

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL,
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 39 KANG KANG ROAD,
AURUKUN ON TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2015**

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

Officers Bernie McCarthy - Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Ron Fenner - Director Corporate Services (DCOR)
Vivien Bull - Director Community Services (DCOM)
Graham Osborne - Acting Director Technical Services (A/DTS)
Marina Schaefer – Chief Accountant (CA)
Teresa Button - Minute Secretary (EA)

Guests Dimity Adams and Sue Rayment-Hugh, Griffith University
Dr Mark Wenitong, Apunipima (via Videoconference)

Observers Paul Phyland, DATSIP

1. OPENING

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 9.19am with a word of prayer.

2. CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed for the recent passing of Venice Pootchemunka.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution 15.4941

That Council receives and adopts the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 12 October 2015 and confirms them as a true and correct record.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

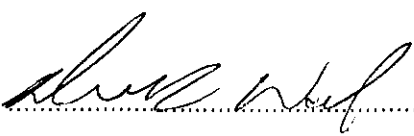
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5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes Ordinary Meeting of 12 October 2015

9.5.6 – John Adams and Presbytery Minister – John Adams came to Aurukun to inspect the proposed sites and his church has decided on a lot in John Koowarta Drive with surveyors arriving next week. There will be an exchange of lots, transfer of lease then demolition of the derelict houses in War Street.

9.4 – Telecommunications – Letters were forwarded to Ministers requesting urgent priority to upgrade the telecommunications facility in Aurukun with nil response. Ongoing.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings  Mayor

9.7 – NRL Grand Final – ASC is pursuing the opportunity for Johnathan Thurston visiting Aurukun. CEO has had initial discussions with both Greg Tonner, CEO, Cowboys and Michael Thinee, CEO, Skytrans and they are looking positive.

9.8.2 – Professor Olga Artemova and Associate’s return to Aurukun – Professor Olga Artemova and Associate have arrived in Aurukun and will be here for the next few weeks to continue their field work with the Traditional Owners. Documents from their previous and current visits hopefully will be digitalised for Council information. e.g. Cemetery Plot Plans, etc.

Glencore - Draft Community Partnership Agreement – To be discussed further in meeting.

14.7 – Local Aurukun Disaster Management Plan and Resupply Sub Plan – Referred to Local Disaster Management Group for endorsement.

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 Works Depot

Noted.

9.3 PCYC

Noted.

9.5 AMP Summit

Noted.

9.6 Interagency Meetings

Noted.

9.7 NRL Grand Final Trophy Visit

Noted.

9.8 Correspondence

9.8.1 Jeff Angel, Convenor/Director, Boomerang Alliance.

Resolution 15.4942

That Council supports:

1. introduction of a container deposit schemes in Queensland;
2. restoration of plastic bags and packaging;
3. national and state based initiatives to phase out identified micro plastics; and advises Boomerang Alliance of ASC’s current plastic bag restrictions.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings  Mayor

9.8.2 **Hon. Curtis Pitt MP, Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.**

Re: Invitation to attend Community Futures Summit, Thursday 19 November 2015.
Noted.

9.8.3 **Trish Butler, CEO, Cape York Sustainable Futures.**

Re: Cape York Alliance. Call to Arms – Fundraising for a future of the people of Cape York Peninsula.

Resolution 15.4943

That Council supports in principle the Cape York Alliance in fundraising of \$500 from the Mayors fund.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr E Kerindun

CARRIED

9.8.4 **Fiona Jose, General Manager, Cape York Partnership.**

Re: Empowerment Communities: Opt-in Agreement.
Noted.

9.8.5 **Ian Lowth, Regional Manager, Sport and Recreation Services, Far North Region, Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing.**

Re: Catalogue of State Government's Sport and Recreation Services for 2015-2016.

Resolution 15.4944

That Council refers the Sport and Recreation Services Program 2015/16 to the Director Community Services for her consideration and follow up if necessary.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

9.9 **Mayors' Future Meetings**

Noted.

9.10 **Attended Meetings**

Noted.

Resolution 15.4945

That Council receives and adopts the Mayor's Report.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

CARRIED

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

10.1 **Leasing of Premises**

Noted.

10.2 **Business Development Report**

Noted.

Aurukun Community Foundation (ACF)

Resolution 15.4946

That Council requests Bottoms English Law to advise if the DGR progress for Aurukun Community Foundation will be completed by 31 January 2016, and if not, seeks alternative legal representative to complete the process.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings .....Mayor

10.3 Possible Boundary Alignment with Cook Shire

Noted.

10.4 Larger Meeting Venue

Resolution 15.4947

That Council proceeds with the wall removal and folding door installation works at the Aurukun Training Centre using existing funds held by ASC.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

10.5 LGAQ Annual Conference

Noted.

10.6 New Director General Department Infrastructure Local Government, Frankie Carroll.

Resolution 15.4948

That Council congratulates Frankie Carroll on his recent appointment as Director General, Department Infrastructure Local Government and Planning.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

10.7 Official Opening Wuungkam Lodge including Pikkuws Restaurant.

Resolution 15.4949

That Council agreed that Hon. Warren Entsch MP, Federal Minister for Leichardt, to perform the official opening for Wuungkam Lodge including Pikkuws Restaurant on 15 December 2015.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

10.8 Draft Community Partnership Agreement - Glencore

Resolution 15.4950

That Council approves in principle the draft Community Partnership Agreement as proposed by Glencore, subject to legal advice being sought from Preston Law on this agreement and final approval being considered in 2016.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

10.9 Correspondence

10.9.1 Barry Broe, Coordinator General, Office of Coordinator General.

Re: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for the South of Embley Project.

Resolution 15.4951

That Council notes the Coordinator General's report in respect of the South of Embley Project as proposed by Rio Tinto Aluminium Pty Ltd, Weipa.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

CARRIED

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10.9.2 Hon. Curtis Pitt MP, Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

Re: Boundary Alignments.

Noted.

10.9.3 Phil Clarke, Queensland Ombudsman.

Re: Review of Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010.

Noted.

10.9.4 Stephen Johnston, Acting Director-General, Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

Re: Proposed boundary realignment.

Noted.

10.9.5 Walter van der Merwe, Electoral Commissioner, Electoral Commission Queensland.

Re: Planning Local Government Elections – 19 March 2016.

Noted.

10.9.6 Jenny Humphris, Partner, MacDonnells Law.

Re: Control of Entry Submission.

Resolution 15.4952

That Council endorses a letter seeking Control of Entry that has been forwarded to Hon. Curtis Pitt MP, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP).

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

10.9.7 Barry Broe, Coordinator General, Office of Coordinator-General.

Re: Project Change request from Rio Tinto Aluminium for the South of Embley Project.

Noted.

10.9.8 Stephen Johnston, Acting Director-General, Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

Re: Appeal Rights in Local Government decision notices issued under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (SPA). *Please refer to Tabled document.*

Noted.

10.9.9 Brad Welsh, Manager Community Relations, Rio Tinto Aluminium.

Re: Attached draft Social Impact Management Plan for Council review and feedback.

Feedback to be received by 11 December 2015. *Refer to Tabled document*

Resolution 15.4953

That Council notes this draft Social Impact Management Plan of Rio Tinto Aluminium and any feedback be considered at Special Council Meeting on 27 November 2015.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

10.9.10 Stephen Johnston, Acting Director-General, Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

Re: Draft amendment to the State Planning Policy (SPP) for public consultation.

Noted.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.....Mayor

10.9.11 Bill Gilmore, Director – Finance and Funding, Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

Re: Unsuccessful application for funding assistance under the Queensland Governments 2015-16 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP).

Noted.

10.10 2016 Council Meetings
Resolution 15.4954

That Council approves the list of 2016 Council Meeting dates subject to the new Council ratifying the dates beyond 1 April 2016.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla
CARRIED

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

10.11 Future Meetings

Noted.

10.12 Attended Meetings – Cairns, Brisbane

Noted.

10.13 Possible Office Purchase

Resolution 15.4955

That Council goes into Committee.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta
CARRIED

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

Pursuant to the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council closed the meeting to the public to discuss "In Committee" certain matters;

b) industrial matters affecting employees;

Discussions transpired on this particular issue of CEO Contract via teleconference with Consultant Hayden Wright.

Resolution 15.4956

That Council comes out of Committee.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun
CARRIED

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

Resolution 15.4957

That Council approves the employment contract of CEO, Bernard Anthony McCarthy being extended on the same terms and conditions as his current contract for a further period of three years to commence on 8 May 2016 and concluding on 7 May 2019.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.55am and resumed at 11.27am.

Marina Schaefer, Chief Accountant entered the meeting at 11.05am to present the Finance Report to Council.

10.9.12 Late Item - Don Geyer CPA, Finance Manager, Western Cape Communities Coordinating Committee (WCCCA).

Re: Outstanding Grant – Refurbishment of swimming pool and charges associated with funerals.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.....Mayor

Resolution 15.4958

That Council requests:

1. Chief Accountant and Business Development Grants Officer (BDGO) to provide acquittal details in respect to the swimming pool grant; and
2. Director Community Services and BDGO to provide further information in respect of funeral expenses to WCCCA for consideration for Workshop in 2016.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

Resolution 15.4959

That Council goes into Committee.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

CARRIED

Pursuant to the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council closed the meeting to the public to discuss "In Committee" certain matters;

- b) the local government's budget;

Discussions transpired on this particular issue of possible property purchase in Cairns. A detailed explanation of proposal was provided by CEO and Chief Accountant.

Resolution 15.4960

That Council comes out of Committee.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

Resolution 15.4961

That Council defers this decision for possible property purchase in Cairns until Special Council Meeting is held on Friday, 27 November 2015 commencing at 9am.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

Resolution 15.4962

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

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

11. Financial Performance Report and Budget Review – Executive Summary

11.1 Cash and Investments

Noted.

11.2 Update on Capital Budget

Noted.

11.3 Summary Council Operations

Noted.

11.4 Debtors

Outstanding Debtor for Rental Payments – 416 Pikkuw Street

Resolution 15.4963

That Council instigates immediate legal action against Mr Saki Canaweka through Preston Law for the whole rental debt amount within 30 days and if payment fails, eviction proceedings be instituted immediately.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings .....Mayor

11.5 Attachments

Noted.

Resolution 15.4964

That Council receives and adopts the Finance Report.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

Marina Schaefer departed the meeting at 12.36pm.

12. REPORT – DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

12.1 Grants Officer's Report

Noted.

12.2 Human Resources Managers Report

Noted.

12.3 Administration Managers Report

Noted.

12.4 Art Centre Managers Report

Noted.

12.5 IT/Records Report

Noted.

12.6 Leasing

Noted.

12.7 Internal Audit Committee

Resolution 15.4965

That Council endorses the minutes of the first ASC Internal Audit Committee meeting held on 17 September 2015 and adopts any recommendations included in the minutes.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

CARRIED

12.8 Records Management

Purchase of Specialised Scanner

Resolution 15.4966

That the Council purchases a non- networked scanner for \$3,755 from IT Supplies on the provision that the Records Officer trains at least two people full time staff in the council office in its operation before her contract is completed and that council's budget be amended to reflect this expenditure.

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

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12.9 Late Item

Fees and Charges – Washing Machine Use for Guests Personal Laundry

Resolution 15.4967

That Council amends the fees and charges to \$4.00 incl. GST for guests at Wuungkam Lodge and Kooth Pach Guest House to do their personal laundry.

MOVED: Cr A Woolla

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

CARRIED

Resolution 15.4968

That Council receives and adopts Director Corporate Services Report.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned for Lunch at 1.15pm and resumed at 1.30pm.

Dimity Adams and Sue Rayment-Hugh, Griffith University entered the meeting at 1.30pm to present their Neighbourhood Survey results.

Items Discussed:

- The Neighbourhood Survey was conducted by both Dimity and Sue from September to October 2015.
- Survey Details
 - The questions were based on finding out how worried the Community were about children and youth in this community being sexually abused. People were asked to indicate this on a worry scale.
 - People were also presented with seven scenarios and to indicate whether it was okay or not okay.
 - Mostly home visits, some individuals were approached at their workplace.
- Level of Participation
 - Households from each street are represented in the survey. 90 households were approached.
- Summary
 - People clear that sexual abuse of young children was not okay.
 - People had different views about what was okay and not okay in relationships.
 - Suggests need for clearer community rule setting regarding relationship behaviour.
- Safety Responses – What participants found difficult
 - Strong message given about need for protection. People should look after their kids and tell them to do something about it.
 - Fewer ideas about how to achieve this. Few actual safety strategies identified.
 - A few barriers were identified re; intervening to protect children. Might cause a fight and people might get drunk – best not to get involved. Families not sure how to do this and are afraid that family will turn on them for speaking out.
- Opportunity to build knowledge and skills in implementing safety strategies.
- Findings
 - Even though people were clear that sexual abuse of children was not okay, they couldn't identify ways to keep children safe.
 - People were unclear about what was okay and not okay in relationships, and even when they thought relationship behaviour was not okay, they couldn't identify ways to keep people safe. People want help, but don't know how or where to get help from, who do they talk to?
- Inform Prevention Activities
 - Parent Education Program (Cape Parents Protect) focused on building skills in implementing safety strategies and responses.

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- Safety messages and rule setting to be key focus of discussions with Community members (Community Mobilisation Activity).
- Strategies to be developed to disseminate key safety rules and safety messages (Partnership with Council)
- Encourage existing services to build skills and knowledge in this field.
- Evaluate Project Activities – Repeat survey in 2016.
- Councillors Vera Koomeeta and Ada Woolla will go out with Dimity and Sue for the next survey visit to assist with speaking to people.
- Dimity and Sue thanked ASC for allowing the survey to take place and would be happy to provide this information to other stakeholders.

Dimity Adams and Sue Rayment-Hugh departed the meeting at 2.18pm

13. REPORT – DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

13.1 Recruiting Update
Noted.

13.2 Funerals
Noted.

13.3 Events
Noted.

13.4 Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Noted.

13.5 GSS Security Guard
Noted.

13.6 Koolkan Childcare Report
Noted.

13.7 Community Home Help Program Report
Noted.

Dr Mark Wenitong, Apunipima, joined the meeting via Videoconference from ASC Cairns Office at 2.35pm.

Points of Discussion;

- ICE – Purer than speed and being sold cheaper to get people addicted and if people don't have any money to pay, they become dealers.
- Have had discussions with the Drug Squad, who advised that they have had minor seizures of the drug including Aurukun.
- Linked to child neglect as well as domestic violence.
- Children are born with deformities and addiction.
- We need to identify at a Community level and try and help deal with this drug coming into Aurukun.
- One person is reported to have presented for ICE withdrawal.
- No amphetamines or ICE in system from Cape York deaths.
- RFDS – Mental Health – identifying youths and working with them.
- Symptoms
 - Shaking, trembling, paranoia, teeth grinding, weight loss and sleep deprivation, agitation, unsociable, mood swings from sad to angry fast, can't make decisions or go to work.
- Community Structures and Councils

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- Fund and help communities to assist with response.
- Attempted Suicides
 - 26 attempted suicides have been recorded in the last four months in Aurukun.
 - Well Being Centre needs to engage with families, go out into the Community.
 - Will be looking at a different approach.
 - Need a community based approach.
 - Social and emotional training.
 - Identify former health workers in the Community to assist.
- CEO asked if Dr Mark was aware of ICE coming into Communities via the postal service. Dr Mark advised that the drug Squad was aware of this, but is on a small scale.
- Dr Mark thanked ASC for their time.

Dr Mark Wenitong departed the meeting at 2.56pm

13.8 Environmental Health and Animal Control

Staffing

Noted.

Animal Control – Wandering Cattle

Resolution 15.4969

That Council requests Director Community Services to contact York Downs Station after 21 November 2015 to request possible assistance in removing the cattle at no cost to Council.

MOVED: Cr D Poonkamelya

SECONDED: Cr E Kerindun

CARRIED

Resolution 15.4970

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. Building Services

Noted.

b. Furniture Factory

Noted.

c. Staff Housing

Noted.

d. Library

Noted.

e. Tree House

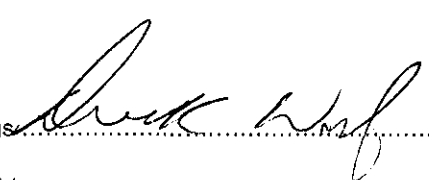
Noted.

f. Guest house

Noted.

14.2 Civil Construction and Maintenance

g. New Cemetery

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings..........Mayor

Noted.

14.3 Water and Sewerage

Noted.

14.4 Stores

Noted.

14.5 Workshop

Noted.

14.6 Parks and Gardens

Noted.

14.7 Airport

Noted.

14.8 Waste

Noted.

14.9 Disaster Management Plan

Noted.

Resolution 15.4971

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

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings .....Mayor

General Business

Aurukun Township Tour – Property/Facilities/Infrastructure issues

Mayor Dereck Walpo, CEO Bernie McCarthy, Directors Ron Fenner, Vivien Bull and Graham Osborne undertook a township tour on Tuesday, 3 November 2015.

Sites visited were:

- Arts Centre
- Training Centre
- Workshop / Depot
- Telstra tower
- Yard adjacent to Workshop
- Dongas - MacKenzie Camp
- Tree house
- 3RCC / Tavern
- Green donga near pool
- Former swimming pool
- New Cemetery
- Chivaree aged care/disabled centre
- Fred Kerindun Drive units, garages,
- Land opposite FK Drive or future development
- John Koowarta Drive – land use
- War Street Council lot 424, Ex RBS clean-up
- Market Garden – War Street
- Amban Lane - vacant block
- Derelict houses - War Street
- Guest house
- Wuungkam Lodge

Budget works, urgent repairs, clean ups, planned improvements, etc. were discussed for these properties and facilities. Numerous follow up actions came out of this worthwhile exercise which will continue to be a regular exercise.

416 Pikkuw Street

CEO requests that an investigation of the commercial activity and undertake if appropriate the necessary licencing be required at 416 Pikkuw Street.

Lot 237, ASC Property – Removal of Materials

Resolution 15.4972

That Council agrees that CYE be requested to remove any of their materials from Lot 237 – ASC controlled property as soon as possible.

Moved: Cr E Kerindun

Seconded: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

Permission and Payment to use Council Property – Lot 237

Resolution 15.4973

That Council requires Cameron Herbert Constructions Pty Ltd to:

- 1) apply for permission to occupy part of Lot 237, Township of Aurukun,
- 2) pay an agreed rental for occupation of this land, and
- 3) pay an agreed rate for water supply from township reticulation system.

Moved: Cr V Koomeeta

Seconded: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.....Mayor

Special Council Meeting

Resolution 15.4974

A Special Council Meeting will be held at 9am on Friday, 27 November 2015 for the following business;

1. Possible Property Purchase
2. Wandering Cattle
3. CCTV Contract
4. Sewerage Upgrade and required Funding
5. 2014/15 Annual Report Adoption
6. Social Impact Statement – Rio Tinto

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun


SECONDED: Cr D Poonkamelya

CARRIED

Ordinary Council Meeting

Next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at 9am on Tuesday, 15 December 2015.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the Meeting at 3.41pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.....Mayor