



# *Aurukun Shire Council*

**MINUTES**

**ORDINARY MEETING**

**9.00am**

**Tuesday 15 August 2017**

**Venue:**

**Council Chambers, 39 Kang Kang Rd  
Aurukun Qld 4892**



**Aurukun  
Shire Council**

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## ORDINARY MEETING

### MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL, HELD AT AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 39 KANG KANG RD, AURUKUN ON TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2017

#### Present:

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

**Officers** Bernie McCarthy – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Ron Fenner – Director Corporate Services (DCOR)  
Alan Neilan – A/Director Community Services (A/DCOM)  
Perry Gould – Director Technical Services (DTS)  
Jenny Browne – Finance Accountant (FA) by videoconference  
Karen Nangle – Minute Secretary – Executive Assistant (EA)

**Apology** Marina Schaefer – Finance Manager (FM)  
Jayne Gilbert – Director Community Services (DCOM)  
Damian Blunden - Senior Adviser Department of Prime Minister  
and Cabinet (DPMC)

#### Guests:

11:30 am Michael Thinee, Chief Executive Officer, Skytrans  
Rebecca Hyde, Business Development Manager, Skytrans

12:00 noon S/Sergeant Brett Jenkins, Queensland Police Service  
Brendon McMahon, Senior Government Coordinating Officer,  
Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships  
(DATSIP)

2:30 pm Minister Mark Furner MP, Minister for Local Government and Minister  
for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships  
Jennifer Howard MP, Assistant Minister of State Assisting the Premier  
Dean Daylight, Ministerial Advisor to Minister Mark Furner  
Allen Cunneen, Deputy Director General, DATSIP  
Neva Woolmer, Media Adviser to Mark Furner MP

## 1. Opening

Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:02 am with a prayer.

## 2. Condolences

Nil

## 3. Leave of Absence

Jayne Gilbert, Director Community Services  
Marina Schaefer, Finance Manager

## 4. Previous Minutes – Business Arising

### 4.1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 16 May 2017

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#### 11.5 Related Parties Disclosure

Seeking cooperation of Councillors to complete the Related Parties Disclosure.  
Finance Manager will assist on her next visit to Aurukun – date to be advised.

#### 15.3.3 School bus signs –awaiting receipt of signage

### 4.1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 20 June 2017

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#### 10.3.12 Relocation of Portable Staff Units

Units next to the CEO to be moved to John Koowarta Drive to become  
ASC staff accommodation. Awaiting response from Shane Starke to  
electrical services request.

### 4.1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 18 July 2017

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#### 10.10.10 Alignment of Indigenous Planning Schemes

CEO awaiting information, to report next meeting.

#### 13.2.2 Funerals Resolution 17.5689

Letter has been sent to CEO, Torres and Cape Hospital and Health  
Services with no response received to date.

#### 13.7 Indigenous Knowledge Centre Coordinator

A selection interview is scheduled for 16 August 2017 and two other  
applicants to be considered. It is hoped that an appointment will be  
made in early September 2017.

- 14.8 Waste disposal facility**  
The issue is to be raised with the Minister later in the meeting.
- 17.4.4** Public Notice to be circulated in the Aurukun community regarding burning of leaf and grass litter.

**Resolution 17.5714**

That Council receives and adopts the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 July 2017 and confirms them as a true and correct record.

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun**  
**CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla**

**4.2 Minutes of Special Council Budget Meeting 28 July 2017**

**Item 7. Schedule of Fees and Charges**

Letters of changes to Fees and Charges have been issued to stakeholders and customers and will be published on the Council Website.

**Resolution 17.5715**

That Council receives and adopts the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of 28 July 2017 and confirms them as a true and correct record.

**MOVED: Cr. Ada Woolla**  
**CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya**

**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 Interagency and Working Group Meeting**

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On 26 July 2017 the Mayor attended the Aurukun Interagency and Working Group Meeting. Issues discussed included projects related to enhancing community cohesion.

**NOTED**

### **9.2 LGAQ Delegation visit**

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On 31 July 2017 the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and ASC officers welcomed to Aurukun a delegation from the Local Government Association of Queensland including:

- LGAQ President Mayor Mark Jamieson
- Sarah Buckler, General Manager, Advocate
- Tony Goode, Workforce Relations Advisor
- Lou Boyle, Innovation Executive

**NOTED**

### **9.3 Visit to Government House**

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On 1 and 2 August 2017 the Mayor and Councillor Woolla stayed at Government House as the guests of the Governor of Queensland, Hon Paul de Jersey AC. The Mayor was delighted to note that the two Aurukun Dog sculptures purchased by the Governor during his recent visit to Aurukun, stand guard outside the door to the Governor's study.

**NOTED**

### **9.4 Indigenous Mayors and Police Summit**

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On 10 August 2017 the Mayor attended the Indigenous Mayors and Police Summit in Cairns, hosted by the Queensland Commissioner for Police, Ian Stewart. The summit acts as a community engagement tool and assists in strengthening relationships between Mayors, council executives and police and enables relevant issues to be discussed and opportunities to be explored to deliver crime prevention outcomes.

The Mayor informed the summit of Council's desire to make Aurukun a harmonious community; noted the cooperation and community commitment of Senior Sergeant Brett Jenkins and advised that Council looks forward to a revived PCYC with Sgt Nick Mulvarney. The Summit noted the cost to Council of CCTV and Community Police operation and the event overall constituted a fruitful discussion.

**NOTED**

## 9.5 Correspondence

### 9.5.1 Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines

Correspondence was received notifying ASC that under the Queensland Government's Building Our Regions program that ASC was successful in securing \$140,000 of funding for the Aurukun Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

**NOTED**

### 9.5.2 Commissioner for Queensland Fire and Emergency Services

Correspondence received from Commissioner Katarina Carroll detailing an update on the project to recraft the Queensland State Disaster Management Plan.

**NOTED**

### 9.5.3 APN Cape York

Correspondence from General Manager, APN Cape York received regarding on country communications seeking financial support for telecommunication project to install Mobile Phone Boosters at Blue Lagoon Ranger Base and the Big Lake Remote Ranger Campsite.

Noting that significant Council assets were handed back to traditional owners, Council is not financially able to contribute, however is willing to offer letters of support.

#### **Resolution 17.5716**

That Council offers letters of support for any funding application that Aak Puul Ngantam (APN) may submit for the larger towers required to achieve mobile phone coverage at Blue Lagoon Ranger Base and the Big Lake Remote Ranger Campsite.

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla**

### 9.5.4 Deputy Premier Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning

Letter from Jackie Trad MP Deputy Premier, regarding changes to the Planning Act 2016 relating to development assessment process and detailing the Development Assessment Rules.

**NOTED**

### 9.5.5 Department of Housing and Public Works, Cape York Housing

Email from Lizbeth Johnson, Client Services Manager, Cape York Housing Service advising that Councillor Poonkamelya failed to attend a portfolio meeting scheduled for 24 July 2017

**NOTED**

**Resolution 17.5717**

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**

A deal of artwork stored at the Cairns office is to be sold, otherwise taken to appropriate Cairns storage. A sale is to be organised in the near future by Robin Maxwell (ACM) and Alan Neilan (A/DCOM).

**NOTED**

**10.2 Rainfall**

**NOTED**

**10.3 Future Meetings / Events**

- 10 September - River / Ramp Run
- 18 September - Ordinary meeting
- 29 August - Technical Working Group
- 15 September to 3 October - School holidays
- 18 / 19 October - LGAQ Gladstone
- 12 October - New/Old comers event
- 24 October - Council meeting
- 9 November – LDMG pre wet season meeting
- 21 November - Council meeting
- 8 December - Australia Day Awards nominations close

9 December - Christmas Aurukun Event

12 December - Council meeting

**NOTED**

#### **10.4. Meetings / Conferences attended in Cairns**

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**NOTED**

#### **10.5 Facebook Report July 2017**

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**NOTED**

#### **10.6 September Council Meeting**

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On Monday 11 September 2017 the Mayor and CEO will attend the Public Service Medal honours investiture ceremony of Bernie McCarthy CEO in Townsville. This important event requires a change of date of the Ordinary Council Meeting presently scheduled for 12 September 2017.

#### **Resolution 17.5718**

That Council holds the next Ordinary Meeting on Monday 18 September 2017 and this changed date be advertised in ASC media outlets.

**MOVED: Cr. Ada Woolla  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun**

#### **10.7 Visit by LGAQ touring group**

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**NOTED**

#### **10.8 Enterprise Bargaining Agreement**

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**NOTED**

#### **10.9 Tenancy Management Update Report**

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**NOTED**

*Councillor Koomeeta entered the meeting at 9:30 am.*

## 10.10 Effectiveness of CCTV

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**NOTED**

## 10.11 Correspondence

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### 10.11.1 Email from Warren Entsch MP

CEO received an email from Warren Entsch MP, Federal Member for Leichhardt regarding Aurukun Access Road, 26km section sited in Cook Shire.

**NOTED**

### 10.11.2 Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning

CEO received correspondence dated 21 July 2017 from Director General Frankie Carroll informing of the implementation on 3 July 2017 of the Planning Act

**NOTED**

### 10.11.3 Department of Housing and Public Works

Allocations for Cultural Recommendation requiring Council approval.

In relation to 101 Muttich Street, Council

1. seeks clarification on the proposed allocation
2. defers the decision on 101 Muttich Street
3. requests the Department of Housing and Public Works meet with the relevant family to make a decision on this property

In relation to the property at 18 Kang Kang Street, Council approves the nominated applicants.

#### **Resolution 17.5719**

That Council endorses as culturally appropriate the Department of Housing and Public Works proposal for the allocation of housing at 18 Kang Kang St, Aurukun.

**MOVED: Cr. Ada Woolla  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya**

**10.11.4 Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning**

CEO received correspondence dated 30 June 2017 from Director General regarding Standard Conditions for a Deemed Approval under the Planning Act 2016. The Standard Conditions were tabled.

**NOTED**

**10.11.5 Aak Puul Ngantam (APN) Cape York**

CEO received correspondence dated 8 August 2017 requesting Aurukun Shire Council consider donating the D5 Dozer currently located at Wathaniin.

**Resolution 17.5720**

That Council resolves to gift the D5 Dozer plant currently located at Wathaniin to APN Cape York subject to the following conditions:

1. ASC has no responsibility for the operating condition of the gifted plant
2. ASC shall not have any liability in regard to the gifted plant
3. APN Cape York is to assume full responsibility for the Dozer from the date of handover

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla**

**Resolution 17.5721**

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

**MOVED: Cr .Doris Poonkamelya  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun**

*Jenny Browne, Finance Accountant joined the meeting at 10:00 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 Related Parties Disclosure**

**NOTED**

**11.5 Ex-tenant Balances**

No response has been received to date from the external auditors. To be considered at the next Council Meeting on 18 September 2017.

**NOTED**

**11.6 Asset Management Plan**

Asset Management Plan is essentially a database of Council Assets and a plan for how they are to be managed and upgraded. It represents a management system of Council assets. Usually maintained by Technical Services, it is linked to Finance in that it determines the cost of maintaining and upgrading assets.

The management of Council assets is rendered important noting that the 2017/18 Full Year Adopted Budget reports that Council will have \$97 million in property, plant and equipment.

**Resolution 17.5722**

That Council

1. adopts the Asset Management Plans in respect of:
  - Transport and Drainage
  - Buildings and Facilities
  - Parks and Recreation
  - Corporate IT and Communication
  - Sewerage Infrastructure
  - Water Infrastructure
  - Plant and Equipment
  - Waste
  - Infrastructure
2. requires Management investigate the implementation of the recommended inspection and actions of the Report and that a progress review be undertaken by 31 December 2017.

**MOVED: Cr Ada Woolla  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta**

## Appendix 4: Debtors List.

Director Corporate Services is collating documents in preparation for future legal action to recover \$26K from a former ASC housing tenant through Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT). Legal advice received is that a judgement is not expected for some months. Garnishee action will be sought to recover the debt.

### Resolution 17.5723

That Council receives and adopts the Finance Manager's Report for the period ended 31 July 2017.

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla**

*Jenny Browne, Finance Accountant left the meeting at 10:20 am.*

## 12. Director Corporate Services Report

### 12.1 Business Development and Grants Officer Report (Grants)

#### 12.1.1 Grant Applications

Council was unsuccessful in gaining funding for the Aurukun Access Road sealing under the Better Regions Program.

**NOTED**

### 12.2. Human Resource Manager Report

**NOTED**

### 12.3. Administration Manager Report

**NOTED**

### 12.4 Art Centre Manager's Report

**NOTED**

*Councillor Woolla left the meeting at 10:25 am.*

## 12.5 Information Technology Report

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**NOTED**

## 12.6 Commercial Accommodation Report

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**NOTED**

## 12.7 Council Stores Report

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**NOTED**

*Councillor Woolla re-joined the meeting at 10:30 am.*

## 12.8 Leasing Update

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**NOTED**

### **Resolution 17.5724**

That Council receives and adopts the Director Corporate Services Report.

**MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta**

*The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:45 am.  
The meeting resumed at 10:55 am.*

*Councillor Kerindun left the meeting at 10:55 am.  
Councillor Koomeeta left the meeting at 10:55 am.*

## **13. A/Director Community Services Report**

### **13.1 Funerals**

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**NOTED**

*Councillor Koomeeta re-joined the meeting at 10:57 am.*

### **13.2 Community Events**

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*Councillor Kerindun re-joined the meeting at 10:59 am.*

Noting the absence of the A/Director Community Services in late August 2017, the Seniors Week activities may be deferred to a later date.

**NOTED**

### **13.3 Community Police and Safety**

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**NOTED**

### **13.4 Koolkan Childcare Report**

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**NOTED**

### **13.5 Chivaree Community Aged Care Centre**

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The relief Aged Care Manager appointed subsequently declined the position which is to be readvertised.

A replacement Assistant Aged Care Manager has been appointed and is expected to commence in the role in the first week of September 2017.

**NOTED**

### **13.6 Animal Control**

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Any household requiring more than two dogs must receive permission from the Council. A form has been designed for this purpose.

A notice is to be issued to staff and community that no abuse of the Animal Control Officer will be tolerated and any threats thereto will be reported to Queensland Police.

**NOTED**

### **13.7 Indigenous Knowledge Centre**

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**NOTED**

### **13.8 Lightweight Shopping Bag – Proposed changes**

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**Resolution 17.5725**

That Council:

1. notes the *'Implementing a lightweight plastic shopping bag ban in Queensland – Discussion paper'*,
2. corresponds with all retail outlets to voluntarily commit to the ban prior to 1 July 2018 and
3. ensures that all future leases for retail outlets, reference the new legislation as a condition of the building lease.

**MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya**  
**CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun**

**13.9 Container Refund Scheme**

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**Resolution 17.5726**

That Council notes the "Implementing Queensland's Container Refund Scheme – Discussion paper."

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun**  
**CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya**

**13.10 Local Government Status – Aurukun Shire**

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**Resolution 17.5727**

That Council:

1. forms an organising committee to provide advice and support for events to celebrate 40 years of local government management in 2018 and
2. requires the A/Director of Community Services to seek funding to support the 40 Year Celebrations

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun**  
**CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla**

**Resolution 17.5728**

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

**MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya**  
**CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta**

## 14. Director Technical Services Report

### 14.1.1 Building Construction and Maintenance

### 14.1.2 Council Building and Staff Housing Upgrades and Maintenance

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**NOTED**

### 14.2 Civil Construction and Maintenance / Parks and Gardens

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Noting the rectification works on the amenities block at the Waterfront, the community is to be advised that graffiti or vandalism will not be tolerated. Cape York Employment (CYE) is to undertake cleaning of the facility and the Security Officers will lock and unlock it daily.

**NOTED**

### 14.3 Water, Waste and Sewerage.

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**NOTED**

### 14.4 Workshop

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**NOTED**

### 14.5 Airport Operations

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**NOTED**

### 14.6 Electrical.

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#### 14.6.1 Maintenance

**NOTED**

#### 14.6.2 Energy Generation Power Plant

### **Resolution 17.5729**

That Council requests

1. ERGON fully investigate the possibility of relocation of existing Ergon Energy Generation Power Plant to allow for future housing estates within the Aurukun Township Lease or negotiated Indigenous Land Usage Agreement (ILUA) areas.
2. ERGON fully explore solar power or other renewable energy being implemented for future power supply for Aurukun Township
3. RILIPO to consider the above possible relocation being included in the current Aurukun Master Plan process

**MOVED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya**

### **14.7 Human Resource Matters**

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**NOTED**

### **14.8 Dump – Waste Separation and Recycling**

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**NOTED**

### **14.9 Correspondence**

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Council noted there is no cultural history around the identified tree. Council further notes the potential damage to sewerage pipes posed by the tree.

### **Resolution 17.5730**

That Council approves the removal of the Beach Almond Tree from the residential property at 138 Pikkuw Street, Aurukun due to safety issues and notes no cultural issues impede its removal.

**MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla**

### **Resolution 17.5731**

That Council receives and adopts the Director Technical Services Report.

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla**

## 15. General Business

### 15.1 Naming of Senior Units

Council is of the view that a language name be given to the six new Senior Units to be constructed adjacent to Chivaree Centre. Council suggests to the Department of Housing and Public Works that language nominated names be invited.

#### **Resolution 17.5732**

That Council requests the Department of Housing and Public Works that a language name be provided to the new Senior Accommodation units and this request be advertised to seek community input.

**MOVED: Cr. Ada Woolla  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun**

### 15.2 WCCCA Support Office in Aurukun

Council noted that notwithstanding that the majority of traditional owners of the WCCCA Sub-Trust reside in Aurukun, the WCCCA office is in Weipa. This causes Aurukun residents difficulty in accessing timely services from WCCCA.

#### **Resolution 17.5733**

That Council requests WCCCA to establish a support office in Aurukun on a full or part time basis for the conduct of all their business in the Aurukun community.

**MOVED: Cr. Ada Woolla  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya**

### 15.3 Cultural Issues Induction

Councillors Ada Woolla and Vera Koomeeta are to meet with CEO and EA to discuss cultural issues induction material on Thursday 17 August 2017 at 9:45am.

### 15.4 Cemetery Survey

The new cemetery boundary Line outline on Master Plan is inaccurate and the site is to be resurveyed by ERSCON. The existing fence area is inadequate. Redesign is required to ensure adequate space between gravesites.

Presently there is room for 140 burial plots and more are required. It is intended that every site will be numbered on the plan. Community input will be sought in response to the Cemetery's redesign and future operation.

**15.5 Trevor Adcock recovery from illness.**

Council wishes to send a get well message to Trevor Adcock who is recovering from illness and surgery.

**16 LATE ITEMS**

**16.1 Request for Funding – Aurukun Rugby League Team**

Council noted that the request was verbal and was not supported by any written information.

**Resolution 17.5734**

That Council does not approve the request for financial assistance from Aurukun Rugby League Team to attend a semi-final game in Weipa on 26 August 2017.

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun**

**SECONDED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya**

**CARRIED**

**16.2 Development in Aurukun**

**16.2.1 Construction Camp, MacKenzie Drive, next to existing camp**

**Resolution 17.5735**

That Council requests that DATSIP confirm that no planning approval is required for MacKenzie Camp 2.

**MOVED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta**

**SECONDED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun**

**CARRIED**

**16.2.2 Amban Lane**

**Resolution 17.5736**

That Council requests

- 1) HC Building to prepare Development Application exemption regarding Dual Occupancy zone code requirements;
- 2) Aurecon to draft Decision Notice for council consideration;
- 3) Robert Zigterman (RILIPO) seek approval from ASC; the need to include landscaping provision in the Development application and
- 4) Performance Objection 15 Density and Performance Objection 16 Privacy and Amenity of Township Zone Code –for self-assessable development Code.

**MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun**

**16.3 On Country Communication**

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Dealt with at Item 9.5.3.

**NOTED**

**16.4 TCICA Meeting 11 August 2017**

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**NOTED**

**16.5 Request for Approval for Bryant Contractor to Moor a Catamaran.**

Council noted that the Catamaran would be lodged behind Long Island, out of sight of the Aurukun Landing. Council further noted that the river is not within Aurukun Shire Council and is therefore a Traditional Owner decision for which permission does not rest with Aurukun Shire Council. Council notes that the Alcohol Management Plan applies to marine craft.

**Resolution 17.5737**

That Council

1. refers to Ngan Aak Kunch (NAKAC) the request from Bryant Qld Pty Ltd for approval for permission for a sub-contractor to anchor and live aboard the Catamaran during the two year Aurukun Housing project and advise the applicant of this action
2. advises Bryant Qld Pty Ltd the Alcohol Management Plan (AMP) applies to this application
3. advises Bryant Qld Pty Ltd that a condition be imposed that an application for waste disposal and sewerage disposal is to be made to Aurukun Shire Council
4. advises Bryant Qld Pty Ltd that fees and charges will be applicable payable to Aurukun Shire Council

**MOVED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla**

*Michael Thinee, CEO Skytrans and Rebecca Hyde, Business Development Manager Skytrans joined the meeting at 12:10 pm.*

*S/Sergeant Brett Jenkins, Queensland Police Service and Brendon McMahon, Senior Government Coordinating Officer, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) joined the meeting at 12:10 pm.*

## **GUEST PRESENTATION**

Michael Thinee, CEO Skytrans addressed the meeting and discussed the following points:

- the refuelling point at Aurukun Airport is fully operational and working well
- Aurukun as a refueling port is preferable to Lockhart River
- social events – noted the QMF Concert and Aurukun Day were highly successful and the Skytrans donated water bottles were well received
- Sunday flights are financially problematic with costs not met and are not financially sustainable with tens of thousands of dollars loss incurred
- key impediment to the service is that aircraft was only full in one direction ie CNS to AUU but predominantly empty on the AUU to CNS route
- noted the use of police charter on a Tuesday and keen to explore provision of police services on a Sunday

*Councillor Koomeeta left the meeting at 12:15 pm.*

*Councillor Woolla left the meeting at 12:17 pm.*

- noted the heavy use by Apunipima CYHC on a Monday

*Councillor Koomeeta re-joined the meeting at 12:19 pm.*

*Mayor Walpo left the meeting at 12:20 pm.*

*Councillor Woolla re-joined the meeting at 12:21 pm.*

- keen to follow up the possibility of Police Change over on a Sunday and noted SGCO Brendon McMahon to take up the matter with the QPS Deputy Commissioner in relation to amending the shift changeover date
- Skytrans are able to carry firearms
- can offer prisoner in lawful custody transfer

*Mayor Walpo re-joined the meeting at 12.25 pm.*

- per seat, the Dash 8 is cheaper to operate than the 8 seater King Air
- less than 60% seat occupation is not sustainable
- noted ASC commitment to working with Skytrans to support the Sunday flights
- Aurukun Fun Run Sunday 10 September 2017
- will brand aircraft with Aurukun Shire Council 40 Year celebration logo
- keen to bring Jonathon Thurston to Aurukun for a promotional event in conjunction with ASC and Aurukun State School

*Councillor Poonkamelya left the meeting at 12:34 pm*

- noted CEO recent contact with former residents who eschew Aurukun in favour of towns not under Alcohol Management Plan
- return to country can only be with the agreement of all parties, it cannot be compelled on any person

*Councillor Doris Poonkamelya re-joined the meeting at 12:38 pm*

- noted the success of the recent Queensland Police Summit as endorsed by the CEO

## **Guest Report**

S/Sergeant Brett Jenkins, Queensland Police Service and Brendon McMahon, Senior Government Coordinating Officer, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) addressed the meeting and discussed the following points:

1. Brendon McMahon, SGCO:
  - Interagency meetings - noted recent criticisms that these were excessively lengthy
  - will change Interagency dates so they do not clash with FRC
  - purpose of Interagency is to have a single plan focus and work as a team – these have been achieved
  - town is significantly more peaceful so the next stage is to be considered
  - Community Safety where OIC Police station chairs this group
  - school attendance to be a joint effort where all agencies report children to truancy team
  - successful objectives achieved have arisen from the FRC
  - noted that school attendance needs improvement
  - has a meeting scheduled with School Principal Michael Ennis and S/Sgt Brett Jenkins to discuss the issue
2. Senior Sergeant Brett Jenkins addressed the group and the following points were discussed:
  - passed on the thanks from the Police Commissioner to Mayor Walpo and CEO Bernie McCarthy for their participation in the recent Queensland Police Summit
  - Trevor Adcock is recuperating and keen to return to duty
  - new Triplex units should be complete end November 2017
  - offender in the fuel depot threat is receiving assistance and no recurrence is expected
  - pleased to note no car theft in Aurukun since October 2016

*Council adjourned for lunch at 12:45 pm.*

Guests Michael Thinee, Rebecca Hyde, S/Sergeant Brett Jenkins and Brendon McMahon left the meeting at 1.30 pm.

Council resumed the meeting at 1:35 pm.

Minister Mark Furner MP, Minister for Local Government and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Jennifer Howard MP, Assistant Minister of State Assisting the Premier, Dean Daylight, Ministerial Advisor to Minister Mark Furner, Allen Cunneen, Deputy Director General, DATSIP, Viva Woolmar, Media Adviser to Mark Furner MP and Paul Phyland, DATSIP all joined the meeting at 2:20 pm.

Brendon McMahon, Senior Government Coordinating Officer re-joined the meeting at 2.20 pm.

### Guest Address

Mark Furner MP, Minister for Local Government and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships addressed the meeting.

CEO raised the following ASC Issues:

- Right to Entry-has been pursued for some time, noting ASC and Mornington are co-signatories. The Minister advised he is newly privy to this information and requested specific information of instances, photographers etc.
- 26km Aurukun Access Rd. The Aurukun section of the road will be sealed by end 2018. The remaining 26km to the PDR sited within Cook Shire who, notwithstanding a positive relationship with ASC, have little interest in developing the road. Impacts on access by community rendering the road impassable in the wet. Employment, reconnection with family, economic and social issues are all issues. ASC is prepared to project manage the sealing. Preference is to realign the boundary so that the road sits within Aurukun Shire. A joint approach has been made to the Government Champion for funding.
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Aurukun Shire Council May 2018, Council welcomes the Minister and Minister Assisting the Premier to any events.
- positive achievements: Aurukun Business Precinct, Senior Units adjacent to Chivaree Centre, CCTV, upgrading of telecommunications, sewerage up grade, completion of Indigenous Knowledge Centre, refurbishment of Wo'uw Ko'alam community centre, Wuungkam Lodge, MacKenzie 2 camp, refurbishment of Aurukun Council offices. Council notes the generous assistance of DATSIP and DSD in projects.
- realignment of boundaries with Cook Shire would address both the Waste Facility and road sealing.

*Councillor Koomeeta left the meeting at 2:50 pm.*

- information on 2017/18/19 Working 4 Queensland sought – the Minister advised this will be forthcoming.

*Councillor Koomeeta re-joined the meeting at 2:55 pm.*

- costs to council in maintaining CCTV and security
- reluctance of some government departments to pay lease fees on property
- location of waste facility three km out of town in Cook Shire
- Revenue Replacement Program – Aurukun Shire Council requires an early response to this, noting \$667K per annum was previously provided.
- CCTV requires expansion with Enyan Estate. CCTV retention period is currently locked in at seven days and this is requested to extend to 30 days – awaiting DATSIP review of the system. Most other towns require more than a seven day retention period.

Allen Cunneen informed the Council that costings are currently being sought on CCTV communication lines and discussion is underway with police on location of the cameras.

- Department of Local Government Sustainability Program (DLGSP) grant – we are aware of issues experienced by other councils in replacing finance issues. We have a request under DLGSP funding to employ a consultant to advise ASC on the most appropriate finance system.

Minister Furner raised the following issues:

- Alcohol Management Program – seeking feedback on Aurukun issues especially community unrest, sly grog,
- Qld Productivity Commission Review- no submission from Aurukun Shire Council
- Rio Tinto and Amrun project – engagement of the community in employment. Noted the Rio Amrun road show earlier this year from which 17 of 35 Aurukun applicants were selected. Noted that Council has signed a MOU with Sodexo where four places will be available at Wuungkam Lodge. Noted that Council meets regularly with Rio Tinto. The Minister has impressed on Daniel Van der Westhuizen of Rio Tinto, the importance of sourcing employment from Aurukun.
- Weipa Town Authority (WTA) – noted Council's recent interaction with WTA including the plan to use their Environmental Health team and Council's plan to develop the ties further.
- sought other Council issues to consider while they are in town – CCTV, Street Lighting

- Minister informed the meeting that funding is to be provided to Aurukun Shire Council in the Indigenous Council program.
- Splash Park – Allen Cunneen advised the project team is to visit Aurukun tomorrow to review the project and prepare detailed designs. Goal is to install by Christmas 2017.
- Pleased to note the rejuvenation of assets previously destroyed in community unrest in 2016.
- Upgrade of PCYC – this has provided a valuable community facility.

### **Closure**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3:20 pm.