



# **Aurukun Shire Council**

**MINUTES**

**POST ELECTION  
MEETING  
Tuesday 14 April  
2020**

**Venue**

**Council Chambers,  
506 Kang Kang Road,  
Aurukun Qld 4892**



## Present

Councillors	Mayor Keri Tamwoy Councillor Craig Koomeeta Councillor Kemuel Mika Tamwoy Councillor Delys Yunkaporta Councillor Anna Lousie Kerindun
Officers at commencement of meeting	Bernie McCarthy, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Via teleconference	Amanda Ray, Executive Assistant(EA)/Minute Taker
Officers joined meeting later after Declaration of Offices	Alan Neilan, Director Community Services (DCOM) Andrew Brown, Acting Director Corporate Services (ADCOR) Gus Yates, Director Technical Services (DTS)
Via teleconference	Marina Schaefer, Finance Manager (FM)
Guests	Pastor Lenny Paul Ena Koongotema Gerald Tamwoy Bruce Martin Brigette Yunkaporta Antonette Yunkaporta Zayden Yunkaporta Edgar Kerindun Vera Koomeeta Kai Koomeeta Janine Chevathun

### 1. Opening and Prayer

Meeting opened at 9.27am

Pastor Lenny Paul recited a prayer for the new Council, wishing them positive and successful outcomes over their forthcoming four year term.

### 2. Business

#### 2.1 Declaration of Poll – 2020 Quadrennial Election

Bernie McCarthy, CEO announced that Keri Pauline Tamwoy was elected to the position of Mayor and the following persons were elected as Councillors.

- Craig Allan Koomeeta
- Kemuel Mika Tamwoy
- Delys Yunkaporta
- Anna Louise Kerindun

*9.29am guests arrived on roster basis to witness Declarations of Office*

#### 2.2 Declarations of Office – Mayor and Councillors

The following Councillors took the Declaration of Office before Mr Bernie McCarthy, Chief Executive Officer:

- Mayor Keri Pauline Tamwoy
- Councillor Craig Allan Koomeeta
- Councillor Kemuel Mika Tamwoy
- Councillor Delys Yunkaporta
- Councillor Anna Louise Kerindun

*9.41am Departure of guests*

*9.41am Directors of ASC entered the meeting*

### **2.3 Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

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Mayor Keri Tamwoy invited nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Kemuel Tamwoy nominated Councillor Craig Koomeeta for the position of Deputy Mayor. There were no further nominations submitted.

#### **Resolution 20.6580**

That Council appoints Craig Koomeeta as Deputy Mayor of Aurukun Shire Council.

**MOVED: Mayor Keri Tamwoy**  
**CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr Kemuel Tamwoy**

### **2.4 Setting of Meeting Dates for 2020**

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The proposed dates of Ordinary Council Meetings for the remainder of 2020 were discussed.

#### **Resolution 20.6581**

That Council sets the following Council Ordinary Meeting dates for the remainder of 2020:

Tuesday 21 April 2020

Tuesday 19 May 2020

Tuesday 16 June 2020

Tuesday 21 July 2020

Tuesday 18 August 2020

Tuesday 15 September 2020

Tuesday 13 October 2020

Tuesday 17 November 2020

Tuesday 15 December 2020

with commencement time being 9.00am for all meetings.

**MOVED: Cr Kemuel Tamwoy**  
**CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr Craig Koomeeta**

### **2.5 Register of Interest**

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Councillors will be provided with a Register of Interest form which is to be promptly and duly completed at their earliest convenience.

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### **2.6 Councillor Remuneration**

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CEO advised Councillors of current remuneration rates as set by Local Government Remuneration for the period of April, May and June 2020. These rates are:

Aurukun Shire Council  
Mayor \$106,100 pa  
Deputy Mayor \$61,211 pa  
Councillor \$53,049 pa

CEO advised Councillors that rates will be increased as of 1 July 2020 and the following will apply:

Aurukun Shire Council  
Mayor \$108,222 pa  
Deputy Mayor \$62,435 pa  
Councillor \$54,110 pa

Marina Schaefer, Finance Manager briefly explained superannuation payments for each Councillor.

#### **Resolution 20.6582**

That Council adopts Councillor Remuneration for:

(1) period of April, May and June 2020

(2) increased rates from 1 July 2020.

as set by Local Government Remuneration Commission.

**MOVED: Cr Craig Koomeeta  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr Anna Kerindun**

### **2.7 Elected Member Legal Costs and Insurance Cover**

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Explanation of possible Legal Costs and relevant Insurance Cover was provided by Marina Schaefer, Finance Manager.

Insurance:

(1) Personal Accident Insurance which covers Councillors in the case of an accident whilst performing their duties as a Councillor.

(2) Local Government Workcare Councillor Practice (formerly Professional Indemnity Insurance).

Legal Costs:

- (1) This policy covers Councillors in the event of legal action being taken against them whilst acting as a representative of Council.

## **2.8 Appointments of ASC Representatives**

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Mayor Keri Tamwoy invited Councillors to nominate for numerous ASC Representatives appointments.

### **Resolution 20.6583**

That Council approves the following ASC Representatives:

- (1) Mayor and Deputy Mayor - Aurukun Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG)
- (2) Cr Delys Yunkaporta - Wik Kath Min Committee
- (3) Mayor and Cr Anna Kerindun - Aurukun Supermarket Advisory Committee
- (4) Cr Anna Kerindun - Remote Area Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Child Care (RAATSICC)
- (5) Mayor and Deputy Mayor - Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA)
- (6) Deputy Mayor - Aurukun Health Action Team
- (7) Mayor (Cr Kemuel Tamwoy as substitute) - Western Cape Communities Southern Sub-Regional Trust

**MOVED: Cr Craig Koomeeta  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr Kemuel Tamwoy**

## **2.9 Appointment of Councillors to ASC Portfolios**

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CEO advised that Councillors should provide regular reports on their ASC Portfolios at the Ordinary Council Meetings.

### **Resolution 20.6584**

That Council approves the following ASC Portfolios appointments:

- (1) Cr Craig Koomeeta - Health
- (2) Cr Craig Koomeeta - Community Safety/Environment
- (3) Cr Kemuel Tamwoy - Transport and Infrastructure
- (4) Mayor and Cr Anna Kerindun – Employment and Training
- (5) Mayor and Deputy Mayor - Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG)
- (6) Cr Craig Koomeeta - Arts, Craft and Culture
- (7) Cr Kemuel Tamwoy - Youth, Sports and Recreation
- (8) Cr Delys Yunkaporta - Housing and Community Services
- (9) Cr Delys Yunkaporta and Cr Kemuel Tamwoy - Education Services
- (10) Mayor - Business Development

**MOVED: Mayor Keri Tamwoy  
CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr Anna Kerindun**

## **2.10 Elected Members Update**

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### **Resolution 20.6585**

That Council approves the Mayor and Councillors attending the Local Government Association of Queensland Elected Members Update (date to be advised).

**MOVED: Cr Craig Koomeeta**  
**CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr Kemuel Tamwoy**

### **2.11 Indigenous Leaders Forum**

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#### **Resolution 20.6586**

That Council approves the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer being authorised to attend the Indigenous Leaders forum (date to be advised).

**MOVED: Mayor Keri Tamwoy**  
**CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr Kemuel Tamwoy**

### **2.12 Civic Leaders Forum**

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#### **Resolution 20.6587**

That Council appoints the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer as Aurukun Shire Council representatives to attend the LGAQ Civic Leaders Forum (date to be advised).

**MOVED: Cr Craig Koomeeta**  
**CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr Anna Kerindun**

### **2.13 LGAQ Annual Conference**

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#### **Resolution 20.6588**

That Council appoints the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive Officer as Aurukun Shire Council representatives to attend the LGAQ Annual Conference (date to be advised).

**MOVED: Cr Kemuel Tamwoy**  
**CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Cr Craig Koomeeta**

### **2.14 Discussion of ASC 2020 Goals in the current COVID-19 crisis**

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Mayor and Councillors noted that in future they should discuss ASC Goals for the remainder of 2020 particularly in view of the COVID-19 crisis.

ASC Directors advised Council on how COVID-19 situation is affecting their departments.

Gus Yates, Director Technical Services advised that:

- current situation was impacting on deliveries for road works as many suppliers are affected by travel restrictions for road freight
- there is limited staff to undertake building maintenance and repairs and contractors are assisting with these tasks
- airport operations has slowed as Skytrans has reduced the amount of flights coming in.

Andrew Brown, Acting Director Corporate Services advised that:

- supply providers were taking longer than normal to supply items due to current situation and travel restrictions
- half the Cairns Support Office staff and one Aurukun Staff member are currently working from home
- Bank and Post Office are still operating on normal opening hours. Social distancing is being practiced.

Alan Neilan, Director Community Services advised that:

- Koolkan Early Childcare Centre is currently closed for holiday break. Will reopen on 20 April 2020 for children of essential personnel only.
- Community Centre, IKC and Splash Park are all closed
- Koolkan Playgroup closed although the Program Coordinator has put together programs that the children can do
- Music Festival has been postponed. Anzac Day laying of wreaths will be by invitation due to restrictions on social gathering and distancing.
- Chivaree Centre is operating with limited services
- Strict government regulations on social gathering restrictions mean Funeral Services will be delayed. Arrangements are in place for funerals to be conducted when restrictions have been lifted.

Mayor then spoke to the Councillors about the need to advise local residents of the current entry permit system and the ongoing government restrictions.

## **NOTED**

### **2.15 Internal Induction of Council**

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Proposed tentative dates for induction are (note dates subject to change):

- Monday 27 April 2020 at 9.00 to 12.00noon
- Tuesday 5 May 2020 at 9.00 to 12.00noon

Subjects will include the following:

- Attendance of Meetings
- Remuneration
- Minutes and Agendas
- Nil Instruction of Staff
- Responsibility and priority for Council duties and activities at all times
- Additional Duties – Community Support and Engagement
- Corporate Plan / Operation Plan
- Local Act, Regulations and other Legislation
- Local Laws

- Policies
- Request forms for work, repairs and other services
- Information in Agendas
- ASC Uniforms
- Photographs of Council – Newsletters, Facebook and Annual Report
- Directors – advised what their Departments look after
- Financial Reporting and Budgeting
- Confidentiality
- Other

Councillor Induction Handbooks will be available at first induction session.

All Councillors agreed to collect their hardcopy Ordinary Council Meeting Agendas from ASC office after 2.00pm on Fridays until iPads are available.

*11.15am Cr Delys Yunkaporta left the room*

*11.20am Cr Delys Yunkaporta returned to the meeting*

Bernie McCarthy, CEO advised Mayor and Councillors that Liz Ingis, Media Officer will be contacting each of them to undertake a short interview for media release.

### **NOTED**

### **3. Closure**

Meeting closed at 11.24am

Signed as a true and correct record

Mayor Keri Tamwoy  ..... Dated *21/04* / 2020