

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL,  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 39 KANG KANG ROAD,  
AURUKUN ON TUESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2015**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	Cr Dereck Walpo (Mayor) Cr Ada Woolla (Deputy) Cr Edgar Kerindun Cr Vera Koomeeta Cr Doris Poonkamelya
	<b>Officers</b>	Bernie McCarthy - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ron Fenner - Director Corporate Services (DCOR) - Later Vivien Bull - Director Community Services (DCOM) Graham Osborne - Acting Director Technical Services (A/DTS) Marina Schaefer – Chief Accountant (CA) Graham Poon – Business Development Grants Officer (BDGO) Teresa Button - Minute Secretary (EA)
	<b>Guests</b>	Scott McIntyre, Glencore
	<b>Observer</b>	Damian Blunden, DPMC

**1. OPENING**

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 9.20am with a word of prayer.

**2. CONDOLENCES**

Nil.

**3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution 15.4914**

That Council receives and adopts the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 15 September 2015, Special Council Meeting of 18 September 2015, and Special Meeting of 7 October 2015 and confirms them as a true and correct record.

**MOVED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**SECONDED:** Cr E Kerindun

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Minutes Ordinary Meeting of 15 September 2015**

**9.5.6 – John Adams and Presbytery Minister** – John Adams will be visiting Aurukun to look at lots for sites for new church house.

**Resolution 15.4927**

**Possible Aurukun Logistics Hub, Rio Tinto Aluminium** – RTA has had survey done for five industrial estate lots and access road. ASC and RTA held a meeting and inspection last week. RTA is doing costings and will continue negotiations. A condition of agreement for this proposal

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is road access to be granted on country from Traditional Owners. The initial stages of draft lease are being prepared.

**Minutes Special Meeting of 18 September 2015**

**Resolution 15.4939** - Doris Poonkamelya was appointed as new Councillor.

**Minutes Special Meeting of 07 October 2015**

**Resolution 15.4912** – Cr Ada Woolla was appointed as Deputy Mayor.

**Responsibilities of Councillors** – Five more meetings left in current Council term until election on 19 March 2016.

**6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

Nil.

**7. CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFIED MOTIONS**

Nil.

**8. RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE AND/OR DELEGATES REPORTS**

As stated further in meeting.

**9. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**9.1 Pre-Cyclone Clean-up**

Noted.

**9.2 Works Depot**

Noted.

**9.3 PCYC**

Noted.

**9.4 Telecommunications**

**Resolution 15.4915**

That Council forwards a letter to;

- Federal Minister for Communications, Mitch Fifield, MP
- Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, MP
- Member for Leichhardt, Warren Entsch, MP
- Senator Jan McLucas
- Member for Cook, Billy Gordon, MP
- Government Champion, Michael Schaumburg

requesting that urgent priority be given to upgrade the telecommunications facility of Aurukun and other Cape York Communities.

**MOVED:** Cr A Woolla

**SECONDED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**CARRIED**

**9.5 AMP Survey – JCU**

Noted.

**9.6 Interagency Meetings**

Noted.

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**9.7 NRL Grand Final  
Resolution 15.4916**

That Council congratulates the North Queensland Cowboys on their excellent NRL Premiership result and invites Johnathan Thurston and his fellow players to visit Aurukun and other Cape York Communities on a celebration tour in the near future.

**MOVED:** Cr E Kerindun

**SECONDED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**CARRIED**

**9.8 Correspondence**

**9.8.1 Cr Margaret de Wit, President, LGAQ.**

Re: Safer Families Better Communities Campaign.

**Resolution 15.4917**

That Council supports the LGAQ's Safer Families, Better Communities campaign by organising Aurukun Community's public expressions of opposition to domestic violence.

**MOVED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**SECONDED:** Cr A Woolla

**CARRIED**

**9.8.2 David Martin, Anthropologist.**

Re: Request permission for Professor Olga Artemova and colleagues to return to Aurukun to continue field work with Traditional Owners.

**Resolution 15.4918**

That Council grants permission for Professor Olga Artemova and colleagues to return to Aurukun to continue field work with Traditional Owners and enquire with Professor Artemova if her previous findings are available to Council for information.

**MOVED:** Cr A Woolla

**SECONDED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**CARRIED**

**9.8.3 Jackie Trad, MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade.**

Re: Response from letter sent 9 June 2015, related to community infrastructure, local government and other funding.

Noted.

**9.9 Mayors' Meetings**

Noted.

**Resolution 15.4919**

That Council receives and adopts the Mayors Report.

**MOVED:** Cr E Kerindun

**SECONDED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**CARRIED**

**10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**10.1 Leasing of Premises**

Noted.

Graham Poon, BDGO entered the meeting at 9.37am to present the Business Development report.

**10.2 Business Development Report**

Noted.

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Graham Poon departed the meeting at 9.57am.

**10.3 Possible Boundary Alignment with Cook Shire**

Noted.

**10.4 Larger Meeting Venue  
Resolution 15.4920**

That Council;

1. requests the CEO to submit to DPMC the final quote for building operations and any other equipment required for the Aurukun Training Centre,
2. follow up discussions with DPMC on any other issues that should be pursued for the \$140K available funds; and
3. Chief Accountant to advise the status of \$140K CDEP funds.

**MOVED:** Cr E Kerindun

**SECONDED:** Cr D Poonkamelya

**CARRIED**

**10.5 Grants Commission Visit**

Noted.

Ron Fenner, Director Corporate Services entered the meeting at 10.09am.

**10.6 Arrangements for the caretaker period during the 2016 Local Government Quadrennial Elections**

Noted.

**10.7 Correspondence**

**10.7.1 Liza Carroll, Director-General, Department of Housing and Public Works.**

Re: Review of existing FIFO (Fly-in, Fly-out) arrangements.

Noted.

**10.7.2 Stephen Johnston, Acting Director-General, Department of Infrastructure, local Government and Planning.**

Re: Arrangements for the Caretaker Period during the 2016 Local Government Quadrennial Elections.

Noted.

**10.7.3 The Hon. Jo-Ann Miller, MP, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services.**

Re: Community Policing Funding.

**Resolution 15.4921**

That Council seeks an update on community policing funding enquiries raised with Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services Jo Ann Miller, MP at recent Aurukun Roundtable.

**MOVED:** Cr E Kerindun

**SECONDED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**CARRIED**

**10.7.4 David Edwards, Projects Chief Executive, Department of State Development.**

Re: Thank you letter from former Government Champion.

Noted.

**10.7.5 Ron Fenner, Director Corporate Services, ASC - (Tabled)**

Re: Employment contract. Requesting renewal of his contract as Director Corporate Services.

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**Resolution 15.4922**

That Council discuss this letter in Confidential Business.

**MOVED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**SECONDED:** Cr A Woolla

**CARRIED**

**10.7.6 Bernie McCarthy, Chief Executive Officer, ASC – (Tabled)**

Re: Employment contract. Requesting renewal of his contract as Chief Executive Officer from May 2016.

**Resolution 15.4923**

That Council discuss this letter in Confidential Business.

**MOVED:** Cr A Woolla

**SECONDED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**CARRIED**

**10.7.7 Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office.**

Re: Subdivision of Community to improve land administration.

**Resolution 15.4924**

That Council resolves:

1. to work with the Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office (RILIPO) to subdivide the community area into manageable lots, and
2. to support any land administration actions incidental to and necessary to facilitate lodgement and registration of two plans of subdivision that create separable lots of occupation. Both plans also open new areas of road, the plans are;
  - a) SP276438 – opening of an area of new road totalling 1.664ha; and
  - b) SP267943 – opening of an area of new road totalling 1.8632ha.

**MOVED:** Cr E Kerindun

**SECONDED:** Cr A Woolla

**CARRIED**

**10.7.8 St Patrick's College Aboriginal Dance Troupe, Townsville – Late Item**

Re: Requesting ASC assistance with appropriate song and dance for women and for Aurukun students to teach other indigenous and non-indigenous students.

**Resolution 15.4925**

That Council assists St Patrick's College with the appropriate song and dance for women and grants permission for Veronique Pootchemunka and Margaret Gothachalkenin to teach other indigenous and non-indigenous girls their particular songs and dances.

**MOVED:** Cr E Kerindun

**SECONDED:** Cr A Woolla

**CARRIED**

**10.8 Meetings**

Noted.

**10.9 Meetings – Cairns, Brisbane**

Noted.

**Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.51am and resumed at 11.17am.**

**10.10 Confidential Business**

Pursuant to the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council shall close the meeting to the public to discuss "In Committee" certain matters.

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a) the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees;

**Resolution 15.4926**

That Council goes into Committee.

**MOVED:** Cr E Kerindun

**SECONDED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**CARRIED**

Discussions transpired on these particular issues;

- Employment contract renewal – Ron Fenner, Director Corporate Services
- Employment contract renewal – Bernie McCarthy, Chief Executive Officer

**Resolution 15.4927**

That Council comes out of Committee.

**MOVED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**SECONDED:** Cr A Woolla

**CARRIED**

**Ron Fenner, Director Corporate Services, ASC – Employment Contract Renewal**

**Resolution 15.4928**

That Council agrees to renewal of three year employment contract for Ron Fenner, Director Corporate Services.

**MOVED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**SECONDED:** Cr E Kerindun

**CARRIED**

**Bernie McCarthy, Chief Executive Officer, ASC – Employment Contract Renewal**

**Resolution 15.4929**

That Council refers the contract extension of Bernie McCarthy, Chief Executive Officer to Hayden Wright, Consultant and requests him to provide a response at the November Council Meeting.

**MOVED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**SECONDED:** Cr A Woolla

**CARRIED**

**Resolution 15.4930**

That Council receives and adopts the Chief Executive Officers Report.

**MOVED:** Cr E Kerindun

**SECONDED:** Cr D Poonkamelya

**CARRIED**

Marina Schaefer, Chief Accountant entered the meeting at 11.58am to present the finance report.

**11. FINANCE REPORT**

**11.1 Financial Statements and Debtors Report - Executive Summary**

Noted.

**11.2 Cash & Investments**

Noted.

**11.3 Income**

Noted.

**11.4 Expenditure**

Noted.

**11.5 Debtors**

**Resolution 15.4931**

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That Council approves the write off of \$672.00 in debts relating to the HRG Australia.

**MOVED:** Cr A Woolla

**SECONDED:** Cr E Kerindun

**CARRIED**

**Resolution 15.4932**

That Council receives and adopts the Finance Report.

**MOVED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**SECONDED:** Cr D Poonkamelya

**CARRIED**

Marina Schaefer, Chief Accountant departed the meeting at 12.33pm.

**12. REPORT – DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

Graham Poon, BDGO entered the meeting at 12.35pm to present the Grants Officers report.

**12.1 Grants Officer**

Noted.

Graham Poon departed the meeting at 12.43pm.

**12.2 Human Resources Manager’s Report**

Noted.

**12.3 Administration Manager Aurukun**

**Christmas/New Year Trading for Bank and Post Office**

**Resolution 15.4933**

That Council approves these agencies open on the following days:

1. Bank as per Bendigo closed on 25 to 28 December 2015 and will open on Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30, Thursday 31 December;
2. Post Office to open on Saturday 26 December, Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 December 2015 (half days); and
3. Skytrans Agency same as Post Office hours.

**MOVED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**SECONDED:** Cr A Woolla

**CARRIED**

**12.4 Art Centre Managers Report**

Noted.

**12.5 ICT Managers Report**

Noted.

**12.6 Leasing**

Noted.

**12.7 Internal Audit Committee**

Noted.

**12.8 Director Corporate Services Contract Review**

He advised that he had submitted correspondence to CEO regarding his employment contract to be discussed ‘in Committee’.

**Resolution 15.4934**

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That Council receives and adopts the Director of Corporate Services Report.

**MOVED:** Cr E Kerindun

**SECONDED:** Cr A Woolla

**CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned for Lunch at 1.10pm and resumed at 1.42pm**

Scott McIntyre, Glencore entered the meeting at 1.42pm.

Items of Discussion:

- Scott acknowledged the Traditional Owner groups, the great work Councillors do and looks forward to working with the Aurukun Community. Also acknowledged the recent passing in the community.
- Handout Facts Sheet – Aurukun Bauxite Project. Glencore has been slowly meeting with families and community, talking to people about the Project and answering any questions they may have. Will continue to talk to the broader community.
- Traditional Owners to the North are supporting the Project and keen to sit down with Glencore, who will be doing the same here.
- CYLC has requested to hold a meeting in Cairns with Glencore, NAK and Aurukun Bauxite Development (ABD). Glencore will accept the invitation but, would like to hold the meeting in Aurukun as an open forum.
- MDL – Applied in January 2015 and an objection on Mineral Development Licence was lodged by ABD. This has now gone to the Native Title Tribunal to grant licence. Licence may not be granted until March 2016.
- Irrespective of what happens, Glencore will not go ahead without Community and Council support.
- Shares currently on Trading Hold – Waiting on an announcement that may affect operations with other business units within Glencore.
- Community Partnership Agreement – As part of its commitments under the Development Agreement with the State, Glencore is looking to establish a Community Partnership Agreement (CPA) with Aurukun Community through ASC. They have been talking with families and agencies during 2015 to improve their understanding of the issues and priorities that could fall within the CPA.
- Looking at finalising an initial CPA by the end of 2015.
- The scope of the CPA would be limited to the period of the Mineral Development Licence (MDL).
- They do not know yet whether a mine can be developed or not.
- Scott gave a summary of 2015 milestones on the progression of the project.
- If the project proceeds to mining, further agreement would be discussed.
- Glencore proposes a more detailed session in early November 2015.
- Currently preparing a draft CPA to look at the end of the year.
- Available to talk to anyone in the Community that has any concerns or would like to know more about the project.
- Scott talked about the proposed guiding principles of the CPA and their principles which includes:
  - Commits to;
    - close involvement to Aurukun Community. (Presence in Aurukun)
    - engagement with Aurukun Community regarding its activities during the MDL phase. (Informing the Community)
    - programs that maximise the opportunity for local participation in the development of the Project. (Education, training and employment)
    - development of business opportunities in Aurukun. (Arts and Culture)

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- support for infrastructure in Aurukun that presents “shared value” for both the Community and the Project. (Community and Project Infrastructure)
- ASC enquired about outstations and access to country. Need to talk to NAK for further discussion.
- Glencore operations is a completely different Business Unit with regard to the 500 plus jobs being lost in Northern Territory and Queensland. That particular Business mines lead and zinc, and are not as environmentally friendly as mining bauxite as far as using chemicals and tailings dams, etc. Not relevant to here.
- Scott then explained to Council that when the market is not paying enough money, they keep it in the ground and mine when the market goes up.
- Bauxite – China wants to buy and the price of bauxite is estimated to go up within two years. Prices expected to go up around 2019-20.
- Glencore is taking an open, honest and steady approach.
- Scott thanked Council for their time and looks forward to the next project update.

Scott McIntyre departed the meeting at 2.38pm.

**13. REPORT – DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**13.1 Recruiting Update**

Noted.

**13.2 Funerals**

Noted.

**13.3 Events**

Noted.

**13.4 Miscellaneous**

Noted.

**13.5 GSS Security Guard**

Noted.

**13.6 Koolkan Childcare Report**

Noted.

**13.7 Community Home Help Program Report**

Noted.

**13.8 Environmental Health and Animal Control**

Noted.

**Resolution 15.4935**

That Council receives and adopts the Director Community Services Report.

**MOVED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**SECONDED:** Cr A Woolla

**CARRIED**

**14. REPORT – TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**14.1 Building Construction and Maintenance**

**a. Community Housing Maintenance and Upgrades**

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Noted.

**b. Community Housing Project**

Noted.

**c. Council Building and Staff Housing Upgrades and Maintenance**

Noted.

**14.2 Civil Construction and Maintenance**

**a. Roads**

Noted.

**b. Parks and Gardens**

Noted.

**c. Waste**

Noted.

**14.3 Water and Sewerage**

Noted.

**14.4 Workshop**

Noted.

**14.5 Airport Operations**

Noted.

**14.6 Stores**

Noted.

**14.7 Disaster Management  
Resolution 15.4936**

That Council notes the Aurukun Local Disaster Management Plan and the Aurukun Local Disaster Management Group Resupply Sub Plan and refers both plans to the Aurukun Local Disaster Management Group for its adoption.

**MOVED:** Cr E Kerindun

**SECONDED:** Cr D Poonkamelya

**CARRIED**

**14.8 Human Resource Matters**

Noted.

**Resolution 15.4937**

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

**MOVED:** Cr A Woolla

**SECONDED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**CARRIED**

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## **General Business**

### **Mayor**

#### **All 4 Adventures**

##### **Resolution 15.4938**

That Council;

1. forwards this request from Laura Hallam, Invision Media to Sandy Whyte, General Manager, APN;
2. advises Invision Media to engage with Traditional Owners before going out on their country.

**MOVED:** Cr E Kerindun

**SECONDED:** Cr D Poonkamelya

**CARRIED**

#### **Stolen Wages Reparations Scheme**

Fact Sheet to be displayed on notice boards.

#### **Department of Housing and Public Works Housing Allocation – 139 Pikkuw Street**

##### **Resolution 15.4939**

That Council does not approve the allocation of 139 Pikkuw Street, Aurukun to Sharon Bandicootcha and Mitchell Bandicootcha as there are no cultural connections with property.

**MOVED:** Cr E Kerindun

**SECONDED:** Cr D Poonkamelya

**CARRIED**

### **Chief Executive Officer**

#### **Police**

Council expressed disappointment with the response from QPS regarding assistance with the recent Aurukun River to Ramp Fun Run. The lack of Aurukun Police at the fun run was discussed.

#### **Deputy Mayor**

Raised dust concern coming from the Works Depot. A/DTS advised that he will investigate a possible solution.

### **Director Community Services**

#### **Child Care Fees**

##### **Resolution 15.4940**

That Council waives all child care fees preceding 1 July 2015 and only invoice fees from 1 July 2015.

**MOVED:** Cr V Koomeeta

**SECONDED:** Cr E Kerindun

**CARRIED**

#### **Cr E Kerindun**

Requested chairs be replaced in the Council Chamber.

#### **Cr V Koomeeta**

House opening and Community Christmas event will be held on the same day, 12 December 2015.

Next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at 9am on Tuesday, 17 November 2015.

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**There being no further business, the Mayor closed the Meeting at 3.37pm.**

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