

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL, HELD AT
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 39 KANG KANG ROAD, AURUKUN
ON TUESDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2015**

PRESENT:

Councillors	Cr Dereck Walpo (Mayor) Cr Ada Woolla Cr Edgar Kerindun Cr Doris Poonkamelya
Officers	Bernie McCarthy - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ron Fenner - Director Corporate Services (DCOR) Vivien Bull - Director Community Services (DCOM) Graham Osborne - Acting Director Technical Services (A/DTS) Marina Schaefer - Chief Accountant (CA) Graham Poon – Business Development Grants Office (BDGO) Teresa Button - Minute Secretary (EA)
Guests	Inspector Paul James, QPS

1. OPENING

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 9.04am with a word of prayer.

2. CONDOLENCES

Nil.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolution 15.4992

That Council grants a leave of absence for Cr Vera Koomeeta.

MOVED: Cr D Poonkamelya

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution 15.4993

That Council receives and adopts the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 17 November 2015, Special Meeting of 27 November 2015 and Special Meeting of 7 December 2015 and confirms them as a true and correct record.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

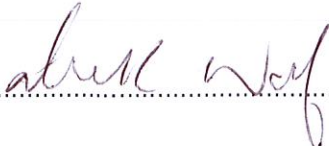
Minutes Ordinary Meeting of 17 November 2015

9.5.6 - John Adams and Presbytery Minister

The survey was completed last week. Permission has been approved for the demolition of the derelict houses on War Street. Director Technical Services now waiting on quotes for the demolition.

15.4973 - Permission and Payment to use Council Property, Lot 237, Aurukun

Cameron Herbert Constructions has agreed to pay; 1. Rental for part of Lot 237 at the Batch Plant and 2. Water usage fees for this Concrete mixer, with effective date from 1 November 2015. A MoU/temporary lease is currently being done up.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.....Mayor

Minutes Special Meeting of 27 November 2015

15.4975 – Possible Property Purchase, Cairns

ASC is proceeding with negotiations on 200 McLeod Street, Cairns North. Graham Poon, Business Development Officer (BDGO) has mentioned in his December report to Council.

15.4979 – CCTV Contract

Tender advertisement in Cairns Post on 12 December 2015. The tender closes on 6 January 2016 with Council considering tender recommendation at a Special Council Meeting being held on 13 January 2016.

Minutes Special Meeting of 7 December 2015

15.4988/9 – Consideration of letter and petition from Mrs. Phyllis Yunkaporta

Resolutions were followed up with the referral of letter of 30 November 2015 and petition to Deputy Premier. ASC has written to Mrs. Phyllis Yunkaporta and given responses regarding issues raised in her letter of 3 December 2015, which was delivered via Aurukun Postal Service at her request.

6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil.

7. CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFIED MOTIONS

Nil.

8. RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE AND/OR DELEGATES REPORTS

As stated further in meeting.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

9.1 PCYC

Noted.

9.2 Rio Tinto – Amrun Project

Noted.

9.3 Jonathan Thurston Visit

Noted.

9.4 Aurukun Roundtable

Noted.

9.5 Community Unrest

Noted.

9.6 Correspondence

9.6.1 Patrick Flemming, Director, Queensland Audit Office.

Re: General Purpose Financial Statements 2014/15 and Current Financial Sustainability Statement 2014/15.

Noted.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.....Mayor

9.6.2 Peter Jeffrey, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services - State Emergency Service (SES).

Re: Invitation to Apply – 2016/17 Queensland State Emergency Service (SES) Non-Recurrent Subsidy Program.
Noted.

9.6.3 Brian Cox, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services - State Emergency Service (SES).

Re: Payment advice – State Emergency Services grant, from the Annual Local Government Subsidy for 2014/15 financial year.
Noted.

9.7 Mayors' Future Meetings

Noted.

9.8 Attended Meetings

Noted.

9.9 Christmas/New Year

Mayor thanked Council and Staff for their efforts during 2015. He wished them a happy and safe Christmas and a peaceful and rewarding New Year. He stated that it had been an honour and privilege to work for the betterment of Aurukun Shire and Local Community since 2012.

Resolution 15.4994

That Council receives and adopts the Mayors Report.

MOVED: Cr D Poonkamelya

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

10.1 Leasing of Premises

Noted.

10.2 Business Development Report

Noted.

10.3 Possible Boundary Alignment with Cook Shire

Noted.

10.4 Larger Meeting Venue

Noted.

10.5 Official Opening of Pikkuws Restaurant

Noted.

10.6 Staff Pool Vehicle Policy

Resolution 15.4995

That Council adopts the Staff Pool Vehicle Policy.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

10.7 Rainfall

Noted.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.....Mayor

10.8 Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW) Proposed Tenant Housing Allocation for Lot 128 Wel Street, Aurukun.

Resolution 15.4996

That Council approves this request from Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW), being the tenancy allocation for Lot 128 Wel Street, Aurukun for proposed tenants Keith Wikmunea and Katherine Pootchemunka.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

10.9 Correspondence

10.9.1 Michael Schaumburg, Director-General, Department of State Development.

Re: Upgrade of Telecommunications for Aurukun.

Noted.

10.9.2 Stephen Goodwin, Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Re: Aurukun's Telecommunications Facilities.

Resolution 15.4997

That Council contacts the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to determine if an application would be appropriate for Aurukun's current telecommunication's problems which are having a direct affect on the Bendigo Bank, Island and Cape Store ATM and other important community services.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

10.9.3 Michael Schaumburg, Director-General, Department of State Development.

Re: Aurukun Barge Ramp Service Proposal.

Resolution 15.4998

That Council advises Michael Schaumburg, Government Champion, that ASC:

1. supports the proposed barge in principle;
2. is not interested in the operation of a barge system due to the barge not being core local government business;
3. has greater priorities being the provision of services to the Aurukun Township area;
4. considers that NAK and APN are the more appropriate bodies to operate this barge service to country;
5. does not have the capacity to undertake the construction of a barge ramp operation; and
6. considers NAK and APN would be the most appropriate agents for any ticket sales.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

10.9.4 Tim and Annamarie Jones, Proprietors Kang Kang Café.

Re: Expression of Interest for Three Rivers Community Centre (ex Tavern).

Noted.

Resolution 15.4999

That Council thanks T and A Jones for their preliminary EOI for the Three Rivers Community Centre and advises them that a full submission including costings and community benefit analysis would be welcomed in respect of the future operations and development of this facility.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedingsMayor

10.9.5 Dr Kathleen Dermody, Committee Secretary, Senate Economics References Committee.

Re: Inquiry into Bauxite Resources near Aurukun in Cape York.

Resolution 15.5000

That Council provides a written submission to the Senate Economic Reference Committee advising that it:

1. considers the process to date in respect of the Aurukun Bauxite Lease has been fair and reasonable; and
2. wishes to see maximum benefit provided to Traditional Owners and the Aurukun Community in any future mining operations of this lease.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun **SECONDED:** Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

10.9.6 Jacqueline Koomeeta, Aurukun Resident.

Re: Request for the withdrawal of her signature from recent petition put forward to Council from Mrs. Phyllis Yunkaporta.

Resolution 15.5001

That Council notes the request of Jacqueline Koomeeta to have her name withdrawn from the petition list as presented by Mrs. Phyllis Yunkaporta.

MOVED: Cr D Poonkamelya

SECONDED: Cr E Kerindun

CARRIED

10.9.7 Margaret Barnes, Deputy Executive Officer, Western Cape Co-existence Agreement (WCCCA).

Re: Approved WCCCA meeting schedule for 2016 and Overview 2016 Calendar.
Noted.

10.9.8 Tony Ridge, Acting Inspector, Queensland Police Service.

Re: Community Safety Plan and CCTV.

Resolution 15.5002

That Council be represented by the Mayor, Director Community Services and CEO in pending discussions on the CCTV Memorandum of Understanding, Community Safety Plan and membership of Community Safety Panel with Inspector Tony Ridge, QPS.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

10.10 Future Meetings

Noted.

10.11 Attended Meetings – Cairns

Noted.

10.12 Possible Office Purchase

Noted.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.....Mayor

10.13 CCTV System - Aurukun Township.

Resolution 15.5003

That Council holds a Special Council meeting on Wednesday 13 January 2016 or other suitable date, commencing at 9.00am for the purpose of appointing a successful tenderer for the supply and installation of a CCTV system.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

10.14 Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG)

Noted.

10.15 CEO Annual Leave

Resolution 15.5004

That Council appoints Ron Fenner as Acting CEO for the period 22 December 2015 to 7 January 2016.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

10.16 Christmas and New Year

CEO wished Council and Staff a happy and safe Christmas, thanked all for their past years contributions and expressed best wishes for a positive and peaceful New Year.

Noted.

10.17 Late Item – Demolition Lot 77 Pikkuw Street, Aurukun

Resolution 15.5005

That Council agrees to the demolition of the residential building on Lot 77 Pikkuw Street, Aurukun.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr E Kerindun

CARRIED

Resolution 15.5006

That Council receives and adopts the Chief Executive Officers' Report.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

The Meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 10.30am and resumed at 10.54am

Marina Schaefer, Chief Accountant (CA) joined the meeting to present the Finance Report at 10.54am

11. FINANCE REPORT

11.1 Cash and Investments

Noted.

11.2 Update on Capital Budget

Noted.

11.3 Summary Council Operations

Noted.

11.4 Debtors

Noted.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.....Mayor

11.5 Report Local Government Finance Professionals Conference

Noted.

11.6 Attachments

Noted.

Resolution 15.5007

That Council receives and adopts the Finance Report.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

Marina Schaefer departed the meeting at 11.23am

12. REPORT – DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

12.1 Grants Officer Activity Report to Council: December 2015

Noted.

12.2 Human Resources Manager Report

Noted.

12.3 Administration Manager Report

Noted.

12.4 Art Centre Manager Report

Noted.

12.5 IT Records Manager Report

Noted.

12.6 Leasing

Noted.

12.7 Local Government Finance Professionals Conference, Gold Coast 24 to 27 November 2015

Noted.

12.8 Records Management

Noted.

Resolution 15.5008

That Council receives and adopts the Director Corporate Services Report.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr E Kerindun

CARRIED

13. REPORT – DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

13.1 Recruiting Update

Noted.

13.2 Funerals

Noted.

13.3 Events

Noted.

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13.4 Indigenous Knowledge Centre

Noted.

13.5 GSS Security Guard

Noted.

13.6 Koolkan Childcare Report

Noted.

13.7 Community Home Help Program Report

Noted.

13.8 Environmental Health and Animal Control

Noted.

Resolution 15.5009

That Council receives and adopts the Director Community Services Report.

MOVED: Cr D Poonkamelya

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

14. REPORT – TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

14.1 Building Construction and Maintenance

Noted.

14.2 Civil Construction and Maintenance

Noted.

14.3 Water and Sewerage

Noted.

Barge Sale

Resolution 15.5010

That Council accepts the offer of \$7000.00 from Brett Jenkins for the purchase of the barge and trailer.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr E Kerindun

CARRIED

14.4 Airport

Noted.

14.5 Aurukun Local Disaster Management Plan

Noted.


Resolution 15.5011

That Council receives and adopts the Acting Director Technical Services Report.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.....Mayor

General Business

CEO

Aurukun Township Development Plan Presentation

CEO advised that he has requested Erscon Consulting Engineers to prepare a presentation for the Special Council Meeting on 13 January 2016.

Workshop – Rio Tinto Aluminum (RTA)

CEO advised that a workshop has been suggested in February 2016 so that RTA and ASC can discuss possible benefits for the Aurukun Community from the Amrun Project.

Proposed Boundary Change

CEO advised the outcome of a meeting with Mayor Peter Scott and Local Government Officers, John O'Halloran and Owen Hitchings.

Inspector Paul James entered the meeting at 12.20pm

Resolution 15.5012

That Council advises the Cook Shire Council of ASC's proposed boundary change between Cook Shire and Aurukun Shire.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr E Kerindun

CARRIED

New Appointment - Director Technical Services

Resolution 15.5013

That Council approves the appointment of Perry Gould as Director Technical Services for a six month contract.

MOVED: Cr D Poonkamelya

SECONDED: Cr E Kerindun

CARRIED

Draft Accommodation Crisis Letter from Aurukun Community Justice

Group (AJG)

CEO circulated the draft letter from Aurukun Justice Group for discussion.

Resolution 15.5014

That Council advises Aurukun Justice Group that ASC:

1. considers opening paragraph of letter should be deleted;
2. considers the opening paragraph should clearly outline the request to overcome the accommodation crisis as detailed by AJG;
3. generally agrees to the current situation as outlined by AJG, but does not agree with the number of houses vacated since the recent unrest.
4. suggests that DATSIP, Government Champion, Ergon and DHPW be forwarded the letter by AJG;
5. considers that AJG should provide mediation to all relevant parties involved;
6. considers that all local people should be encouraged to move back to their homes, provided that works maintenance and repairs have been completed.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

Aurukun Telecommunications via Beagle Camp

Director Corporate Services raised the possible effect of the Amrun project on the already inadequate Aurukun telecommunications.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.....Mayor

Resolution 15.5015

That Council requests that Telstra advise if the RTA Amrun Project will have an effect on Aurukun telecommunications.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

Wet Season Road Closure

Council agreed that the Aurukun Access Road will be closed to all heavy vehicles over 4.5 tonne from 24 December 2015 and this be advertised in local media outlets.

Police Presence

Inspector Paul James, QPS spoke to Council regarding the upcoming funeral on 18 December 2015 and advised that there will be additional Police Officers in Aurukun for most of the week.

Inspector Paul James also advised if anyone has any issues or suggestions, he is available to discuss at any time.

Mediation

Mayor stated that he would like Community mediation to continue, as it may take some time for people to feel comfortable and for everything to go back to normal.

Community Christmas Event

Director Community Services advised that all CPO's will be on duty and also requested that a police presence be at the event.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the Meeting at 1.08pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.....Mayor