



Aurukun Shire Council

MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING Friday 31 January 2020

Venue

Council Chambers,
506 Kang Kang Road,
Aurukun Qld 4892



**AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2020**

Present

Councillors Cr. Dereck Walpo (Mayor)
 Cr. Edgar Kerindun (Deputy Mayor)
 Cr. Doris Poonkamelya
 Cr. Vera Koomeeta
 Cr. Ada Woolla

Leave of Absence

Officers Bernie McCarthy – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
 Alan Neilan – Director Community Services (DCOM)
 Ron Fenner – Director Corporate Services (DCOR)
 Marina Schaefer – Finance Manager (FM)

Via video conference Gus Yates – Director Technical Services (DTS)
in Cairns office Amanda Ray – Acting Executive Assistant and Minute
 Secretary (EA)

Guests Gary Kleidon – Senior Government Coordinator
 (DATSIP)

1. Opening

Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 8.50am.

2. Declaration of Material Personal Interests (MPI)

Nil

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI)

Nil

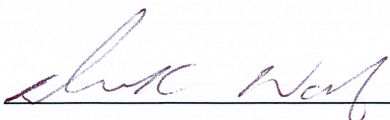
4. Condolences

A minute's silence was observed for the following persons:
Waal Waal Bessie Pootchemunka
Waal Waal Ian Koowarta
Waal Waal Baby Kenneth Wikmunea
Waal Waal Austin Woolla

5. Leave of Absence

Cr Doris Poonkamelya arrived late to meeting at 9.20am

Mayor



6. Business Items

6.1 Human Resources Policies Review

6.1.1 ASC Staff Pool Vehicle Policy – HR013

Review and update of current policy is required due to high booking requests from Contractors/Temporary staff which is resulting in ASC permanent staff (Aurukun based) not being able to have access to ASC pool vehicle.

Use of workplace vehicles is covered under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 therefore ASC recommends all permanent staff driving an ASC vehicle or pool car to undertake some form of 'Off Road Driving Course'.

Resolution 20.6528

That Council approves

- (a) priority of ASC pool vehicles being available for use by majority based Aurukun Staff on permanent Council employee contract.
- (b) the requirement that all ASC Aurukun permanent staff working in Aurukun undertake some form of 'off road driving course'.

MOVED: Cr Edgar Kerindun
CARRIED:

SECONDED: Cr Ada Woolla

6.1.2 ASC Leave Policy – HR008

Copy of leave policy has been reviewed by Preston Law. The ASC Staff Entitlements Committee has reviewed, and it is now submitted for Council consideration. Please refer to tabled/attached Leave Policy document.

Resolution 20.6529

That Council

- (a) adopts the reviewed ASC Leave Policy – HR008
- (b) approves the accrual of long service leave for all ASC permanent employees at 1.3 weeks per annum from the date of continuous employment commencement for each employee.
- (c) notes that any long service accrual required for casual employees will be pursuant to clause (d) page 7 of ASC Long Service Leave Policy – HR008

MOVED: Cr Ada Woolla
CARRIED:

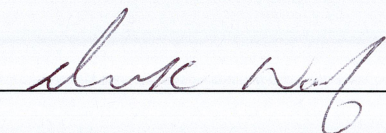
SECONDED: Cr Vera Koomeeta

6.2 ASC Annual Internal Audit Documents

6.2.1 ASC Strategic Internal Audit Plan Incorporating the Annual Internal Audit Plan Report 2019/20

Document attached for review by Council

Mayor



Resolution 20.6530

That Council adopts

- (a) the ASC Strategic Internal Audit Plan 2019/20
- (b) the report on Strategic Annual Internal Audit Plan 2018/19

MOVED: Cr Edgar Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr Ada Woolla

CARRIED:

Finance Manager, Marina Schaefer entered the meeting at 9.08am

6.3 ASC 2019/2020 Budget Review

Mayor introduced the 2019/20 Budget Review. Finance Manager, Marina Schaefer provided an explanation on relevant aspects of the Budget Review documents as tabled for Council.

Resolution 20.6531

That Council approves the 2019/20 ASC Schedule of Fees and Charges, as amended, and advises any stakeholders and customers of the new fees and charges effective from 1 February 2020.

MOVED: Cr Vera Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr Ada Woolla

CARRIED:

Resolution 20.6532

That pursuant to section 107A of the *Local Government Act 2009* and sections 169 and 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. Council adopts the ASC Amended Budget Review for the 2019/20 financial year, incorporating:

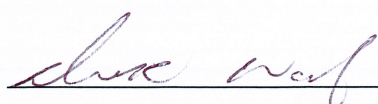
- (a) the statements of financial position
- (b) the statements of cash flow
- (c) the statements of income and expenditure
- (d) the statements of changes in equity
- (e) the long-term financial forecast
- (f) the revenue statement (adopted by Council resolution on 18 July 2019)
- (g) the revenue policy (adopted by Council resolution on 18 July 2019)
- (h) the relevant measures of financial sustainability
- (i) the total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and service charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and service charges levied in the previous budget.

As tabled.

MOVED: Cr Ada Woolla

SECONDED: Cr Vera Koomeeta

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CARRIED:

6.4 Local Government Elections – 28 March 2020

CEO advised several possibilities for consideration:

- Nomination dates
- Venue
- Food stall on election day
- Community transport

NOTED

6.5 Council Meetings until 28 March 2020 Election

CEO advised the following Ordinary Council Meeting dates for all Councillors to attend:

- 18 February
- 17 March

NOTED

6.6 Bushfire Appeal Donation

Resolution 20.6533

That Council donates \$500 to the Australian National Bushfire Appeal.

MOVED: Cr Edgar Kerindun
CARRIED:

SECONDED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

6.7 Rainfall Report for December 2019

For the month of December 2019 Aurukun Shire recorded a total of 5.6 mm of rain. The largest rainfall was 3.2 mm recorded on 27 December 2019.

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6.8 Facebook Report for December 2019

For the month of December 2019 there were 23 posts, 9 notices and 2 shares. The page now has 3,665 followers.

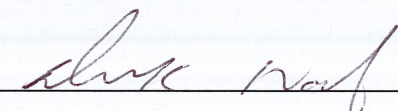
The Aurukun exhibition at Spoken in the State Library was the most popular post thanks to the use of the library's hashtag. It reached 4,674 people with 407 reactions.

Angela Purcell-Gilpin's farewell was the second most popular reaching 3,821 people with 141 reactions.

NOTED

6.9 Correspondence

Mayor



6.9.1 Inquiry into the Crime and Corruption Commission's performance of its functions to assess and report on complaints about corrupt conduct.

6.9.2 Container Exchange Annual Report

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6.9.3 The Local Government Remuneration Commission Annual Report 2019 is now available on the Department's website here: <http://www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/local-government/governance/local-government-remuneration-commission.html> - It contains the remuneration schedule, to apply from 1 July 2020.

Resolution 20.6534

That Council

- (a) notes remuneration schedule to apply from 1 July 2020 for Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors
- (b) advises the newly elected Councillors of the remuneration schedule at the Post Election meeting in April 2020.

MOVED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya
CARRIED:

SECONDED: Cr Vera Koomeeta

6.10 Incident on 1 January 2020

- Update on Recovery Process

Mayor commented that the recovery process will be slow and hopefully people living outside of Aurukun Shire will return in due course. He stated that he is the elected Mayor representing all Aurukun people. He advised that mediation would be appropriate when residents are ready.

Gary Kleidon – Senior Government Coordinator (DATSIP) entered the meeting at 10.22 am

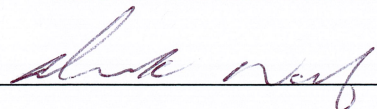
- Update on Council Operations

CEO advised that overall ASC operations have been maintained from 2 January 2020. He further stated that it is important these services be maintained at previous levels despite some staff departures. He stated that positive community events will continue, and the recent Australia Day event was an example of how local people can come out and enjoy themselves.

Director Corporate Services and Director Technical Services advised that services within their respective departments are being provided satisfactorily and recruitment for staff is being undertaken.

Director Community Services commented on Aged Care clients and children enrolled at the Koolkan Child Care who are currently living outside

Mayor



the Shire is impacting on local services. Recruitment of replacement staff is currently being pursued.

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.32 am

Meeting resumed at 10.47 am

- Update by Gary Kleidon, Senior Government Coordinator (DATSIP)
Gary provided an update on the current recovery process across the communities where Aurukun residents are presently located and the impact this is having on these communities.

He further spoke about the current strategies being pursued by State Government involved in the process and what he anticipated would be the ongoing actions in the process.

NOTED

7. Closure

Meeting closed at 11.56am

Dereck Walpo
Mayor

Bernie McCarthy
Chief Executive Officer

Mayor

