



# *Aurukun Shire Council*

**MINUTES**

**ORDINARY MEETING**

**9.00am**

**Wednesday 20 September 2017**



**Aurukun  
Shire Council**

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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 WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 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)  
Alan Neilan – A/Director Community Services (A/DCOM)  
Perry Gould – Director Technical Services (DTS)  
Karen Nangle – Minute Secretary – Executive Assistant (EA)

Video Conference from Cairns  
Marina Schaefer – (A/DCOR)

**Apology** Ron Fenner – Director Corporate Services (DCOR)  
Jayne Gilbert – Director Community Services (DCOM)

#### Guests:

Brendon McMahon, Senior Government Coordinating Officer  
Alicia Bobbermier, Project Manager, Transition to Community, Apunipima  
CHYC  
Rachel Bruce, Team Leader, Apunipima CHYC

#### 1. Opening

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

#### 2. Condolences

A minute's silence was held to acknowledge the recent passing of two community members.

### 3. Leave of Absence

Jayne Gilbert, Director Community Services  
Ron Fenner, Director Corporate Services

### 4. Previous Minutes – Business Arising

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

- 13.7 Indigenous Knowledge Centre Coordinator**  
Of the two candidates shortlisted, one has withdrawn, one remains under consideration. Teleconference held with Bernie McCarthy CEO and Education Queensland (EQ) whereby EQ can release employees to Council. Such an arrangement represents an opportunity for stable employees in IKC and Koolkan Early Childhood Centre – however the Interchange Agreement is still under negotiation.

#### 4.1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 15 August 2017

**Item 14.6.2 Energy Generation Power Plant**

Any future lease extension for the existing ERGON Power plant location is to be offered for a minimum period in view of Resolution 17.5729 of 15 August 2017.

#### Resolution 17.5738

That Council:

1. noting Resolution 17.5729 of 15 August 2017, advises ERGON that any future lease for the existing Aurukun Power Generation site will be offered for a minimum period only, noting issues of access, public safety and noise problems with the existing site and further that it does not accord with the developing Master Plan
2. seeks assistance of Government Champion Michael Schaumburg and the Ministerial Champion Curtis Pitt MP, in this matter.

**Moved: Cr. Vera Koomeeta**  
**CARRIED**

**Seconded: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya**

**Item 15.2 Resolution 17.5733 WCCT Support Office in Aurukun**

Mayor has put this to the WCCCA Trust meeting to facilitate service to Aurukun residents noting assistance required in funerals, house openings and further noting current delays in replacement of white goods. Mr Geoff Fahey, Executive Officer, Western Cape Communities Trust (WCCT) informed the Mayor they have a plan. The Mayor has requested a copy of this plan to ascertain timelines

therein.

Council can offer WCCT office space under a lease arrangement.

**Item 15.4 Cemetery Survey**

Plan has been reviewed. The Mayor noted that at the recent WCCCA Sub-Regional Trust meeting, Aurukun Shire Council was offered a container to be provided at the cemetery site with kitchen facilities and seating.

The proposed Cemetery will be split into four sections. Director Technical Services is to provide a plan detailing the sections to enable community consultation leading to acceptance.

**Item 16.5 Request for approval for Bryant Contractor to moor a catamaran**

Notwithstanding failure to comply with requirements imposed by Council, the Catamaran is moored in the river system and recently moved behind the island. Project Manager Bryant Qld Pty Ltd has been advised to remove the catamaran from the Aurukun River system

**Resolution 17.5739**

That Council requires Bryant Qld Pty Ltd to immediately remove the catamaran from the Aurukun river system.

**Moved: Cr. Vera Koomeeta  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla**

*A/DCOM left the meeting at 09.35 am*

*A/DCOM re-joined the meeting at 09.38 am*

*Guests, Alicia Bobbermier, Project Manager, Transition to Community, Apunipima and Rachel Bruce, Team Leader Apunipima joined the meeting at 09:39 am.*

**Resolution 17.5740**

That Council receives and adopts the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 15 August 2017 and confirms them as a true and correct record.

**MOVED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta  
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 Queensland Music Festival (QMF) Consultation

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On 21 August 2017 the Mayor participated in a QMF telephone interview regarding the consultation process for regional arts delivery.

**NOTED**

### 9.2 WCCCA Sub-Regional Trust Meetings

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On 23 and 24 August 2017 the Mayor participated in WCCCA Sub-Regional Trust meeting in which a range of issues discussed included

- Applications for Community Development Funding
- Applications for Educational Bursaries
- Outstation Feasibility
- Educational Bursary School Holiday Work Experience Program

**NOTED**

### 9.3 Aurukun Access Road Sealing

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On 25 August 2017 the Mayor participated in a teleconference with Michael Schaumburg (Government Champion), representatives from Cook Shire Council and Department of State Development in relation to the sealing of the 26km section of Aurukun Access Road sited in Cook Shire Council.

**NOTED**

### 9.4 Far North Disaster District Meeting

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On 31 August 2017 the Mayor participated in a meeting of the Far North Disaster District (FNDD) meeting to host and work in partnership with the 2017 Regional

Interdepartmental Committee (RIDC) meeting on Bushfires/Wildfires within the Far North Disaster District. The FNDD has within its geographical area, particularly high risk areas for wild fires and the meeting enabled Fire Management stakeholders to work closely together for residents, businesses and property owners who may be impacted by such an event.

**NOTED**

**9.5 Visit to Aurukun Commander Command Forces Command**

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On 1 September 2017 the Mayor welcomed to Aurukun Major General Gus McLoughlin, Commander Forces Command to discuss the introduction of the Warrior Program to Aurukun.

**NOTED**

**9.6 WCCCA Indigenous Directors and Members Meeting**

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On 4 September 2017 the Mayor attended the WCCCA Main Trust and Coordinating Committee meetings in Weipa.

**NOTED**

**9.7 Correspondence**

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**9.7.1 Minister for Housing and Public Works, Minister for Sport**

Correspondence dated 11 August 2017 regarding sport and recreation in Queensland and seeking views of the Council and constituents on a range of key themes in sport and active recreation and the social, economic and community benefits thereof.

**NOTED**

**9.7.2 Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection**

Correspondence dated 14 August 2017 regarding the code of conduct of Australian citizenship ceremonies in relation to Australia Day 26 January.

**NOTED**

**9.7.3 Premier of Queensland Minister for the Arts**

Correspondence dated 22 August 2017 regarding the Anzac Centenary in 2018 and provision of funding for regions through the Spirit of Service and Lasting Legacies grants programs.

**NOTED**

**9.7.4 Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service**

Correspondence dated 21 August 2017 regarding Health Service transition to community control in Aurukun with Apunipima assuming lead responsibility for delivery of primary health care services.

**NOTED**

**9.7.5 ERGON Energy**

Email dated 11 August 2017 from ERGON Energy seeking details of known historic (European) cultural heritage records registered within the Council area.

**NOTED**

**9.6.6 Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning**

Correspondence dated 8 September 2017 regarding the release of the 2017-18 Get Ready Queensland grant program

**NOTED**

**9.7.7 Premier of Queensland Minister for the Arts**

Correspondence dated 6 September 2017 regarding Ms Keely Johnson, a sufferer of childhood cancer seeking consideration of lighting council-owned assets gold.

**NOTED**

**9.7.8 Minister for Local Government and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships**

Correspondence dated 29 August 2017 regarding the Mayor's attendance at the Remote and Discrete Closing the Gap Roundtable, May 2017.

**NOTED**

**9.7.9 Minister for Local Government and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships**

Correspondence dated 28 August 2017 regarding approval of 2017-18 funding to the Aurukun Shire Council under the State Government Financial Aid (SGFA) Indigenous Economic Development Grant (IEDG) and the Revenue Replacement Program (RRP).

Acting Director Corporate Services outlined the program funding to the Council, noting an increase of \$138,000 on the 2016/17 funding. Payment has been paid in advance. SGFA is given to Indigenous Councils who do not have a rate-payer base to compensate for a lack of revenue stream.

**NOTED**

**Resolution 17.5741**

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**

No firm offer has been made at the time of preparing this report. The vacant office space is being used for the auditor's visit and also the sale of surplus Wik Kugu Art pieces on 5 - 7 October 2017. Sale is to be advertised in media outlets.

**NOTED**

**10.2 Rainfall**

**NOTED**

**10.3 Future Meetings / Events**

15 September to 3 October - School holidays

16 - 18 October - LGAQ Conference Gladstone

10 October - Technical Working Group

12 October - New/old comers event, Chivaree Centre

24 October - Council meeting

9 November – LDMG pre-wet season meeting

11 November – Remembrance Day

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 August 2017**

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**NOTED**

**10.6 Aurukun River to Ramp Fun Run 10 September 2017**

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**NOTED**

**10.7 Local Government Managers Association (LGMA) Qld Conference**

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**NOTED**

**10.8 Tenancy Management Update Report**

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**NOTED**

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

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**Resolution 17.5742**

That Council endorses as culturally appropriate the allocation of the residence at 101 Muttich Street, Aurukun and advises the Department of Housing and Public Works accordingly.

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya**

**10.10 Correspondence**

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**10.10.1 Uniting Church in Australia**

Correspondence of 2 August 2017 regarding Lease to The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (QA) of 1200 sq.m John Koowarta Drive, Aurukun and request to amendments to the Heads of Agreement dated 26 May 2017

**NOTED**

#### 10.10.2 CEO Telstra

Correspondence dated 17 August 2017 from Andrew Penn, CEO Telstra noting meeting in Cairns in July and the specific challenges facing communities.

#### NOTED

#### 10.10.3 Queensland Courts Magistrates Courts Service, Courts Innovation Program

Correspondence dated 7 August 2017 seeking request of further consideration by Council for provision of accommodation for Community Justice Group (CJG) coordinator

#### **Resolution 17.5743**

That Council recommends that the Department of Justice and Attorney General (DJAG) approach Government Employee Housing Qld for the provision of appropriate accommodation for the Aurukun Community Justice Group Coordinator.

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

**SECONDED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta**

#### 10.10.4 Queensland Reconstruction Authority

Correspondence dated 21 August 2017 regarding Natural Disaster Relief and Recover Arrangements (NDRRA) assistance for restoration works following Gulf of Carpentaria Monsoon Trough and Far North and North West Queensland Tropical Low.

#### NOTED

#### 10.10.5 Aak Puul Ngantam (APN) Cape York

Correspondence dated 5 September 2017 seeking permission to place a 20 foot container near to the Aurukun Boat ramp.

#### **Resolution 17.5744**

That Council does not grant permission for Aak Puul Ngantam to locate a container at the Aurukun Boat Ramp for the following reasons:

- 1) Work Health and Safety issue with store fuel near/at a Council public recreation facility
- 2) the container is contrary to the amenity of this public recreation facility and area
- 3) the storage of this container, equipment and fuel should occur at the depot in War Street, Aurukun
- 4) security of the storage of this container, equipment and fuel would be at risk

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

**SECONDED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun**

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

Correspondence dated 28 August 2017 regarding approval of funding to ASC under the 2017 – 17 State Government Financial Aid (SGFA) Indigenous Economic Development (IEDG) and the Revenue Replacement Fund (RRP).

**NOTED**

**10.10.7 Department of Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) regarding Planning Approval for development on the Health Reserve (Lot 17 on PA11)**

Email dated 1 September 2017 from Robert Zigterman, Program Manager, Town Planning regarding Development Application for material change of use for development on the Health Reserve in Aurukun

**Resolution 17.5745**

That Council:

1. approves the development of the Health Reserve as it is satisfied that the development will:
  - 1.1 result in long term benefits for the community
  - 1.2 provide employment for the Community
2. notes that the Service Agreement can be put in place to the satisfaction of all parties

**MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun**

**10.10.8 Department of Housing and Public Works Building Asset Service (BAS)**

Email dated 2 September 2017 from Robert Wardle, Client and Program Manager regarding New Housing Development in Aurukun and requesting Council submit a letter of approval as per template provided.

**Resolution 17.5746**

That Council endorses the letter of approval as proposed by Building Asset Services in respect of the Subdivision Plan Aurukun AM3.

**MOVED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla**

#### 10.10.9 Minister for Local Government and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Letter dated 14 August 2017 regarding the release of the 2017-19 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP). The program offers \$60 million for project to be completed over two financial years. Suggestions from Director Technical Services include:

- airport upgrade
- new cemetery construction
- electrical Infrastructure for John Koowarta Drive,
- relocation of Department of Education and Training (DET) dongas to John Koowarta Drive.

#### NOTED

#### **Resolution 17.5747**

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

**MOVED: Cr .Vera Koomeeta  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla**

### **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**

Finance Manager thanked the Councillors for their participation in the Related Parties Disclosure process including on time completion of the required reporting.

#### NOTED

## 11.5 Ex-tenant Balances

### Resolution 17.5748

That Council goes into committee in accordance with section 275 (1) (h) of Local Government Regulations 2012 being other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

**MOVED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun**

Discussion was held on the ex-tenant balances outstanding with explanation from the Acting Director Corporate Services.

### Resolution 17.5749

That Council comes out of Committee.

**MOVED: Cr. Ada Woolla  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta**

### Resolution 17.5750

That Council writes off the net amount of Social Housing Debts as listed prior to the 40-year leases.

**MOVED: Cr. Ada Woolla  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun**

## 11.6 Local Government Mutual Liability and Local Government Workcare

The Finance Manager met with Ian Barton of Local Government Mutual Services to discuss Local Government Mutual (Public Liability) and Local Government Workcare.

### Appendix 4 – Aged Debtors Report

Debtors Officer Jeff Ryman has resigned effective 6 October 2017. The position is to be advertised as Revenue Officer, with duties to include management and coordination of all the revenue streams of Council including recoverable costs.

**Resolution 17.5751**

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

**MOVED: Cr. Ada Woolla  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta**

*The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.55 am*

*The meeting reconvened at 11:10 am.*

**12. Guest Report**

Alicia Bobbermeir, Project Manager for the Transition Project and Communications Manager Apunipima CYHC and Rachel Bruce, Team Leader Apunipima CYHC addressed the meeting and advised:

- transition process has completed on 21 August 2017 and is now operating as one Health Service, going to plan and addressing teething issues as they arise
- focus is on effectively processing patients through the door
- questions on transition should be directed to Alicia Bobbermeir in the first instance as Manager of the Transition Project
- refurbishment by Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service may impact on the service over the next few months
- opening date has not been determined, may be delayed by refurbishment
- entry to the clinic is through the Queensland Heath door, Apunipima Health staff operate reception
- the Health Action Team will act as a conduit between the three services, Mental Health, Primary Health and Acute
- the Health Action Team will drive the service initially as the community moves into control
- community response is positive initially
- staffing – varying rosters apply between permanent (Monday to Friday) staff and specialist services staff (fly in and out periodically)
- recent higher turnover of staff has impeded progress on some issues
- seeking to ensure consistency of staff who fly in early Monday morning and out Friday afternoon with a longer term goal of permanency in Aurukun

- visiting services calendar not yet operational – is being considered
- notes Council request to provide the names of visiting allied health professionals – will endeavour to do this
- notes Council offer to publicise information in relation to visiting professionals
- notes Council request for greater corporate branding to identify the appropriate service and will speak to Queensland Health Service to provide clarity of role and structure to Council
- accepts Council offer to communicate with Aurukun from Cairns using the Video-conference facilities between both Aurukun Shire offices
- notes Councillor issue with reduced medical staff on weekend and longer waiting times when operated by Queensland Health
- notes Mayor request for greater local involvement given former health workers in the community
- electronic medical record system has been implemented
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health practitioners have facilitated service delivery
- new Apunipima Team leader to be appointed - Rachel Bruce is acting in the role at the moment
- school health nurse is presently a dual role of school nurse and child health nurse – ultimately Apunipima will have a dedicated school health nurse
- extended hours will be considered in the future, noting that capacity for this is not available at present

*Guests Alicia Bobbermeir and Rachel Bruce, Apunipima CYHC departed the meeting at 11:50 am.*

## **12. Director Corporate Services Report**

The report was presented by the Acting Director Corporate Services, Marina Schaefer.

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

#### **12.1.1 Grant Applications**

<b>Grant Title</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status</b>
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Wik Kugu Replacement vehicle	Community Benefit Fund	\$35,000	Application submitted in Round 94.
Indigenous Council's Sustainability Program – Business Systems	DATSIP		
Mead Perry Consultant Fees		\$35,000	Approved
New System		\$314,050	Awaiting Outcome
Working For Queensland 17-19	DILGP	\$2,310,000	Approved
Aurukun Waterfront- Partnership with CYE CDP	DPMC	\$64,000	Awaiting Outcome

The new business system will cost \$35,000 less than originally budgeted and the Department advised accordingly.

## **NOTED**

### **12.1.2 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP)**

Queensland State Government has released two years of funding and requires Council contribution of 40%. The Minister can approve applications with a lower contribution.

#### **Resolution 17.5752**

That Council submits an application for funding to the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program 2017-19 for the following projects:

1. Myall Creek Crossing Camera, Total Project Cost \$40,000 Council Contribution \$4,000;
2. PCYC Hall Roof Upgrade, Total Project Cost \$80,000. Council Contribution \$20,000;
3. Retail Store Upgrade, Total Project Cost \$80,000 Council Contribution \$20,000;
4. Sam Kerindun Snr Business Centre, Total Project Cost \$140,000 Council Contribution \$56,000
5. Community Justice Centre Building, Total Project Cost \$100,000 Council Contribution \$40,000

**MOVED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla**

## **12.2. Human Resource Manager Report**

## **NOTED**

### 12.3. Administration Manager Report

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**NOTED**

### 12.4 Art Centre Manager's Report

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**NOTED**

*Council Ada Woolla left the meeting at 11:55 am.*

### 12.5 Information Technology Report

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**NOTED**

*Councillor Ada Woolla re-joined the meeting at 12:03 pm.*

### 12.6 Commercial Accommodation Report

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**NOTED**

### 12.7 Council Stores Report

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**NOTED**

### 12.8 Leasing Update

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**NOTED**

### 12.9 Write Off Envisage Building Pty Ltd Amount Outstanding Camp Rental

Envisage was contracted to do BAS upgrade work and historically BAS was charged 5% of the total revenue for accommodation. From December 2016 Envisage only received six jobs and requested a reduction in contractor camp liability. Envisage have now vacated the camp.

#### **Resolution 17.5753**

That Council writes off a debt in the amount of \$38,649.84 being Envisage Building Pty Ltd debtor rental account.

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

**SECONDED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta**

**Resolution 17.5754**

That Council receives and adopts the Director Corporate Services Report.

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta**

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

**13.1 Funerals**

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**NOTED**

**13.2 Community Events**

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**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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**13.5.1 NDIS**

It is estimated that 50 persons in Aurukun will access NDIS funding.

Brendon McMahon, SGCO noted that issues will arise in local community wherein residents are unaware how to sign up for the National Disability Service, with the outcome that a deal of persons with a disability are not currently registered for NDIS. Further issues arise with monitoring of delivery of the service.

**Resolution 17.5755**

That Council approves the Assistant Coordinator, Chivaree Centre, be given delegation in the current Procurement Policy (Appendix A) as per 'Officers' being up to \$3000.

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya**

### 13.6 Animal Control

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#### Resolution 17.5756

That Council approves the Animal Control Officer be given delegation in the current Procurement Policy (Appendix A) as per 'Officers' being up to \$3000.

**MOVED: Cr. Ada Woolla  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya**

### 13.7 Indigenous Knowledge Centre

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#### NOTED

#### Resolution 17.5757

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

**MOVED: Cr. Vera Koomeeta  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla**

### 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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Council Offices to be re-roofed with new guttering and fascia boards.

#### NOTED

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

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Aurukun Shire Council has supplied Cook Shire Council with road base material for Aurukun Access Road, testing to be undertaken on work completed to date.

#### 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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Meeting with Skytrans required to discuss issues of:

- Late arrivals
- Refuelling

Noted that police travelling with weapons with Skytrans must complete required paperwork at least 24 hours in advance of flight. Brendon McMahon, SGO undertook to discuss this issue with Gary White, current OIC, Aurukun Police.

**NOTED**

**14.6 Electrical.**

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**14.6.1 Maintenance**

**NOTED**

**14.7 Human Resource Matters**

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**NOTED**

**14.8 Dump – Waste Separation and Recycling**

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**NOTED**

**Resolution 17.5758**

That Council receives and adopts the Director Technical Services Report.

**MOVED: Cr. Edgar Kerindun  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr. Ada Woolla**

*The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:35 pm.  
The meeting re-convened at 1:15 pm.*

## 15. LATE ITEMS

### 15.1 Request for Business Centre Ban

Item withdrawn pending receipt of further information.

### 15.2 Minister for Local Government and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Indigenous Councils Critical Infrastructure Program (ICCIP)

**NOTED**

### 15.3 Department of infrastructure, Local Government and Planning

Indigenous Local Government Sustainability Program Project Productivity improvement through Innovation and Technology Enhancement

**NOTED**

### 15.4 Aurukun Primary Health Care Centre Precinct

#### Resolution 17.5759

That Council agrees that Aurukun Shire Council representatives participate in an onsite meeting on 10 October 2017 at the Aurukun morgue to discuss possible improvements.

**Moved: Cr. Ada Woolla  
CARRIED**

**Seconded: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya**

### 15.5 Request from Bubbles Foto to visit Aurukun community

#### Resolution 17.5760

That Council does not grant Bubbles Foto permission to enter Aurukun for the purpose of undertaking photographic services.

**Moved: Cr. Ada Woolla  
CARRIED**

**Seconded: Cr. Doris Poonkamelya**

### 15.6 Draft Disclosure in Aurukun Shire Council 2016/17 Financial Statement

Previously discussed in Financial Report

**NOTED**

## 16 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 16.1 Audit – Finance Manager

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Noting that this is the last year that BDO Australia will be conducting the annual audit, it is planned to give the five auditors a token of Aurukun, namely an Aurukun Shire Council cap.

### 16.2 Opening of Wo'uw Ko'alam Community Centre

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Opening date and time of 12 October 2017 at 10:00 am agreed upon subject to concurrence with Government Champion.

### 16.3 Community Meeting - Mayor

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To be scheduled post-Sorry Business and after Mayor's return from the LGAQ conference. The meeting is to inform community of planned events for Aurukun Shire Council 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018.

### 16.4 Death in Community and Sorry Business for Agencies not based in Aurukun Brendon McMahon, Senior Government Coordinating Officer (SGCO)

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When a death occurs in community and Sorry Business ensues, a problem arises with the inability of Agencies who are not based in Aurukun to deliver services. This results in a reduction in services to community and is a departure from the community-agreed protocol.

SGCO proposes a four point policy:

1. Business is conducted as usual but is required to take into account the wishes of the particular family who has lost the loved one
2. Must attend meet in person a Councillor or Mayor or Police Liaison officer or a local mediator – to ascertain which family has lost the loved one and who is the identified spokesperson for that family
3. Visit face to face with the identified spokesperson to ascertain what areas cannot be accessed and what are the wishes
4. Carry out business respecting and adhering to the wishes of the spokesperson

SGCO firstly wishes to seek agreement of the community and requests a two week period in which to secure this. He will then submit a written policy to this effect.

Mayor noted that problems arise with Youth Justice and Child Safety where children's names are not specified. This can impact on families in mourning. SGCO confirmed that names of children should be provided.

## **16.5 Fence blocking access to land behind Aurukun State School.**

The land in question is Education Queensland (EQ) land, the fence has been moved to enable security checks and driving around its perimeter.

SGCO has spoken to BAS and EQ

1. they advised that the agreement with Council was that Council would build a road around the fence.
2. when the contractor was questioned as to no employment of local people, he informed it was not in his contract. It is understood that all contractors are required to employ local people.

In response, the Director Technical Services advised:

1. no such agreement was made with Council regarding provision of a road around the fence
2. he advised Bryant Qld Pty Ltd that he has two local persons ready for employment however no response has been received and they have made no moves to engage community members in employment
3. the agreement is that the contractor would take the local community members on for two years after which council would offer an apprenticeship

The Mayor noted the recent success of community members in taking on lead roles in the VMR and SES in Aurukun.

### **CLOSURE**

There being no more business, the Meeting closed at 2:05 pm.