

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL, HELD AT
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 39 KANG KANG ROAD, AURUKUN
ON TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 2015**

- PRESENT:**
- Councillors** Cr Dereck Walpo
Cr Angus Kerindun
Cr Ada Woolla
Cr Vera Koomeeta
Cr Edgar Kerindun - Later
- Officers** Bernie McCarthy - Chief Executive Officer
Ron Fenner - Director of Corporate Services
Jason Holt - Director of Community Services
Philip Krisanski - Director of Technical Services
Melanie Halpert – A/Chief Accountant (via teleconference)
Graham Poon, Business Development/Grants Officer
Teresa Button - Minute Secretary
- Guests:** Don Elphick, DPMC
Katherine Hams, GCO
Kon Kalos, Principal CYAAA, Aurukun Campus
John Bray, Executive Principal, CYAAA, Aurukun Campus
Shoba Kalos, Head of Department, CYAAA, Aurukun Campus
Brad Welsh, Rio Tinto Alcan
Steve Pelham, Rio Tinto Alcan
Snr Sergeant Matthew Robertson, OIC Aurukun QPS
Hayden Wright, Consultant (via teleconference)

1. OPENING

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 9.10am with a word of prayer.

2. CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed for the Parry Family in Kowanyama and Burke family in Napranum.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution 15.4669

That Council receives and adopts the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 17 February 2015 and Minutes of the Special Meetings of 3 March 2015 and confirms them as a true and correct record.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

CARRIED

Resolution 15.4670

That Council amends the resolutions numbering of the minutes of Special Meeting 9 January 2015, Ordinary Meeting 17 February 2015 and Special Meeting 3 March 2015 and Council re-adopts all minutes with these resolution number amendments.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr A Kerindun

CARRIED

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5. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Minutes Ordinary Meeting of 17 February 2015

10.12.6 – Mayor has made attempts to meet Mr and Mrs Bobby and Lynette Adidi.

15.4648 – CEO has received a response from Sheridan Doyle on housing allocation application.

Barge Operations Proposal - DSDIP to meet with Council and Officers on 2 April 2015.

Minutes Special Meeting of 3 January 2015

PCYC Architect Plans – To be discussed in Director Community Services Report.

Resolution 15.4664 - Letter to P Savidis – K Tamwoy's business has agreed to conditions.

6. **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

Nil.

7. **CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFIED MOTIONS**

Nil.

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

As per later in the meeting.

9. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

9.1 **Indigenous Advancement Strategy Funding**

Resolution 15.4671

That Council individually and jointly protests with other CIMA Councils to Senator Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, on the token and inadequate allocations that have been advised for Council's comprehensive applications and a copy to be sent to Hon. Warren Entsch, Member for Leichardt.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr A Kerindun

CARRIED

Resolution 15.4672

That Council makes a submission to A/Commissioner Peter Barron on possible funding for overall CCTV Project which he referred to on his last visit on 3 March 2015.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

9.2 **QPS/PCYC - Update**

Noted.

9.3 **Draft Regional Partnership Agreement**

Resolution 15.4673

That Council requests Western Cape Regional Partnership Agreement to advise on past/present benefits that ASC has received/can expect before making a final decision on continued participation in Western Cape Regional Partnership Agreement.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

9.4 **ANZAC Commemorative Shirts**

Noted.

9.5 **Wik Warriors Menshed – Growing Healthy Food Workshop**

Noted.

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9.6 Mayors' Meetings

Noted.

9.7 Correspondence

9.7.1 James Cook University

Resolution 15.4674

That Council grants permission for James Cook University to undertake a study of the Alcohol Management Plan as it applies to Aurukun Community and provide a letter of support to JCU for the conduct of this study.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

CARRIED

9.7.2 Sheridan Doyle – Housing Application

Resolution 15.4675

That Council provides a response to Sheridan Doyle clarifying the reasons for Council's Resolution No. 15.4648, re: housing application after receiving further clarification from DHPW.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

Resolution 15.4676

That Council receives and adopts the Mayor's Report.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

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 ASC Operational Plan Report

Resolution 15.4677

That Council receives and adopts the Operational Plan for the period ending 31 December 2014.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

CARRIED

10.4 ASC Logo

Resolution 15.4678

That Council approves the conduct of a competition for changing of the ASC logo, but as there is not satisfactory interest, ideas be submitted to a graphic designer to provide an appropriate ASC logo.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

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Snr Sergeant Matthew Robertson, OIC Aurukun Police entered the meeting at 10.40am.

OIC gave a brief update on the following:

- Break-ins, with Council being the main target. Known suspects apprehended and to appear in Court next Thursday.
- Increased patrols around CBD. With Council's support, QPS would like to allocate 'No go zones' around CBD and services, in regard to fighting and disturbances. No tolerance areas.
- Safer Streets – To put a taskforce together to address issues. Council and QPS to be involved.
- Water pressure at Police accommodation.
- Communication/Contacting police – he is currently addressing this issue. He considers QPS should be accessible at all times and the current situation is not good enough.
- Within the next two months Aurukun QPS should have a Front Counter staffer.
- New Staff – Currently have nine, with another to arrive in early April. Total staff of ten officers in May 2015. With PCYC will go to 17 and already have 13 CPO's.
- He will introduce to Council as they come on board. Cultural awareness for all staff.
- Police engagement with Community is to be more increased and possible regular foot patrols.
- Community newsletter, Facebook and Police blogs – To promote more positive, good news stories. Will encourage staff to get on board with Facebook, Police Blogs, etc.
- AMP Review/survey – talked about his experience with the AMP Review that occurred during his post in Hopevale.

Snr Sergeant Matthew Robertson departed the meeting at 11.15am.

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.15am and resumed at 11.36am.

Resolution 15.4681

That Council goes into Committee.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

CARRIED

10.11 Confidential Business

Pursuant to the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council closed the meeting to the public to discuss "In Committee" certain matters;

- b) industrial matters affecting employees;

Discussions transpired on the following;

- ASC Organisation Structure Review
- Employment Issues

Hayden Wright, Consultant, joined the meeting at 11.47am via Teleconference to give a verbal report on his findings and assessment with recommendations on the ASC Organisation Structure Review and completed his report at 12.33pm.

Resolution 15.4682

That Council comes out of Committee.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr E Kerindun

CARRIED

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Resolution 15.4683

That Council adopts and receives the ASC Organisation Structure Review Report and ongoing review to be monitored throughout the year.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr E Kerindun

CARRIED

Cr Edgar Kerindun entered the meeting at 12.33pm.

10.12 Late Items

10.12.1 ASC Community Levy - Section 100 Local Government Act 2009

Resolution 15.4684

That Council;

- 1) does not require community residents to pay the existing Community Levy in lieu of the 40 Year Lease now being received for community houses, and
- 2) community levy be removed from existing ASC fees and charges from 17 March 2015.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

10.12.2 ASC Employee Contracts Extension

Resolution 15.4685

That Council;

- 1) immediately extends all current employee contracts with existing conditions until 30 June 2015 so that further ASC decisions on the award can be made with the full knowledge of Queensland Industrial Relations Commissions final decisions, and
- 2) extends by three months from the date the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission decisions are provided to ASC after 1 April 2015.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.58pm and resumed at 1.26pm

Resolution 15.4686

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

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

Kon Kalos, Principal Aurukun Campus entered the meeting at 1.30pm.

Principal, Kon Kalos gave an update on the progress of the school;

- Staff/mentors
- Seven local teacher assistants.
- Cultural Centre has been recently established at the school. The Centre will include the totems of the five clans of Aurukun. Flags also to be erected.
- Parenting Hub working with the school; Kon thanked the Council for support by lending the six tables for Parent engagement.
- Strong positive behaviour within school.
- John Bray, Executive Principal, has relocated to Aurukun.
- He is also working with other schools in the area.
- Easter Hat Parade will be held on 31 March 2015 at 3.00pm.
- Has a concern about the dogs; ticks, scabies, etc. Looking for suggestions on fixing this problem.

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- Scholarships – targeting the year 6 students talking to families about what scholarships available.
- Residences – front nature strips are the responsibility of the adjoining occupiers
- Community/Council engagement from teachers was raised. School functions – can Council be included in these.
- Continued liaison between school and Council (3 monthly).
- Opportunity for school involvement in events coming up - ANZAC march and Community concert.

CYAAA delegation departed the meeting at 1.52pm

Brad Welsh and Steve Pelham from Rio Tinto Alcan entered the meeting at 1.55pm

Brad Welsh gave a brief update on the following;

- SOE Project – Looking at accelerating the program in 2018 instead of 2019.
- Modules for camp to be transported in hopefully through Aurukun barge landing.
- Met with NAK in regard to access.
- Housing – Looking at 25/25 year option for Lot 226. ASC to provide a draft with rental fees and charges included.
- Compensation through boat ramp landing charges, laydown area charges and roads damage – ASC/NAK and RTA to work together in good faith to come up with suitable agreement. Would like to have agreement by May 2015.
- Road base material possibility.
- Working in partnership with school – the different career/job opportunities available for students. Scholarships possibility.
- Timeframe – first bauxite by 2018. 20 months construction timeframe.
- ASC looking for support by way of sponsorship for the Aurukun Community Concert being held on 6 June 2015.
- Overall looking forward to working together.

Brad Welsh and Steve Pelham departed the meeting at 2.29pm

A/Chief Accountant, Melanie Halpert joined the meeting at 2.31pm via teleconference to give a verbal Finance report.

11. **FINANCE REPORT**

11.1 **Financial Statements – 2015**

Noted.

11.2 **Summary**

Noted.

11.3 **Income**

Noted.

11.4 **Expense**

Noted.

11.5 **Cash**

Noted.

11.6 **Debtors**

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Resolution 15.4687

That Council writes off debts relating to K. Breen and J. Burford, and Island & Cape Partnership

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

Resolution 15.4688

That Council sends a letter of demand for outstanding debts to Saki Canaweka for rental of 416 Pikkuw Street.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

CARRIED

Resolution 15.4689

That Council receives and adopts the Acting Chief Accountant's Report.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

12. REPORT – DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

12.1 Request From Magistrates Courts Office Brisbane

Resolution 15.4690

That Council advises by way of a formal letter to the Aurukun Community Justice Group (CJG) of the following:

- 1) Council will not be altering any conditions contained in the draft lease sent to the CJG already other than to clarify that the basis of charging the service fees is to be prorated on the basis of the number of tenants in the building. Any new lease for the fourth room will be on those same terms.
- 2) Council requests more information on exactly what improvements to the surrounding area the CJG is seeking and also more information on where it intends to lay down the storage container referred to in its letter of 5 March 2015
- 3) Council permits the CJG to utilise the existing unused furniture in the spare office at the CJG Centre providing it does not belong to anyone else other than Council and if so, the owners do not have use for it and permission then has to be sought from the owner.
- 4) Council will advise of any services the Aurukun Restorative Justice Project has/may be able to provide to Council at a future more convenient date when full consideration has been given to the matter by Council. Council also requests more detail on the actual project by the CJG in order than it can determine what requirements it may have.
- 5) Council requests the CJG to clarify a starting date for the lease and whether they are requesting two weeks free rent for the fourth room at the CJG.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr A Kerindun

CARRIED

Resolution 15.4691

That Council appropriately responds to the requests from Stuart Marquardt (JG Coordinator) as outlined in his letter of 15 March 2015.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

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Resolution 15.4692

That Council advises Chris White, CEO Department of Justice and Attorney General, that ASC is prepared to only deal with one representative in respect of leasing arrangements to the Community Justice Group building.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

CARRIED

Resolution 15.4693

- 1) That Council’s Accounts Receivable Officer undertakes an analysis of the past debts for the Community Justice Group in order to determine the reliability of past rental and service charges, and
- 2) That the Community Justice Group be advised in due course, that Council is confirming the amounts outstanding for rental of the room at the CJG Centre.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

CARRIED

12.2 Grants Officer’s Report

Noted.

Graham Poon entered the meeting at 3.14pm and provided a verbal Report on Grant Officers Report and departed the meeting at 3.34pm.

12.3 Human Resources Manager’s Report

Noted.

12.4 Administration Manager’s Report

Resolution 15.4694

That Council approves the opening of the Bank on Easter Saturday, 4 April 2015 for half a day.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr E Kerindun

CARRIED

12.5 Arts Centre Manager’s Report

Noted.

12.6 IT/Records Manager’s Report

Noted.

12.7 Wuungkam Lodge more information requested for new fees to be set for Cancellation of Bookings

Resolution 15.4695

That Council approves fees to be incorporated into ASC Schedule of Fees and Charges in respect of cancellation charges for Council’s accommodation at Wuungkam Lodge and Guest House.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

CARRIED

12.8 New and Amended Policies for Adoption by Council

Resolution 15.4696

That Council adopts the following Policies:

- 1) Councillor Reimbursement of Expenses Policy
- 2) Staff Housing Policy
- 3) Council Credit Card Policy

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- 4) Grants To Community Policy
- 5) Procurement Policy Revised
- 6) Acceptable Request Guidelines
- 7) Interim Leave Policy
- 8) Employee Assistance Policy

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

CARRIED

12.9 Leasing

Noted.

Resolution 15.4697

That Council receives and adopts the Director Corporate Services Report.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr E Kerindun

CARRIED

13. REPORT – DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

13.1 Recruiting Update

Noted.

13.2 Funerals

Noted.

13.3 Events

Noted.

13.4 Aurukun iPCYC Progress

Resolution 15.4698

That Council endorses the submitted architectural plans for the internal fit-out of the Aurukun Recreation Hall as proposed by PCYC and allows construction work to commence in line with the submitted plans.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr A Kerindun

CARRIED

13.5 Community Police Officers

Noted.

13.6 GSS Security Guard

Noted.

13.7 Patrol schedule and locations

Noted.

13.8 Significant Instances Recorded

Noted.

13.9 Damage Incurred

Noted.

13.10 Koolkan Childcare Report

Noted.

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13.11 Community Home Help Program Report

Noted.

Resolution 15.4699

That Council receives and adopts the Director Community Services Report.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

CARRIED

14. REPORT – TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

14.1 Building Construction and Maintenance

a. Community Housing Maintenance.

Noted.

b. Community Housing Project

Resolution 15.4700

That Council requests the Director Technical Services to advise ASC on a backup plan for the community housing project should MiHaven fail to continue.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

Resolution 15.4701

That Council advises BAS that it is not in a position to commit to having building contracts signed by 30 June 2015 for construction completion by 30 June 2016 for the group of six houses and the group of 8 x 2 bedroom houses in the new subdivision.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

CARRIED

c. 66 Wel Street Training House

Noted.

d. Council Building and Staff Housing Maintenance

Noted.

e. Carpenters Shed/Appliance Repair Centre

Noted.

14.2 Civil Construction and Maintenance

f. Access Road Maintenance

Resolution 15.4702

That Council requests the Director Technical Services to immediately arrange for the advertisement regarding the provision of project management and engineering services for the delivery of the Aurukun Access Road upgrading and maintenance works.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Kerindun

CARRIED

g. Parks and Gardens

Resolution 15.4703

That Council issues letters and notices to the Community about their responsibilities in regards to maintenance of footpaths/nature strip areas adjoining their residences.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

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14.3 Water and Sewerage

Noted.

14.4 Workshop

Noted.

14.5 Animal Control and Environmental Health

a. Rubbish Collection

Noted.

b. Animal Control & EHO

Noted.

c. Cattle in Town

Resolution 15.4704

That Council requests Director Technical Services to remove the roaming cattle in the Community.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

14.6 Airport Operations

Noted.

14.7 Disaster Management

Noted.

14.8 Stores

Noted.

Resolution 15.4705

That Council receives and adopts the Director Technical Services Report.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

• **General Business**

Cr Koomeeta

Airport Safety - Airport Officer should wait at the airport until planes leaving at night have disembarked safely.

Wheelchair access – modifications are required to house at 132 Muttich Street. Agreed need for assessment.

Mayor

CYE be requested to be involved to work with ASC in tidying up around town.

Community Meeting to be held on 20 March 2015 at 9:00am in the Town Square.

Barge Ramp – State Government will be looking at building a dry and wet ramp. Starting with a flight over the area in early April 2015.

Aurukun Skills Community Profile – Councillors were given handout to update skills profiles for Community members.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the Meeting at 5.38pm.

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