

**MINUTES OF YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON WEDNESDAY, 28 JULY 2021 AT 10:00AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Ross Andrews (Mayor), Cr David Baird, Cr Brian Underwood, Cr Kenneth Jackson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Leon Yeatman (CEO), Jemma Litchenfeld (Director Corporate Services), Richard Wright (Director Human Resources, Risk and Regulations), Avril Yeatman (Director Policy and Governance), Preston Andrews (Director Works and Infrastructure)

**1 WELCOME**

Mayor Andrews declared the meeting open at 10.58 am.

The councillors and staff members present were welcomed to the meeting.

One minutes silence was observed to respect those who have passed away.

**2 APOLOGIES**

Cr Lucrecia Willett

**3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – COUNCIL / REGISTER UPDATES**

The Mayor reminded the councillors of the need to declare their conflicts of interest as required for items in the meeting.

**4 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

**4.1 2021-2022 BUDGET**

Director Corporate Services Jemma Lichtenfeld and Finance Manager Mike Mair presented the council with financial information relating to the 2021/22 budget. The key points for the budget:

- Sustainability question is growing
- This budget is again a bare-bones budget – limited scope for non-essential items and Management conducted an exercise to look into cut-backs for the next financial year.
- Scope exists to address deficiencies, work has commenced to identify the areas which are have the potential to perform better, consider appropriate management action and to consider new source opportunities to increase revenue.

**RESOLUTION 11:28/07/2021**

That Council resolve to adopt Council's budget for 2021-2022.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

**CARRIED**

At 11:37 am, Cr Brian Underwood left the meeting.

**4.2 2021/2022 REVENUE POLICY**

Director Corporate Services Jemma Lichtenfeld and Finance Manager Mike Mair presented the council with draft copy of the 2021/22 Revenue Policy.

**RESOLUTION 12:28/07/2021**

That Council resolve to adopt the 2021-2022 Revenue Policy

Moved: Cr David Baird

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

**CARRIED**

**4.3 2021/22 FEES RATES & CHARGES**

Director Corporate Services Jemma Lichtenfeld and Finance Manager Mike Mair presented the council with the draft copy of 2021/22 schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges. Council advised the rates have not changed for a period. The issue for council is the need for water increases to cover cost of treatment. Note the lack of planned approach means this action will come across as a hit and will require a communication strategy to ensure the changes are communicated. CEO supported need to address gap within current communication strategy and supported action to share / recover cost.

Items for council consideration

- 10% water
- 2.5 garbage & sewerage
- \$10/week social housing rental increase

**RESOLUTION 13:28/07/2021**

That Council resolve to adopt the 2021/22 Schedule of Fees Rates & Charges with the following amendments:

- 10% water;
- 2.5 garbage & sewerage;
- \$10/week social housing rental increase.

Moved: Cr David Baird

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

**CARRIED**

At 11:46 am, Cr Brian Underwood returned to the meeting.

**4.4 BISHOP MALCOLM PARK, LOT 905 WORKSHOP STREET.  
RESOLUTION: 03 29/03/2021 - CORRECTION ON WORDING OF RESOLUTION.**

Report noted issues with the wording from the minutes in March – lacked clear reference and amendment required to ensure clear directions for CEO to issue to staff.

Proposed amendment:

*As per recommendation from Director Works and Infrastructure, authorisation granted to remove structure on Lot 905 SP265165, which has been assessed and classified as condemned (report attached 03) to be removed from council asset register and identified for demolition.*

*Authorisation granted to remove any other plants, trees and infrastructure to make way for the redevelopment project for Bishop Malcolm Park*

*This action is linked to the Yarrabah Master Plan Priority Project 2 Upgrade Bishop Malcolm Park.*

The wording above will enable the management team to advance planned works and activities as part of Master Plan – Priority Plan 2. Malcolm Park redevelopment

**RESOLUTION 14:28/07/2021**

*Amendment: As per recommendation from Director Works and Infrastructure, authorisation granted to remove structure on Lot 905 SP265165, which has been assessed and classified as condemned (report attached 03) to be removed from council asset register and identified for demolition.*

*Authorisation granted to remove any other plants, trees and infrastructure to make way for the redevelopment project for Bishop Malcolm Park*

*This action is linked to the Yarrabah Master Plan Priority Project 2 Upgrade Bishop Malcolm Park.*

Moved: Cr Ross Andrews

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

**CARRIED**

#### 4.5 DA2021\_017 - GINDAJA MCU IMPACT APPLICATION COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE 8 WORKSHOP STREET YARRABAH

Reported provided to council detailing the proposed redevelopment plans for Workshop Street site. Gindaja Substance Misuse and Treatment Centre have secured funding to redevelop the site to better cater for community need.

Council support for them to have title to the lot has opened up options for new infrastructure funding.

The site will be modernised and meet with the developments that have recently been completed in the lot occupied by Gurriny.

The DA will support the investment in Yarrabah and infrastructure will accommodate need in community.

#### RESOLUTION 15:28/07/2021

That Council resolve to approve a Development Permit under Section 60 of the *Planning Act 2016*, (subject to conditions):

- a. The Development Application lodged with Council by Planz Town Planning Pty Ltd on behalf of Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation for:
  - (i) Material Change of Use to enable the development of a Community Care Centre (Learning and Well-being Centre) at Workshop Road on Lot 923 SP265165.

Councillors acknowledge their Community Membership with Gindaja AC (Non sitting Directors). The interest of Councillors are non- pecuniary and the decision is in the public's best interest.

(Community Service Hub)

Moved: Cr Kenneth Jackson

Seconded: Cr David Baird

**CARRIED**

At 12:03 pm, Cr Brian Underwood declared his interest left the meeting.

Mayor acknowledged Jemma last day and thanks her for her services. And welcomed Mike.

#### 5 STRATEGIC PORTFOLIO UPDATE

Councillors to provide updates on Meetings and Trips and other information for the meeting.

#### 6 CLOSE OF MEETING

Date for the next Council Ordinary Meeting is Tuesday 18 August 2021.

The Mayor thanked the councillors and staff for their participation and attendance at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 12.10 pm.



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**MAYOR**