



**MINUTES OF YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2021 AT 9:00AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Leon Yeatman (CEO), Mike Mair (Director Corporate Services), Shanara Andrews (PA to CEO – Minute Taker)

1 MEETING OPEN

Mayor Andrews declared the meeting open at 9.40am

Mayor reminded Councillors of the Minister visit today.

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

One minute's silence was observed to respect those who have passed away.

Cr Baird opened with a word of prayer.

2 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians from both Gunggandji and Mandingalbay Yidinji nations also he acknowledged the South Sea Islanders, whose elders, past present and emerging still reside in Yarrabah, on whose country the meeting is being held today.

Acknowledgment also offered for our historical elders past present and emerging who also call Yarrabah home and support the progress in the shire.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION 01:20/10/2021

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 September 2021 be adopted.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood
Seconded: Cr Lucrecia Willett

CARRIED

CR Jackson Congratulated Samuel Bann snr and the Seahawks club on their 2021 CDRL Grand Final win. And also Gillian Bann on winning the Northern QRL award and the National award.

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- The Nite Birds (local band) 60th anniversary community event proposal.
- T J Micro have started installing the internet in the new council chambers building.
- Container for refund will start in early November, 3 days a week proposed as an initial operational plan. Works continuing.
- Dumping of rubbish is still a problem. Funding secured through ICCIP to prepare the site for the Waste Transfer station installation. This funding will cover the site preparation which has been detailed to include the removal of the rubbish – tender has been sought and proposed works planned to commence shortly.
- Betel Nut, CEO will action this with the Local Law. CEO stated it will take time due to a number of process it has to go through.

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – COUNCIL / REGISTER UPDATES

The Mayor reminded the Councillors of the requirement to declare their conflicts of interest to the CEO prior to the meeting and called on all councillors to re-declare them now.

No declarations made.

7 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1 CEO OPERATIONAL REPORT

Monthly Council meeting report on the operational and strategic performance of council business for month of October 2021.

The Operational Quarterly Report was also included.

The CEO read to the report.

RESOLUTION 02:20/10/2021

That Council accept the CEO Operational and Quarterly Report for the period to 19 October 2021

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood
Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

CARRIED

At 10:19 am, Cr Brian Underwood left the meeting.

At 10:21 am, Cr Brian Underwood returned to the meeting.

At 10:36 am, Cr Kenneth Jackson left the meeting.

At 10:40 am, Cr Kenneth Jackson returned to the meeting.

At 10:58 am, Cr David Baird left the meeting.

At 11:03 am, Cr David Baird returned to the meeting.

At 11:04 am, Cr Brian Underwood left the meeting.

At 11:09 am, Cr Brian Underwood returned to the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 11.06 am

Meeting Reconvened at 11.17am

7.2 YASC MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Provide council with monthly financial report. This report covers the financial period 30 September 2021.

The Director – Corporate Services read to the report.

RESOLUTION 03:20/10/2021

That Council accept the September 2021 Finance Reports.

1. Operating results
2. Current Debtors:
 - Trade Debtors & Creditors,
 - Housing Debtors
3. Capital works
4. Balance sheet
5. Cash position
6. Status of Commercial lease
7. Grant Report
8. Areas of Concern Report

Moved: Cr David Baird

Seconded: Cr Lucrecia Willett

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

- Director of Finance to organise meeting with Housing Department regarding housing debt.
- Mike to get on to Jason to get photos of completed projects.

7.3 YARRABAH MARKET GARDEN FEASIBILITY STUDY

To provide an update to Council on the Yarrabah Market Garden feasibility study being undertaken by Morris & Piper Advisory (M&PA).

The CEO read to the report.

RESOLUTION 04:20/10/2021

That Council approve the recommendation presented by the Steering Committee for the Yarrabah Market Garden Project to approve the following material supplied by Project Managers Morris & Piper Advisory:

1. Yarrabah Market Garden Options Paper and
2. Consultation Strategy

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr David Baird

CARRIED

7.4 YARRABAH MICRO-GRID FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE

To provide an update on the Microgrid Feasibility Project and seek a letter of support from Council confirming Council's intent *'to work with the project team to deliver the required solar - on rooftops of houses, Council buildings and some ground mounted solar in one or more locations will be of great assistance with applications for funding to the Federal and State Governments and to private investors'*.

The CEO read to the report.

RESOLUTION 05:20/10/2021

That Council support request from Microgrid Feasibility Project to:

1. Provide a 'letter of support' containing words to the following effect:

"Yarrabah Council has been working with the Microgrid Project Team to determine the feasibility of Microgrid Solutions for Yarrabah. The social, environmental and economic benefits along with improved resilience are strongly supported by Council.

The Project team is currently developing a Business Case for implementation of the Microgrid Solution and actively seeking funding.

Council understand that there is a requirement to deliver the solar solutions on rooftops of houses, Council buildings and some ground mounted solar in one or more locations.

This letter confirms Council's support for Microgrid Funding applications and in principle support for the use of Council buildings and land for the installation of solar subject to further refinement of the locations and formal agreement of Council on the final solutions."

2. Authorize the CEO to finalise the associated administrative actions.

Moved: Cr Kenneth Jackson

Seconded: Cr Brian Underwood

CARRIED

At 12:01 pm, Cr David Baird left the meeting.

At 12:07 pm, Cr David Baird returned to the meeting.

7.5 YARRABAH TOWN CENTRE

To update Council on the investigations and outcomes of the Rural Transaction Centre. Funding for this investigation has been provided by the State Government and acquittal of the Grant is due at the end of October 2021.

The CEO read to the report.

RESOLUTION 06:20/10/2021

That Council approve:

1. Adoption of reviewed Yarrabah Town Centre report, which identifies the necessary design stages in order to progress the project scope to pursue funding
2. Authorize the CEO to incorporate this change into acquittal of the current Grant funding. To ensure the project cost that not exceed the current grant (cost neutral) .

Moved: Cr David Baird

Seconded: Cr Brian Underwood

CARRIED

At 12:19 pm, Cr Brian Underwood left the meeting.

At 12:21 pm, Cr Brian Underwood returned to the meeting.

At 12:25 pm, Cr Lucrecia Willett left the meeting.

At 12:28 pm, Cr Lucrecia Willett returned to the meeting.

7.6 ASSET TRANSFER - YARRABAH JETTY

Present council with copy of legal opinion relating to the proposed asset transfer of the Yarrabah Jetty to Council.

The CEO read to the report.

RESOLUTION 07:20/10/2021

That Council endorse the legal advice and discuss these issues with the State at a conceptual level before it is reduced into writing, due to the advice provided is fundamentally different to the model that the State has proposed. CEO authorised to facilitate the next phase of the project with great caution and report back to the council at the next meeting.

Moved: Cr Kenneth Jackson

Seconded: Cr Lucrecia Willett

CARRIED

7.7 NEW CORPORATE PLAN

To inform Council of the requirements to adopt new Corporate Plan (five years) in accordance with section 104 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 165 of the Local Government

Regulation 2012 and to obtain a resolution to commence the preparation of the new Corporate Plan.

The CEO read to the report.

RESOLUTION 08:20/10/2021

That Council

1. Endorsed the commencement of the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Corporate Plan 2022-2027 process
2. Council authorise the CEO to lead the project, secure appropriate assistance, facilitate engagement process and report back to council.

Moved: Cr Ross Andrews

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

CARRIED

7.8 NEW POLICY - PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE POLICY

To report to Council the legal requirements under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010* for Council to implement a suitable policy and procedures in relation to Public Interest Disclosures (PIDs). To present to Council the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council (YASC) Public Interest Disclosure Policy for endorsement and associated procedures to be read in conjunction with this policy and for implementation by the CEO.

The CEO read to the report.

RESOLUTION 09:20/10/2021

That Council

1. Accepts the recommendation of the Director – Human Resources, Risk & Regulations and endorses the Public Interest Disclosure Policy, effective as of time of resolution ; and
2. Authorizes the CEO to implement the Public Interest Disclosure Procedures, to be read in conjunction with this Policy.

Moved: Cr Lucrecia Willett

Seconded: Cr David Baird

CARRIED

7.9 COMMUNITY EVENT - NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION, 31/12/2021

Present to council proposal for the 2021 New Year's Eve celebration activities. "2021 New Year's Eve Celebration – Firework" approval required from council for the site to be the Yarrabah Jetty at Gribble Point.

The CEO read to the report.

RESOLUTION 10:20/10/2021

That Council endorse the proposed 2021 New Year's Eve fireworks project plan and authorise use of the new Jetty at Gribble Point to release fireworks. Fireworks to be supplied by 'A Bright Nite Fireworks'. Council directs that all appropriate safety standards and compliance procedures to be inspected by the CEO or delegate prior to the event.

Moved: Cr Kenneth Jackson

Seconded: Cr Lucrecia Willett

CARRIED

8 CORRESPONDENCE**8.1 CORRESPONDENCE FROM LGAQ IN RELATION TO THE INDIGENOUS LEADERS FORUM AT MACKAY ON MONDAY 25 OCTOBER 2021**

Table correspondence to the CEO from the Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ) in relation to the meeting agenda for the Indigenous Leaders Forum to be held in Mackay on Monday, 25 October 2021.

The CEO read to the report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the correspondence from the LGAQ in relation to the agenda for the Indigenous Leaders Forum at Mackay on Monday 25 October 2021, as read.

8.2 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, DSDILGP

Table correspondence to the CEO from the Director-General, Executive Services Unit Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP) in relation to Government notification about the establishment of a new sustainability framework discussion paper for Queensland councils.

The CEO read to the report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council

1. Note the correspondence from the Director-General DSDILGP, as read.
2. Authorise the CEO review the discussion paper and consider making a submission in response to the discussion paper

Meeting Adjourned at 12.45pm

Meeting Reconvened at 3.04 pm

Cr Willett left the meeting at 3.04 pm

Cr Andrews left the meeting at 3.04 pm

8.3 REQUEST FOR DONATION - THE NITE BIRDS COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

(Matter deferred from Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 September 2021)

To report to Council of correspondence received from Ms Laurianne Harris, requesting financial assistance for a commemorative celebration.

The CEO read to the report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council Acknowledges milestone occasion for 'The Nite Birds' - 60 years of being the original instrumental band in Yarrabah.

In recognition of this milestone and in accordance with the Community Grants Policy, authorises the CEO to classify this as a one off 'community event' and action the donation of \$400.00 as financial support for the commemorative celebrations scheduled for 30th October 2021.

The community hall authorised to be used for this event and the event managed using current COVID rules.

Organising members to work with Director Community Services to ensure the terms of the hall use and management of event is in-line with council's terms and conditions.

Request for assistant declined: Citing the current rules for the use of the Community Hall and the associated risk. Council also fear the proposed recommendation will create expectation in community that the hall is open for general activities – potentially opens the facility to abuse. Council offer their recognition for this milestone.

9 STRATEGIC PORTFOLIO UPDATE

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

10 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

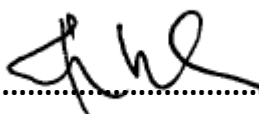
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11 CLOSE OF MEETING

Date for the next Council Ordinary Meeting is Wednesday 17 November 2021.

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

Meeting closed at 3.07 pm.

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MAYOR