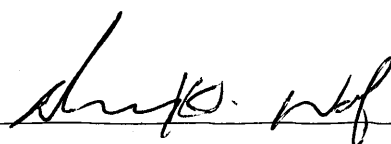
Resolution 20.6545

That Council receives and adopts the Director Corporate Services Report.

MOVED: Cr Edgar Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

*10.37am meeting adjourned for morning tea
10.59am meeting resumed*

15. Director Community Services Report**15.1 Actions from previous Council Meeting**

NOTED

15.2 Funerals

- 15.2.1 Organised Funerals** Waal Waal Baby Kenneth Taisman – 28 December 2019
Waal Waal Bessie Pootchemunka – 10 January 2020
Waal Waal Ian Koowarta – 31 January 2020
- 15.2.2 Upcoming Funerals** Waal Waal Austin Woolla – 14 February 2020
Waal Waal Nola Kowearpta – 28 February 2020
- 15.2.3 House Openings** Nil

NOTED

15.3 Events

Upcoming Events

Date	Event Details
27 February 2020	Newcomer's Function

NOTED

15.4 Community Police, Safety and CCTV

15.4.1 Patrol Schedule and Locations

The CPO Roster remains focused on the Town Square area. There were some limitations to patrols due to a reduction in the number of CPO's working. Recruitment is currently underway.

15.4.2 Incident Reports

15.4.3 CCTV Operations – User Activity Report for January 2020

15.4.4 Training and Licensing

Certificate II in Security Operations will be offered to any new Community Police Officers, requiring training.

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15.5 Koolkan Early Childcare Centre (Koolkan ECC)

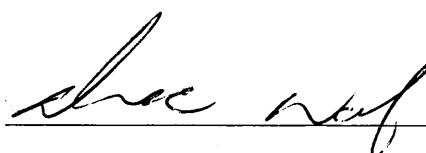
15.5.1 Department of Education Visits

15.5.2 Staffing (Completion of accredited training)

The next training support visit from Creche and Kindergarten will be on 9/13 March 2020. Lucy Ramich has been appointed by Education Queensland to the RATEP (Remote Area Teacher Education Program). Lucy will also be available to tutor Koolkan ECC Employees

15.5.3 Enrolment Report

Total Enrolment: 12



Babies Room:	1
Kindy Room:	1
Toddler Room	10

Average Daily Attendance 10/12

NOTED

15.6 Chivaree Community Aged Care Centre

15.6.1 Aged Care and Disability Program – General

15.6.2 WCCCA – Disability Assistance Applications

15.6.3 Good News

The Chivaree Centre Christmas luncheon was held in December with a very high percentage of clients attending. All clients received a Christmas Gift from Santa. Clients were still talking about the event for the next few days expressing how much they enjoyed it.

Lisa Abbas from Go Cape attended Chivaree on 3 December 2020 along with a group of singers from the Scripture Union. Due to the fact there had just been a death within the Community, clients advised that they did not want there to be any singing, so Lisa and the group, spent time chatting with the clients and also gave them all a handmade gift from Aged Care Christmas Giving. The clients were delighted with the outcome of the event.

A total of 19 clients was displaced from Aurukun due to New Year's Day event. The Manager is negotiating services for those clients.

We have collected two abandoned client's scooters from within the Community and they are stored at Chivaree Centre.

15.6.4 Status of Client Overpayments

15.6.5 Assistance – Client Yards

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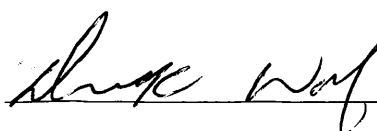
15.6.6 Asset Write Off

A component of the 2017/19 Works for Queensland program was the replacement of carpet floor coverings in the dining room. The carpet was replaced with vinyl. The value of the former carpet requires a resolution of Council to write off this asset.

Resolution 20.6546

That Council approves the asset write off for the sum of \$6,671.99 (asset number 10684), being Chivaree Centre carpet flooring replaced with vinyl.

MOVED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya SECONDED: Cr Edgar Kerindun



15.7 Animal Control

NOTED

15.8 Indigenous Knowledge Centre and Community Broadcasting

15.8.1 Flexible Learning Program

The year has started with 15 students enrolled, nine have attended so far, averaging around six students per day for January 2020.

Some students are going to attend Koolkan Aurukun State School classes and Flexi Learning program on a part time basis until they are fully settled and ready for the demands of mainstream schooling.

Flexi Learning program will operate from 8.30 to 12 noon each day. The afternoon session times at IKC will allow other community members to access the facility and resources.

15.8.2 IKC Borrowing and Membership Program

New shipment of books is coming in as part of the Book Exchange program with State Library of Queensland.

15.8.3 Special Priority Project

The Bio/Cultural catalogue will continue in 2020, with the first feature about Traditional Burning Practices, the correct use and respect for fire.

15.8.4 Keeping Culture Program

The Cultural Archives project will begin in 2020 with Elders and Community Members becoming involved to establish protocols and content.

15.8.5 Community Engagement

Quiet start to 2020 with an average attendance to IKC by 14 community visitors. This does not include the strong numbers from play group and holiday programs.

15.8.6 First Five Forever (FFF)

15.8.7 Good News Stories

IKC and Flexi Learning program look forward to working with local dog team in putting together videos on families and their dogs; showing proper ways to care for dogs.

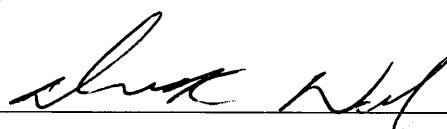
The Laura Dance Festival to be held in July 2020 will be a strong focus for the first part of 2020.

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15.9 Environmental Health

Container Program

The program continues to operate each second Wednesday (depending on access road conditions).



Nearly 30,000 containers have now been recycled from Aurukun since the commencement of the program.

Island and Cape have been provided information from Connex and the Department of Environment to take over the cash-for-cans program.

NOTED

15.10 Grants Development and Lobbying

Refurbishment of Basketball Courts and Adjacent Park

This capital works project has been jointly funded by the Department of Sport and Recreation Services, WCCCA and Aurukun Shire Council. The approved budget is \$240,000.

Resolution 20.6547

That Council approves the Department of Sport and Recreation Services directly appointing QBuild to deliver the refurbishment work of the Basketball Courts and Adjacent Park on Tal Tal Street, for completion by 30 June 2020.

MOVED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

SECONDED: Cr Ada Woolla

15.11 Wo'uw Ko'alam Community Centre

NOTED

15.12 Family Support Worker and Playgroup

15.12.1 Engagement with Parents

15.12.2 Referrals to other Agencies

15.12.3 Playgroup Attendance

32 children attended the School Holiday program in December 2019 and January 2020.

13 children attended playgroup prior to Christmas closure in December 2019 and 11 children attended in January 2020 with numbers dropping slightly when school term resumed.

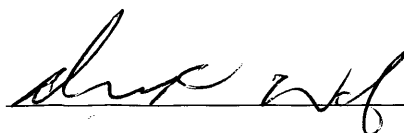
15.12.4 Staffing (Completion of Accredited Training)

15.12.5 Good News

The school holiday program was well attended over the Christmas break with between eight and 20 children engaging in the activities at the Indigenous Knowledge Centre.

All children displayed positive behaviour toward each other and staff.

NOTED



15.13 Aak Muunchanak Splash Park

The facility remains open on Saturday and Sunday from 1.00pm to 5.00pm and supervised by Aurukun Shire Council employees. The Koolkan Aurukun State School and PCYC are welcome to utilise the facility via the Facilities Hire Agreement.

Resolution 20.6548

That Council promotes the usage of Aak Muunchanak Splash Park to Koolkan Aurukun State School, PCYC and any other organisations.

MOVED: Cr Ada Woolla

SECONDED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

Resolution 20.6549

That Council receives and adopts the Director Community Services Report.

MOVED: Cr Edgar Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr Ada Woolla

16. Director Technical Services Report

16.1 Actions from Previous Council Meeting

16.1.1 Resolution 19.6357

That Council calls for Expressions of Interest for an appropriate Design for Aurukun Waterfront development.

DTS Update

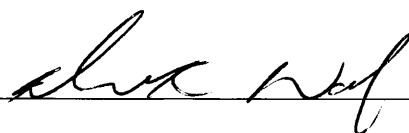
DATSIP's consultants are finalising the Foreshore master plan.

Consideration is being given to transferring these funds to the Airport Terminal project if funding becomes an issue going forward

16.1.2 Resolution 19.6494

That Council:

- (1) sells the vehicle and plant items to the tenderers that offered the highest tendered price
- (2) offers the registered tenderers to supply a late offer for the three vehicles that did not receive an offer
- (3) removes these vehicle and plant items from Council's asset register
- (4) requests that Council's Finance section complete all relevant tasks necessary to remove these vehicles and plant items from Council's asset register.



DTS Update

- (1) letters have been sent to the successful and unsuccessful tenderers
 - (a) to date four items have been paid for
 - (b) four items have been collected by the new owners
 - (c) five items are still to be paid for and collected by the successful tenderers.
- (2) letters have been sent to tenderers, offering them to submit a late tender by 28 February 2020
- (3) these items have been removed from the asset register and the Department of Transport advised that the items are no longer registered to Aurukun Shire Council
- (4) finance have completed necessary steps to remove these vehicle's and Plant items from Councils asset register.

16.1.3 Resolution 19.6521

That Council requests Director Technical Services and Chief Executive Officer to:

- (1) negotiate the final details necessary to undertake this Community Housing project
- (2) enter into a formal agreement with ATSIHU-RICD to oversight the delivery of the program
- (3) enter into a formal agreement with QBuild to manage the deliver process

DTS Update

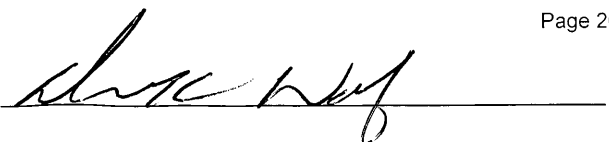
No contact was made with ATSIHU-RICD or QBuild during the month of January, discussions will recommence in February 2020.

16.1.4 Resolution 19.6522

That Council:

- (1) awards the Contract T010/19 Aurukun Solid Waste Management to Bama Civil Pty Ltd for the tendered sum of \$1,344,142.78 with brief scope being as follows:
 - (a) clean up existing site
 - (b) reshape site to improve drainage
 - (c) constructing a concrete pit and associated infrastructure
 - (d) sealed access road and hardstand to the push pit
 - (e) erect sheltered areas for plant and hazardous materials.
- (2) approves a 20% being applied to this as contingency to cover variations which are typically associated with projects of this nature and in this location. This contingency would be for Council's purposes and not included in the Contract Sum. The estimated amount based on the estimated Contract Sum is \$290,000 ex GST.
- (3) notes the total budget for the project be set at \$1,634,142.78 ex GST
- (4) notes the works are to commence after the 2019/20 wet season.

DTS Update



A letter of award has been provided to Bama Civil Pty Ltd and unsuccessful letters provided to all other tenderers.

16.1.5 Actions from General Business

Lighting at Boat Ramp (Mayor Derek Walpo)

Advised that additional lighting is required at the Boat Ramp as current lighting does not provide enough visibility. Director Technical Services will investigate the matter and make appropriate improvements.

DTS Update

Technical Services staff have commenced looking at solar lighting options that can be considered for installing on one or both sides of the concrete boat ramp.

NOTED

16.2 Housing Maintenance

16.2.1 Community Housing Maintenance and Upgrades (QBuild)

Recently a significant amount of additional works has been requested of council staff and contractors with regards to repairing houses.

QBuild do and charge works are being completed within stipulated response times.

Works on the upgrades is progressing with the majority of carports, driveways and painting works now completed. Other upgrade works such as kitchens and bathrooms and repair works will continue through until June 2020.

16.2.2 Council Building Maintenance

16.2.3 Council Building Capital

16.2.4 Grant Funded Projects

WKCC Managers Residence

Works in progress for February and March are as follows:

- remove and dispose of existing fence
- install new fence on property boundary.

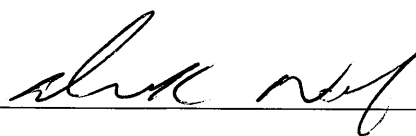
Agan Ngench Thayan Cemetery Rest Rooms

- building kit has been delivered to Aurukun
- plumbing materials have been ordered
- works will commence when plumbing resources are available.

NOTED

16.3 Roads Construction and Maintenance

16.3.1 Works commenced/completed



Boundary Creek drainage and pavement upgrades

Bitumen sealing works were completed in December. Some batter stabilisation works will be completed at the start of the 2020 construction season.

16.3.3 Industrial Estate Civil Works

NOTED

16.3.4 Removal of Asset Components from Asset Register

There was still some residual value to the existing assets reconstructed as part of (\$240,166.50). These existing assets were demolished as part of the reconstruction project. The following components need to be removed from Council's asset register.

Asset ID	Asset Description	Written Down Value
12369	Aurukun Access Road Section L	
12369	Pavement Ch 51,332 to 55,180	\$240,166.50
	Total	\$240,166.50

Resolution 20.6550

That Council

- (1) resolves to have the asset components listed in the Director Technical Services Report be removed from Council's Asset Register
- (2) requests that Council's Finance Department complete all relevant tasks necessary to remove these asset components from Council's Asset Register.

MOVED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya SECONDED: Cr Ada Woolla

16.4 Works

NOTED

16.5 Workshop/Depot

Workshop staffing and training

Gavin Ackland commenced as Mechanic on Monday 16 December 2019.

The Workshop Supervisor's position was re-advertised in January 2020 and interviews completed in early February 2020. An offer has been made to Gavin Ackland for the Supervisor's position.

Recruitment is underway for a Workshop Mechanic.

NOTED



16.6 Airport Operations

NOTED

16.7 Electrical/CCTV

NOTED

Resolution 20.6551

That Council receives and adopts the Director Technical Services Report.

MOVED: Cr Edgar Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

17. Confidential Business

11.50am Geordie White left the meeting

11.50am Marina Schaefer, Finance Manager joined the meeting via videoconference in Cairns

Resolution 20.6552

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:

- (h) other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else or enable a person to gain financial advantage.

MOVED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

SECONDED: Cr Edgar Kerindun

Discussion was held on the following items:

- (1) 90-day Debtors Report
- (2) Outstanding debt for Brendan Cherry
- (3) Isolation Leave Policy
- (4) Letter received on 14 February from Michael Thinee, Air Charter Specialists

Resolution 20.6553

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

MOVED: Cr Ada Woolla

SECONDED: Cr Edgar Kerindun



12.07pm Marina Schaefer, Finance Manager left the meeting
12.07pm Geordie White returned to the meeting

90 Day Debtors Report

Resolution 20.6554

That Council receives the 90 Day Debtors Report, 1 February 2020 and undertakes the necessary follow up actions.

MOVED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

SECONDED: Cr Ada Woolla

Outstanding Debt

Resolution 20.6555

That Council waives the outstanding debt of \$1,240.00 for Brendan Cherry, as per 90-Day Debtor's Report.

MOVED: Cr Ada Woolla

SECONDED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

Isolation Leave Policy

Resolution 20.6556

That Council amends the Isolation Leave Policy in the forthcoming Annual Policy Review in April/May 2020.

MOVED: Cr Edgar Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

Air Charter Specialists – Cape Communities

Resolution 20.6557

That Council

- (1) notes the letter from Michael Thinee, Air Charter Specialists regarding air services in Cape communities
- (2) further discusses this letter at the March Council Meeting.

MOVED: Cr Edgar Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

18. Late Items

18.1 Tenancy Management Update – February 2020

NOTED



18.2 Correspondence

Email received 16 February 2020 from Jodi Lederhose, General Manager for BFL Tax Professional.

The reason for this email is following discussions with Terry Bartholomeusz, we would like to offer our services to your community.

We understand that tax time can be a very daunting experience for a lot of people, which is why our main focus and priority is to offer a convenient and easy process to the members of your community.

Resolution 20.6558

That Council agrees to the proposed BFL Tax Professional visit and the Acting Director Corporate Services liaises on the most suitable location for their service delivery.

MOVED: Cr Edgar Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

19. General Business

Mayor introduced an email he received today from Island and Cape regarding a mobile lunch van operating in Aurukun. He asked Council for their thoughts on whether a mobile lunch van would be a good idea and if people would be inclined to use it.

After a brief discussion it was agreed that Council would not support the idea however, noting that Island and Cape would be in their rights if they wished to proceed on their own accord.

Mayor also advised Council that he would be taking annual leave from 12 March 2020, for one week.

12.20pm Gary Kleidon, Senior Government Coordinator, DATSIP and Ian Mackie, Deputy Director General, DATSIP joined the meeting

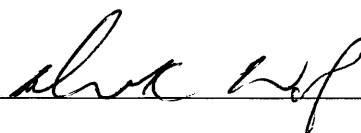
Update on 1 January 2020 incident

Gary Kleidon advised that he is leaving Aurukun this afternoon and now wishes to provide Council with an update.

What happened on 1 January 2020, was a tragic event and set off a series of events that saw approx. 350 Aurukun residents displaced. Currently there are still approx. 350 people displaced throughout the region, the largest number being in Cairns.

Mayor – Is it correct that some displaced residents are been relocated to Townsville?

Gary Kleidon – all housing requirements are being undertaken by Department of Housing and people need to register with them for accommodation/housing. Residents must give up their house in Aurukun in order to register for relocation.



Priority is given on medical grounds or if people do not have a home to come back to in Aurukun.

He further stated that Tracey Harding and Duane Amos from Cairns and Cape Community Response Team are working closely with displaced residents. Health assessments are being conducted on those persons and majority do not want to return to Aurukun at this stage.

There have been several problems especially in Cairns where a few displaced residents have been removed from housing due to issues.

Mayor – expressed concern that displaced persons will have to pay higher rent in Cairns, and this has the potential to create homelessness as they may not be able to afford the rent.

Gary Kleidon – agreed stating that he has been liaising with Health Care agencies, Uniting Church etc about this possibility. All assistance and encouragement are being given to them to return home to Aurukun.

Mayor – voiced his concern that there is only so much Government agencies can do before it drains their resources.

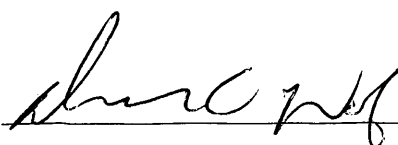
Gary Kleidon – noted this and advised that it has been a tough time since 1 January and now that the funeral has taken place, hopefully people will return to Aurukun.

He went on further to say that he has been speaking to local people and a common theme keeps coming up.

- (1) law and order and dealing with the violence are the major concerns of residents.
- (2) youth alcohol is fuelling violence – assessment of alcohol and sly grog needs to be evaluated. Leaving it up to the police to monitor alcohol being brought into the community is not effective. The Elders/Leaders of the community have to tell residents to stop buying the alcohol.
- (3) some youth are disengaged in the community, they do not attend school, boarding school or maintain jobs.
- (4) leadership and the loss of Culture in general is another major issue affecting Aurukun especially amongst the youth.
- (5) loss of strength in the community from the clans, loss of strong land and culture and lack of community Leadership.

He asked local Elders in the community on how this could be turned around and they all replied that they did not know how to change things.

He further stated that a lot has happened in Aurukun in the last 10 years, money has been invested, time and people have been invested and nothing has changed. We need to change how we do things and that change has to come from Community Leaders/Elders.



- (1) There are many employment opportunities in Aurukun but how do we get residents motivated to take the jobs?
- (2) Message needs to change about Aurukun instead of the negative stories in the media. We have to promote and encourage positive stories.
- (3) Law and order, alcohol, drugs with youth we need to rebuild respect in them as they do not listen to Elders. Elders feel threatened by youth.

The message needs to come from the Leaders/Elders. Having a heavy police presence does not work, we need to engage the leaders of each Clan group, to drive the message that it's up to the Aurukun community, not the Government to instigate change.

Cr Ada Woolla – yes leaders from each clan group must sit down together and discuss.

Mayor – agreed it is time that the community take responsibility for our youth.

Ian Mackie – said that the Thriving Communities model which was not endorsed by Council was created for this type of thing. He asked what Council would like to see change in the model.

Discussion followed on how to get the Elders/Leaders to stand up and for the community to take back control by telling Government agencies what they want and need for their community not having the Government do what they think the community wants and needs.

Gary Kleidon suggested that Council tell Government agencies what the Aurukun Community wants and needs.

Mayor asked how to get strong authentic community Leaders.

Gary Kleidon stated that we need to build authentic leaders and that the youth are the next leaders, especially the ones coming back from boarding school. They can assist in getting the youth engaged in the community.

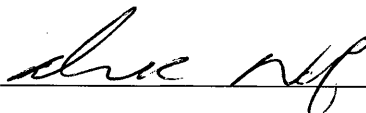
All agreed that an Aurukun Leadership Advisory Group needs to be formed to discuss things further. It will not be a quick fix.

Local Government Election 2020

Gary Kleidon advised that he had been talking to Electoral Commission of Queensland on how displaced persons can enrol to vote in the local government election. He will discuss this further with ASC Bernie McCarthy, Chief Executive Officer and provide him a copy of the electoral roll.

He confirmed the following dates –

- 22 February 2020 nominations open
- 28 February 2020 enrolment closing date
- 25/26 February 2020 training session in Aurukun
- 3 March 2020 nominations close
- 18 March 2020 pre-polling begins on postal votes



- 28 March 2020 election

To be eligible to run for Council, all candidates need to undertake the online training and be nominated by six persons registered on the Aurukun electoral roll.

DATSIP/Thriving Communities

Bernie McCarthy, Chief Executive Officer advised that Council had been looking at the Thriving Communities model implemented by Mornington Shire Council. He stated ASC was still waiting on an answer from DATSIP about a possible services review being conducted by a neutral party.

20. Closure

The meeting closed at 1.28pm

