



MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING

9.00am

Tuesday 24 October 2017



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Venue:
Council Chambers, 39 Kang Kang Rd
Aurukun Qld 4892

ORDINARY MEETING

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL, HELD AT AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 39 KANG KANG RD, AURUKUN ON TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2017

Present:

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

Officers Bernie McCarthy – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Ron Fenner – Director Corporate Services (DCOR)
Jayne Gilbert – Director Community Services (DCOM)
Alan Neilan – Business Development Grants Officer (BDGO)
Karen Nangle – Minute Secretary – Executive Assistant (EA)

Video Conference from Cairns
Marina Schaefer – Finance Manager (FM)

Apology Perry Gould – Director Technical Services (DTS)

Guests:

11:30 am S/Sgt Brett Jenkins, Queensland Police Service (QPS)
Brendon McMahon, Senior Government Coordination Officer
(SGCO), Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Partnerships, (DATSIP).

12:00 noon Cynthia Lui, Candidate for Cook Electorate

1. Opening

Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:07 am with a prayer.

2. Condolences

Nil

3. Leave of Absence

Perry Gould, Director Technical Services

4. Previous Minutes – Business Arising

4.3 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 20 September 2017

Item 15.2 WCCT Support Office in Aurukun

No written advice received by Mayor, however it is understood that there is a plan considered for this initiative.

Item 15.4 Aurukun Primary Health Care Centre Precinct Resolution 17.5759

Meeting has not yet taken place however a letter being sent to the Director General Queensland Health today on why Council should not be involved in movement of bodies.

Item 16.2 Opening of Wo'uw Ko'alam

It is noted that the opening event is now scheduled for 2 November 2017.

Resolution 17.5761

That Council receives and adopts the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 20 September 2017 as amended and confirms them as a true and correct record.

**MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun

5. Procedural Matters

Nil

6. Presentation of Petitions

Nil

7. Consideration of Notified Motions

Nil

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

Nil

9. Mayor's Report

9.1 Aurukun Splash Park

The project is scheduled to commence in the near future. DATSIP is the coordinator of the project.

NOTED

9.2 Warrior Program

13 Aurukun youth are currently engaged in the program.

NOTED

9.3 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Branch and Torres and Cape Hospitals and Health Service (TCHHS)

Transition has been effected with one-door processing in place.

NOTED

9.4 Island & Cape Board Meeting Teleconference

Consideration is being given to setting up an Aurukun Benefit fund for 2017/18. Stakeholders are to be engaged on the Committee. Suggested membership of the committee is: Council (Mayor and Director Community Services), Police, Clinic, School, Aged care and PCYC. Aurukun Store is to promote the fund.

New Aurukun Store managers Wayne and Tracey Martin appointed to Aurukun Store are to commence 6 November 2017.

The Mayor noted that the Benefit fund will ensure funds are returned to the Aurukun community.

NOTED

9.5 Master Planning

NOTED

9.6 FAR NORTH DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP (DDMG) MEETNG

NOTED

9.7 DPMC Regional Manager Meeting

NOTED

9.8 Indigenous Leaders Forum (ILF) – LGAQ Annual Conference

Mayor met with Commissioner Bronwyn Fredericks at the LGAC Conference. Discussion included Waste management and Water.

NOTED

9.9 Correspondence

9.9.1 Department of Justice and Attorney-General, Office of Fair Trading

NOTED

9.9.2 Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Reparations Scheme

NOTED

9.9.3 Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning

NOTED

Resolution 17.5762

That Council receives and adopts the Mayor's Report.

**MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun

10. Chief Executive Officer's Report

10.1 Business Development and Grants Officer Report (Business Development)

10.1.1 Vacant Office – 200 McLeod Street

Tenancy to commence 1 November 2017 by Adllins Media Pty Ltd.

NOTED

10.2 Rainfall

NOTED

10.3 Future Meetings / Events

25/26 October – Aurukun Interagency meeting

2 November – Wo'uw Ko'alam Community Centre Opening

9 November – LDMG pre wet season meeting / training

10 November – Australia Day Awards nominations open

11 November – Remembrance Day

20 November – Council meeting

28 November – Technical Working Group

TBA November – Aurukun Interagency meeting

9 December – Christmas Aurukun Community Event

12 December – Council meeting

13 December – ASC Staff Christmas Party, Aurukun (Pikkuws Restaurant)

NOTED

10.4. Meetings / Conferences attended in Cairns

NOTED

10.5 Meeting with QPC Commissioner Bronwyn Fredericks

On 16 October 2017, the Mayor and CEO met with Commissioner Bronwyn Fredericks, Queensland Productivity Commission (QPC) prior to the LGAQ conference. They discussed issues relevant to Aurukun including those raised by ASC in its submission, plus duplication of services. Further comments may be submitted to the Commission until 8 November 2017.

Council is concerned about the proposal to return Housing administration to Council. Significant costs to Council would ensue, including wages, insurance and indirect costs. Council is of the view that Government should not delegate services to Council in this manner, noting that Housing was returned to State government administration some years ago.

NOTED

10.6 Facebook Report September 2017

NOTED

10.7 Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Conference

Positive conference noted. CEO thanked Council for the opportunity to attend.

NOTED

Brendon McMahon, SGCO joined the meeting at 9:25 am.

Cynthia Lui, Labor candidate for Cook electorate joined the meeting at 9:27 am.

10.8 Enterprise Bargaining Agreement

Meetings of employees have taken place and claims identified to Management with some costings identified. A further joint meeting is scheduled for 26 October 2017.

NOTED

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

NOTED

10.10 Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW) Allocations for Cultural Recommendation

Resolution 17.5763

That Council endorses as culturally appropriate the allocation of the residence at 196 Apalech Street, Aurukun and advises the Department of Housing and Public Works accordingly.

**MOVED: Cr. Ada Woolla
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya

10.11 Proposed Aurukun Shire Council Meeting Dates for 2018

Resolution 17.5764

That Council adopts the 2018 Ordinary Meeting of Council dates as:

20 February
20 March
17 April
15 May
19 June
17 July
21 August
18 September
23 October
20 November
11 December

**MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun

10.12 Correspondence

10.12.1 LGAQ Establishment of a Local Government Independent Electoral Monitor by LGAQ for 2020 Council Quadrennial Elections

NOTED

10.12.2 Department of Infrastructure Local Government and Planning

Council noted the limited number of rateable properties within Aurukun and the effectiveness of the existing system of rentals. Council is pleased to note that Indigenous Councils will not be required to impose rates on properties.

NOTED

10.12.3 Department of Infrastructure Local Government and Planning To be covered by Finance Manager report.

NOTED

10.12.4 Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning

NOTED

10.12.5 Aak Puul Ngantam (APN) Cape York response to ASC Resolution 17.5720

NOTED

10.12.6 Department of Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games (DTEB)

NOTED

10.12.7 Queensland Reconstruction Authority

NOTED

10.12.8 Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal – 2017 Remuneration Review Program

NOTED

10.12.9 State Government Coordinating Officer (SGCO) Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Discussion deferred to later in the meeting.

NOTED

10.12.10 Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning

NOTED

Resolution 17.5765

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

**MOVED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla

Director Community Services left the meeting at 10:03 am.

Director Community Services rejoined the meeting at 10:05 am.

Finance Manager joined the meeting at 10:06 am.

11. Financial Performance Report

11. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

11.1 Cash and Investments

NOTED

11.2 Summary of Council Operations

NOTED

11.3 Grants Received Update

NOTED

11.4 2016-17 Audit

Auditors focused on roads and building services and all information was provided.

NOTED

11.5 New Business Information System

Staff in Cairns have visited the Cairns office of Pormpuraaw Council to view the new business system.

NOTED

11.6 Capital Works Update (Attachment A)

NOTED

11.7 Local Government Mutual Liability and Local Government Workcare

NOTED

Attachment B Aged Debtors Report

NOTED

ATTACHMENT C: Monthly Grants Schedule

NOTED

The Revenue Officer Position vacancy interviews are progressing, noting a good field of quality applicants. The selection panel is awaiting further interviews with candidates after which it is expected to appoint to the position.

Resolution 17.5766

That Council receives and adopts the Finance Manager's Report for the period ended 30 September 2017.

**MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta

Finance Manager left the meeting at 10:35 am.

Council adjourned for morning tea at 10:37 am.

SGCO Brendon McMahon left the meeting at 10:50 am.

Councillor Doris Poonkamelya left the meeting at 10:50 am.

The meeting resumed at 10:50 am.

12. Director Corporate Services Report

12.1 Business Development and Grants Officer Report (Grants)

12.1.1 Grant Applications

Grant Title	Funding Source	Amount	Status
Wik Kugu Replacement vehicle	Community Benefit Fund	\$35,000	Application submitted in Round 94.
Indigenous Council's Sustainability Program:- Business Systems Mead Perry Consultant Fees New System	DATSIP	\$35,000 \$314,536	Approved Awaiting Outcome
Working For Queensland 17-19	DILGP	\$2,310,000	Approved
Aurukun Waterfront- Partnership with CYE CDP	DPMC	\$64,000	Awaiting Outcome

NOTED

Councillor Doris Poonkamelya re-joined the meeting at 10:57 am.

12.1.2 Grant Submissions Administration

Resolution 17.5767

That Council requires that Aurukun Shire Council grant applications must exceed \$10,000.

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta

12.2. Human Resource Manager Report

NOTED

12.3. Administration Manager Report

Some instances of abuse have been directed at Bank Staff in the past month.

NOTED

CEO left the meeting at 11:05 am.

12.4 Art Centre Manager's Report

NOTED

CEO re-joined the meeting at 11:10 am.

12.5 Information Technology Report

NOTED

12.6 Commercial Accommodation Report

NOTED

12.7 Council Stores Report

NOTED

12.8 Leasing Update

NOTED

Resolution 17.5768

That Council receives and adopts the Director Corporate Services Report.

**MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla

13. Director Community Services Report

The report was presented by the former Acting Director Community Services, Alan Neilan.

13.1 Funerals

Six house openings are expected over the next month.

NOTED

13.1.1 Operation of Morgue (Resolution 17.5759)

NOTED

13.2 Community Events

NOTED

Brendon Mc Mahon SCO re-joined the meeting 11:44 am.

S/Sgt Brett Jenkins joined the meeting 11:44 am.

13.3 Community Police and Safety

NOTED

13.4 Koolkan Childcare Report

NOTED

13.5 Chivaree Community Aged Care Centre

Discussion ensued on power scooters and power cards. It is noted that unauthorised persons are using the scooters.

NOTED

13.6 Animal Control

Resolution 17.5769

That Council corresponds with Ngan Aak-Kunch Aboriginal Corporation, advising feral cattle needs to be managed and removed from the residential area of Aurukun.

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla

Resolution 17.5770

That Council meets with dog owners identified in incident reports submitted by the Animal Control Officer, with a view to explaining the need for Local Laws and responsible dog ownership.

**MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun

Resolution 17.5771

That Council approves Excess Dog Applications for Mick McLeod and Justine Whiteman for a period to 30 June 2018.

**MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta

13.7 Indigenous Knowledge Centre

NOTED

Resolution 17.5772

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

**MOVED: Cr. Ada Woolla
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta

Business Development Grants Officer left the meeting 11:55 am.

Guest Report

Brendon McMahon, Senior Government Coordination Officer (SGCO), DATSIP addressed the Council and advised:

- recently visited the resident living on country which was raised by NAKAC at a previous Council meeting
- two children and his partner also reside on the property
- the residence is on Aurukun Shire Council land
- he is clear that he does not own the land or outbuildings thereon
- noting he has been given permission to reside there by family members
- further directions will be given by family who gave permission
- notes Council policy that persons undertaking contract work in Aurukun should be resident within the township
- will raise with NAKAC the resident above
- notes the mooring of the Catamaran owned by the Bryant Queensland Pty Ltd contractor in the Aurukun river system. He proposes that Council's powers be invoked under section 50 of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities (Justice and Other matters) Act 1984, section 50 to inform persons who, notwithstanding have been given permission or been invited in should nonetheless be subject to two criteria:
 - burden on rubbish
 - burden on sewerage
- in this circumstance a Council motion is required to eject the person
- notes two new residents in town of questionable intent have been invited by community members – removal thereof this requires a resolution. Once a Council resolution is passed both QPS and Community Police may effect the ejection.
- Sorry Business protocol – SGCO has prepared a draft protocol which to date has received community acceptance. The protocol ensures the effective conduct of ongoing business within the community during Sorry Time while respecting the family of the deceased person
- wet season program in relation to youth has been charted noting the Council Christmas function on 9 December 2017
- the Whole of Government Response to the Aurukun situation (since departure of teachers in 2016 to present), was submitted for the Premier's Award for Excellence, to be announced on 21 November 2017. Pleased to note that The Aurukun Response is one of four finalists. There is a spot for a Council representative or the Mayor to attend the award ceremony
- court day – there is no rubbish bin in front of the court building which is heavily populated during Court session – requests rubbish bin be provided by Council
- concern with contractors who drop rubbish on street and leave gear lying around

S/Sgt Brett Jenkins, Queensland Police Service addressed the Council and advised:

- thanked Council for the opportunity to address Council
- Community Police – S/Sgt Jenkins visited QPS supply centre recently with a view to providing name tags or award badges for community police
- a recent assault on an Aurukun QPS sergeant resulted in significant facial injury

- pleased to note that 12 months since last vehicle theft in Aurukun, strongly believes this is due to a cultural change within Aurukun youth
- acknowledges good work of Council in regard to opening of Wo'uw Ko'alam Community Centre
- sealing of bitumen road has provided safety for police vehicles
- supporting school attendance – put police into School Attendance Officers (SAO) buses recently with positive outcomes
- notes that Mayor will conduct a community meeting on Friday 27 October 2017 and will support community participation
- accepts responsibility to keep QPS property clean and free of rubbish
- notes recent media articles which infer a worsening of the Aurukun situation. S/Sgt Jenkins instructs staff weekly to apply zero tolerance on weapons, alcohol, abuse, unlawful assembly, fighting and public nuisance
- Brendon McMahon noted that statistical increase in crime is due to ongoing reporting of offences as a consequence of additional police in town and effective use of CCTV, not a worsening of crime
- pending increased training of community mediators will assist

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:57 pm.

Senior Government Coordinating Officer left the meeting at 1:44 pm.

Director Corporate Services left the meeting at 1:44 pm.

The meeting resumed at 1:45 pm.

14. Director Technical Services Report

The report was presented by the CEO.

14.1.1 Building Construction and Maintenance

14.1.2 Council Building and Staff Housing Upgrades and Maintenance

NOTED

14.2 Civil Construction and Maintenance / Parks and Gardens

NOTED

14.3 Water, Waste and Sewerage.

Resolution 17.5773

That Council:

1. approves limited water restrictions within the Aurukun Shire on sprinkler usage and imposes a 6pm- 8pm time frame.
2. directs that Public notices and website notifications of restrictions are to be undertaken by Council.

**MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla

Resolution 17.5774

That Council:

1. requires contractors' building waste material from all projects undertaken within the Shire of Aurukun to be contained in skip bins onsite and transported from the Shire and Community by waste disposal contractors.
2. considers exceptions may be made at the discretion of Aurukun Shire Council in the event of road closures due to weather conditions.

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya

14.4 Workshop

NOTED

14.5 Airport Operations

NOTED

14.6 Electrical

NOTED

14.7 Human Resource Matters

NOTED

14.8 Dump – Waste Separation and Recycling

Resolution 17.5775

That in response to the email of Brendon McMahon, SGC0, dated 11 October 2017, Council resolves to:

1. continue to issue public notices regarding rubbish within community
2. forward correspondence to Housing and Public Works regarding unacceptable amounts of litter within the property boundary of social housing
3. encourage initiatives such as Pride of Place and Best Gardens competition
4. include litter control and work ethic within the community on the agenda for the upcoming community meeting,
5. request CYE to participate in litter clean-up around the township
6. request all contractors working on Government and other projects to not deposit any rubbish or materials on roads or public reserves

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya

Resolution 17.5776

That Council requires:

1. Government agencies, stakeholders and residents to properly use the ASC waste management facility
2. Government agencies and stakeholders require their Contractors to seek prior ASC approval and make necessary payment for dumping large amounts of rubbish at waste management facility
3. Government agencies and stakeholders require their contractors on government and other jobs to not deposit building waste at the ASC waste facility and remove all building waste from the Shire
4. Government agencies and stakeholders support ASC plastic-free strategy and note that government legislation applies from 1 July 2018
5. Government agencies, stakeholders and residents to participate in Clean Up Aurukun Day
6. Government agencies, stakeholders and residents to cooperate fully in Pre-Cyclone Clean Up
7. Government agencies and stakeholders to keep their residential properties and frontages tidy including maintenance of nature strips
8. Government agencies and stakeholders comply with non-burning of rubbish in township
9. Government agencies, stakeholders and residents comply with non-removal of vegetation from road reserves and public areas
10. Government agencies and stakeholders to lobby State Government for change to ASC boundary to ensure that waste facility does not continue to operate in Cook Shire
11. Government agencies, stakeholders and residents note and adhere to the illegal dumping signage around the township extremities

**MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla

Resolution 17.5777

That Council receives and adopts the Director Technical Services Report.

MOVED: Cr. Ada Woolla
CARRIED

SECONDED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta

15. LATE ITEMS**15.1 Purchase of Financial Information Technology System****NOTED****15.2 Office of Industrial Relations, Gazettal of Aurukun Day 2018**

Council notes that 6 August 2018, Aurukun Day is gazetted as a holiday

Resolution 17.5778:

That Council enquires as to the approval of 20 July 2018 public holiday gazettal previously requested.

MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun
CARRIED

SECONDED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta

NOTED**16 GENERAL BUSINESS****16.1 Community Meeting 27 October 2017**

Mayor Dereck Walpo lists the following Items to be raised at the Community Meeting:

1. Opening and smoking ceremony of Wo'uw Ko'alam Community Centre
2. More trained mediators
3. Illegal waste dumping
4. Water restrictions
5. Employment of local community
6. Responsible dog ownership
7. Councillor portfolio responsibilities and reporting back to council
8. CCTV (solar powered) camera at the Aurukun waste facility to identify illegal dumping

NOTED

16.2 CCTV Award

Resolution 17.5779

That Council congratulates SAPE Industries on winning the Special Security Event or Project Worth More than \$500,000 category in the 2017 Australian Security Industry Awards for Excellence in October 2017.

**MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun

NOTED

16.3 Street Signage

Street signage project will cover the entire township, incorporating the Aurukun Shire Council logo, it includes give way and stop signs and bus stop signs. Represents another area of ASC positively moving for the community. Council congratulates the Technical Services department on their erection of the signs in the Township.

16.4 Representation at the Premiers Award 21 November 2017

CEO to attend the presentation. Noting that this conflicts with the date of the next Ordinary Meeting of Council, it was agreed to change the date of the meeting.

Resolution 17.5780

That Council amends the date of its next Ordinary Meeting to Monday 20 November 2017, commencing at 10:00 am and advertises this decision as required.

**Moved: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya
CARRIED**

Seconded: Cr. Edgar Kerindun

Councillor Doris Poonkamelya left the meeting at 2:34 pm.

Resolution 17.5781

That Council goes into Committee pursuant to section 275 (1) (b) of Local Government Regulations 2012 being industrial matters affecting employees.

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla

Council undertook discussions on employment matters.

Councillor Doris Poonkamelya re-joined the meeting at 2:38 pm.

Resolution 17.5782

That Council comes out of Committee.

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr Doris Poonkamelya

16.5 Children riding cycles at night

Councillor Kerindun expressed concern at children riding bikes without helmets, lights or reflectors at night.

16.6 Bike Tracks

Councillor Koomeeta proposed bike tracks be included in the Master Plan.

16.7 Removal of unwanted vehicles

Councillor Koomeeta enquired regarding removal of unwanted vehicles from Council properties.

Council noted that on Tal Tal Street, an apparently discarded white Toyota Wagon is up on blocks. This is unsightly and constitutes a safety hazard for children.

CLOSURE

There being no more business, the Meeting closed at 2:55 pm.