

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

9.10am

Wednesday 18 May 2016

Venue:

Council Chambers, 39 Kang Kang Road, Aurukun Qld 4892

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 39 KANG KANG ROAD, AURUKUN ON WEDNESDAY 18 MAY, 2016

PRESENT: Councillors Cr Dereck Walpo (Mayor)
Cr Ada Woolla
Cr Edgar Kerindun
Cr Doris Poonkamelya

Officers Bernie McCarthy - Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Ron Fenner - Director Corporate Services (DCOR)
Vivien Bull - Director 2Community Services (DCOM)
Perry Gould - Director Technical Services (DTS)

Council Opening

1. **Opening**
The meeting opened at 9:10am.
2. **Condolences**
Nil.
3. **Leave of Absence**
Cr Vera Koomeeta. Letter of absence accepted.

Resolution 16.5138

That Council grants a leave of absence for Cr Vera Koomeeta
MOVED: Doris Poonkamelya SECONDED: Edgar Kerindun
CARRIED

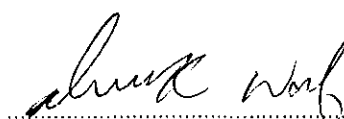
Agenda Items

4. **Current Community Problems**
 - 4.1 **The safety of ASC external/local staff and other stakeholders**
General discussion transpired on issues and effect on external staff.
CEO and all Directors raised their concerns.

Resolution 16.5139

That Council accepts the offer of Councillor Ada Woolla and Councillor Vera Koomeeta to sit in the bank and post office as a support for ASC customer service staff.

MOVED: Edgar Kerindun SECONDED: Doris Poonkamelya
CARRIED



4.2 The loss of ASC external/internal staff because of attacks, and threats and damage.

CEO raised with Council the ongoing issues and advised that he considered this matter was getting worse. He asked Council for their support and requested them to continually put message out to Community and they speak to local Aurukun people on these unacceptable issues.

4.3 The major cost and difficulty in attracting good ASC staff

Director Technical Services spoke about trying to help people but was experiencing numerous problems.

Director Community Services raised problems within her Department.

Director Corporate Services expressed a perception of a sense of entitlement from local Aurukun people.

4.4 The employment and retention of local Indigenous people (not many local people want to put their hand up and work with ASC)

General discussion was held on the need for local Aurukun people to work with Council on the poor work ethic and desire to work of some local Aurukun people.

4.5 The encouragement by Council members for local Aurukun people to deal with the above issues

Council advised that they would encourage local Aurukun people to deal with community issues.

5. Personal Safety of ASC staff, contractors and stakeholders

Council and all Management team agreed that ASC staff, contractors and stakeholders should not have their safety put at risk. ASC Management would raise with senior staff at a meeting on 25 May, 2016 to see where improvements may be made.

6. Incentives for longer service external staff

CEO raised this possibility. He advised that full discussion is required to address the unacceptable ASC external staff turnover and the associated recruitment and relief staff costs.

7. Other Business

Mayor advised that he would get the offender in bank/post office incident to attend Council Chamber to give her a warning. Police will be invited to attend.

Closure

Meeting closed at 10:25am.

Bernie McCarthy
Chief Executive Officer

