

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL,
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 39 KANG KANG ROAD, AURUKUN ON
FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2015**

PRESENT: Councillors Cr Dereck Walpo (Mayor)
Cr Vera Koomeeta
Cr Ada Woolla
Cr Edgar Kerindun

Officers Bernie McCarthy, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Ron Fenner, Director Corporate Services (DCORP)
Vivien Bull, Director Community Services (DCOM)
Ray Strohfeltd, A/Director Technical Services (ADTS)
Teresa Button, Minute Secretary (EA)

1. OPENING

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 9.06 am and advised Council that the meeting was for the purpose of appointing one Councillor.

2. Condolences

Nil.

3. Leave of Absence

Nil.

4. Vacancy for Position of one Councillor

CEO advised that in accordance with Section 166 of the Local Government Act 2009, nominations were invited for nominations from suitably qualified persons to fill a vacancy in the position of Councillor of the Aurukun Shire Council.

A person is qualified to be a Councillor of a Local Government only if the person -

- a) Is an adult Australian citizen; and
- b) Resides in the Local Government's area; and
- c) Is enrolled on an electoral roll kept under the Electoral Act Section 58; and
- d) Is not disqualified from being a Councillor because of circumstances described in Section 153 to 156 of the Local Government Act 2009.

Nominations closed at 4pm on Monday 14 September 2015.

Four nominations have been received. Pursuant to Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2009, Council has the task of selecting one nominated person and resolving to appoint them for the position of Councillor. I have sought advice from ASC solicitors and they advise that if an existing Councillor has a relationship to one of the nominated persons they must exclude themselves from discussion and voting for the selection of a Councillor.

CEO circulated the list of nominated persons received

Councillor Kerindun declared a material personal interest and retired from the meeting.

A secret ballot was then conducted to choose one person to act as Councillor.

The votes recorded were;
Doris Poonkamelya – 2 votes
James Yusia – 1 vote

CEO advised that Doris Poonkamelya is appointed as Councillor.

Resolution 15.4939

That pursuant to Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2009, Council appoints Doris Poonkamelya to the position of Councillor until the next quadrennial election is held on 19 March 2016.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

Cr Kerindun then returned to the meeting.

Resolution 15.4940

That Council holds a Special Meeting at 9am on Thursday 8 October 2015 for the purpose of;

- Declaration of Office,
- Appointment of Deputy Mayor,
- Review of ASC Councillor Portfolios,
- Review of ASC Committee Representatives,
- Responsibilities of Councillors.

MOVED: Cr D Walpo

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the Meeting at 9.17am.