



Aurukun Shire Council

MINUTES

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 8 September 2020**

VENUE:

**Council Chambers
506 Kang Kang Road,
Aurukun**



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**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL OFFICE
506 KANG KANG ROAD, AURUKUN ON TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Present

Councillors	Cr. Keri Tamwoy (Mayor) Cr. Craig Koomeeta (Deputy Mayor) Cr. Kemuel Tamwoy Cr. Delys Yunkaporta – arrived later
Leave of Absence	
Officers	Bernie McCarthy – Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Alan Neilan – Director Community Services (DCOM) Gus Yates – Director Technical Services (DTS)
Via video conference in Cairns office	David Charlton – A/Director Corporate Services (ADCOR) Lucy Deemal – Finance Manager (FM) Amanda Ray – Executive Assistant and Minute Secretary (EA)

1. Opening

Mayor opened the meeting at 9.28am and acknowledged Traditional Owners and the five clans of Aurukun.

2. Declaration of Material Personal Interests (MPI)

Nil

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI)

Nil

4. Leave of Absence

5. Business

5.1 Policies for Adoption

5.1.1 Social Media Policy (A025)

ASC has a Social Media Policy in place for staff. It is recommended that a similar policy be adopted for Councillors. The policy, like the one for staff includes reference to any postings that Councillors may put on their personal social media pages referring to ASC business.

Please note that Councillors need to be mindful of any Council business related posts they put on their personal social media.

Resolution 20.6729

That Council adopts an ASC Social Media Policy (A025) for Councillors.

**MOVED: Cr. Kemuel Tamwoy
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Craig Koomeeta

5.1.2 Council Related Party Disclosure Policy (F005)

Action following Interim Audit Report from QAO. The Council Related Party Disclosure Policy included a paragraph that transactions less than \$1,000 would not be disclosed. This is not in line with the accounting standard for Council Related Party Transactions and therefore should be removed and policy put to Council at Special Council Meeting in September.

Resolution 20.6730

That Council adopts the reviewed Council Related Party Disclosure Policy (F005).

**MOVED: Mayor Keri Tamwoy
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Kemuel Tamwoy

5.2 Aurukun Community Safety Plan

Funding has been received from DATSIP for a Community Safety Plan. A quote has been received from consultant Dr Chris McLaughlin, Culture V8 Consultants in respect of the provision of an Aurukun Community Safety Plan. Culture V8 Consultants is a registered organisation with Local Buy and one quote is considered sufficient for this decision/recommendation.

Please note full Community consultation will be undertaken by Culture V8 Consultants during the development of Aurukun Community Safety Plan.

Resolution 20.6731

That Council

- (1) appoints Culture V8 Consultants (Dr Chris McLaughlin) to develop a draft Aurukun Community Safety Plan
- (2) accepts the quote under the Local Buy Agreement (Culture V8 Local Buy arrangement / Legal Services BUS 282-1116).

**MOVED: Cr. Craig Koomeeta
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Kemuel Tamwoy

5.3 ASC Organisational Structure and Operations Review

In the past ASC has appointed an appropriate consultant to undertake an annual review of its Organisational Structure and Operations.

Dr Chris McLaughlin, Culture V8 Consultants is an experienced Local Government Professional and is considered appropriate to undertake an ASC Organisational Structure and Operations Review.

Recommendation (Chief Executive Officer)

That Council

- (1) appoints Culture V8 Consultants (Dr Chris McLaughlin) to undertake an ASC Organisational Structure and Operations review
- (2) accepts the quote under Local Buy Agreement (Culture V8 Local Buy arrangement / Legal Services BUS 282-1116).

Resolution 20.6732

That Council

- (1) defers the decision on this recommendation for ASC Organisational Structure and Operations Review to be undertaken by Dr Chris McLaughlin from Culture V8 Consultants
- (2) requires more information and requests Bernie McCarthy, Chief Executive Officer to organise a Zoom meeting between Dr Chris McLaughlin and Mayor Keri Tamwoy.

**MOVED: Mayor Keri Tamwoy
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Craig Koomeeta

5.4 Stage 1 – ASC Local Law Review

Resolution 20.6624 was passed at Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 May 2020 requesting Preston Law to repeal and replace existing ASC Local Laws in two stages. Stage 1 – ASC Local Law has been drafted by Preston Law. Please refer to attachment 5.4.

NOTED

5.5 Fishing Charter Boats

On Wednesday 19 August 2020 two fishing charter boats docked at Aurukun Boat Ramp to collect passengers who had been transported by Weipa Taxi Service. CCTV Security footage is available.

Unfortunately, on Saturday 22 August 2020 the body of one of the passengers was recovered from Love River. Council should discuss a number of issues in relation to these events.

Resolution 20.6733

That Council

- (1) writes to the Hon. Mark Furner, Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries expressing its concerns relating to the fatal accident at Love River
- (2) requests a meeting to discuss the possibility of banning fishing charter boats in local rivers and along the coastline.

MOVED: Cr. Craig Koomeeta
CARRIED

SECONDED: Cr. Kemuel Tamwoy

6. Confidential Business

Resolution 20.6734

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: Mayor Keri Tamwoy
CARRIED

SECONDED: Cr. Kemuel Tamwoy

10.00am Directors and Executive Assistant left the meeting

10.18am CEO left the meeting

Discussion was held on the following items:

- (1) Filling the vacancy of one Councillor
- (2) Councillor Matters

Resolution 20.6735

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

MOVED: Mayor Keri Tamwoy
CARRIED

SECONDED: Cr. Craig Koomeeta

10.26am CEO, Directors and Executive Assistant re-joined the meeting

6.1 Filling the vacancy of one Councillor

On 20 August 2020, CEO received a letter of resignation from Anna Kerindun who was elected as a Councillor in the Quadrennial Local Government Election held on 28 March 2020.

Resolution 20.6736

That Council

- (1) resolves to fill the vacancy of one Councillor through a by-election pursuant to *Section 166, Local Government Act 2009*
- (2) requests the Electoral Commission of Queensland to conduct the by-election.

MOVED: Cr. Craig Koomeeta
CARRIED

SECONDED: Cr. Kemuel Tamwoy

6.2 Councillor Matters

NOTED

7. General Business

Discussion on proposed Social Housing allocation – 224 Kleidon Drive, Aurukun.

Resolution 20.6737

That Council approves the following house allocation as culturally appropriate.
224 Kleidon Drive, Aurukun, 4-bedroom house – Georgina Keppel

MOVED: Mayor Keri Tamwoy
CARRIED

SECONDED: Cr. Craig Koomeeta

10.45am Councillor Delys Yunkaporta entered the meeting.

8. Closure

Meeting closed at 10.49am

These minutes are signed as a true and correct record:

Mayor Keri Tamwoy



Dated: 16 September 2020