

**MINUTES OF YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, 19 JULY 2022 AT 10.00AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Wright (Acting CEO), Mike Mair (Director Corporate Services), Charlene Cressbrook (PA to Mayor & CEO – Minute Taker)

1 MEETING OPEN

Mayor Andrews declared the meeting open at 9:26am.

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

Councillor Baird opened with a word of Prayer.

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

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

He also he acknowledged the historical descendants whose elders past present and emerging also call Yarrabah home and support progress in the Shire..

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION 01:19/07/2022

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 June 2022, the Special Council Meeting held on 30 June 2022 and the Special Council Meeting held on 11 July 2022 be adopted.

Moved: Cr David Baird

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

CARRIED 5/5

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Mayor inquired as to the status of negotiations with Gindaja in relation to the relocation of their demountable building from its current location. The Acting CEO advised that he was aware that the CEO had corresponded with the CEO of Gindaja just prior to their resignation taking effect, with a possible site proposed at the old basketball court near the Daycare Centre. Councillor Jackson raised concerns as to the proximity of this location, being that the demountable building was proposed be used by the Youth Justice team in the future.

Council requested the Acting CEO consult with the Gindaja CEO on any other available options.

The Mayor noted that due to budget constraints, Councillors should consider the need to attend the Outstanding Leaders Award. Attendance at this ceremony was subject of a resolution 15:15/06/2022 in the June Ordinary Meeting. Councillors agreed that this trip should be cancelled. The Acting CEO was requested to place a rescindment motion of this resolution on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – COUNCIL / REGISTER UPDATES

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

The Mayor declared a conflict of interest in relation to matters 7.9 (Confirmation of Aboriginality of Ngema Andrews) and 8.5 (Sponsorship request by Choppy's Boxing Club).

Acting CEO confirmed that the Mayor had declared this conflict of interest prior to the meeting.

7 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1 CEO OPERATIONAL REPORT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Monthly Council meeting report on the operational and strategic performance of council business for month of July 2022.

Comment:

The Acting CEO apologised to Council that Action items were not addressed in the Acting CEO's report. This was a result of the CEO departing on 13/07/2022 and the Acting CEO only being informed on the afternoon of 11/07/2022 that they would be performing this role. The Acting CEO will provide an update of items in their August report.

The Acting CEO advised that moving forward, Directors would prepare and present reports for Council meetings for their operational areas. The Acting CEO reminded Councillors of the provisions relating to separation of powers would be maintained during any presentation by staff.

The Acting CEO advised Council of the resignation of the Director Community Services, effective 29 August 2022 and that the advertising / recruitment process would be commenced for this role. With the position of Housing Services Manager now being vacant, approaches have been made to ATSI Housing DCHDE with a view of seconding a suitable Team Leader for a period to address compliance issues and debt recovery. Council noted their support for this course of action.

The Acting CEO advised Council of the implementation of a Grants Committee, to consist of an elected member (to provide strategic input), Director of Corporate Services, Grants Officer and

relevant Director. The Mayor advised that he supported this approach and volunteered to represent the Councillors on this Committee.

RESOLUTION 02:19/07/2022

That Council accept the CEO Operational Report for the period to 14th July 2022.

The principles of Local Government be observed and associated rules as contained within the Local Government Act 2009 pertaining to the 'separation of powers' to be observed and promoted.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr David Baird

CARRIED 5/5

At 10:12 am, Cr David Baird left the meeting.

At 10:15 am, Cr David Baird returned to the meeting.

10: 30am Meeting adjourned.

11:00am Meeting recommenced

7.2 YASC MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Provide council with monthly financial report. This report covers the financial period 30 June 2022.

Comment:

Councillors inquired as to strategies being implemented to address areas of financial concern.

Director Corporate Services noted that other Directors were briefed of these areas and potential actions discussed. The implementation of these actions rested with the individual Directors.

Council called for the Acting CEO to have this addressed with Directors and Managers to take relevant management decisions to address these operational issues.

RESOLUTION 03:19/07/2022

That Council accept the 30 June 2022 Finance Reports as tabled.

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

Moved: Cr David Baird

Seconded: Cr Brian Underwood

CARRIED 5/5

At 12:35 pm, Meeting Adjourned

At 12:54 pm, Meeting Recommenced.

Councillor Willett advised of the need to attend another urgent matter, previously discussed with the Mayor.

At 12:54 pm, Cr Lucrecia Willett left the meeting.

7.3 CORRECTION TO THE 2022 - 2024 PRE-QUALIFIED SUPPLIERS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To make a correction to the 2022-2024 Pre-Qualified Suppliers for Professional Services.

There was an omission in the assessment and the purpose of this report is to correct the error and amend the panel of Pre-Qualified Suppliers accordingly.

Comment:

The Acting CEO advised Council that at the Special Council Meeting of 5 May 2022, Council resolved the Pre-Qualified Suppliers for Trades and Services 2022 – 2024 (YASC 2022-005). Due to an administrative error, Planz Town Planning were not included in several categories. The recommended action is to rectify this oversight.

RESOLUTION 04:19/07/2022

That Council resolve to amend the approved list of suppliers on Councils’ list of Pre-Qualified Suppliers for Professional Services for 2022-2024, to include the following:

Suppliers	Category
Planz Town Planning Pty Ltd	Urban Design & Master Planning Economic Development Grant Writing Services Renewable Energy Consultancy and Supply Town Planning

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood
Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

CARRIED 4/4

7.4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - ON BEHALF OF OPTUS NETWORKS PTY LTD FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Optus and Ventia are seeking planning approval for a new telecommunications facility at Bukki Road, Yarrabah. (Part of Lot 303 on Plan SP2284220). The facility seeks to maintain and improve coverage to the Yarrabah area.

Comment:

Council noted the benefits this facility would provide to the community and that written consent for the facility had been provided by the land owners, the Gunggandji PBC Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC.

RESOLUTION 05:19/07/2022

The Council is the Local Government Authority for the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire and the Trustee of the Yarrabah Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT). As the Local Government Authority and Trustee for the DOGIT the Council has the responsibility of deciding what is in the best interest of the community.

It is considered that approving a new telecommunications facility at Bukki Road, Yarrabah. (Part of Lot 303 on Plan SP2284220) is considered to be of benefit to all of the Yarrabah community.

Council as the Local Government Authority and Trustee of the DOGIT resolves to approve the Development Application made under Section 282 of the *Planning Act 2016*.

The Council authorise the Acting CEO to execute a Decision Notice to the Applicant/s in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* with the following conditions:-

(1) Administration

- a) The applicant is responsible to carry out the approved development and comply with relevant requirements in accordance with:
- b) The specifications, facts and circumstances as set out in the application submitted to Council;
- c) The development must unless stated, be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with relevant Council policies, guidelines and standards.

(2) Approved Plans

- a) The development of the site is to be generally in accordance with the following plans that are to be the Approved Plans of Development, except as altered by any other condition of approval.

Plan / Document Name	Reference	Date
Site Plan for Approval	B1722-A-P2 -01	16/11/21
Side Elevation	B1722-A-P2 -01	16/11/21
Site Layout	B1722-A-P1 -01	16/11/21

- b) Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this approval and the details shown on the approved plan and documents, the conditions of approval must prevail.
- c) Where conditions require the above plans or documents to be amended, the revised document(s) must be submitted for endorsement by Council prior to the commencement of use.

(3) Currency Period and Timing of Effect

- 2.1 The currency period applicable to this approval (i.e. the timeframe new plan of survey for the new lease must be registered within).

- Material Change of Use – 6 Years

- 2.2 Prior to the commencement of use, the applicant must notify Council that all the conditions of the development permit have been complied with, except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval.

(4) General

- a) The Telecommunication facility must not exceed 50m in height.
- b) The applicant/developer is responsible for the cost of necessary alterations to existing public utility mains, services or installations required by works in relation to the proposed development or any works required by condition(s) of this approval.
- c) All works must be designed, constructed and carried out generally in accordance with FNQROC Development Manual requirements (as amended), except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval, and to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer

(5) Damage to Infrastructure

- a) In the event that any part of Council's infrastructure is damaged as a result of work associated with the development, Council must be notified immediately of the affected infrastructure and have it repaired or replaced by Council, at no cost to Council. All works must be completed prior to the issue of a Compliance Certificate for the Plan of Survey.

(6) Standards and Amenity

6.1 Warning/information signs, which comply with the relevant workplace health and safety requirements, must be erected at the premises.

6.2 Colours/Finishes, Fencing and Lighting

- (a) The equipment cabinet will be a neutral colour.
- (b) The monopole will be painted/finished a suitable neutral colour (i.e. Woodland grey or Pale Eucalypt) to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer, so as to blend with the visual landscape.
- (c) No external lights are permitted to be attached to the telecommunications facility, except where required for aircraft hazard lighting purposes or similar.

6.3 Decommissioning and Site Rehabilitation

At such time as the approved use is abandoned, the site must be rehabilitated to a level that ensures:

- (a) The monopole tower, and all above ground infrastructure, are removed from the site;
- (b) The site is made suitable for other uses compatible with the planning intent for the locality; and
- (c) The visual amenity of the site is restored to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer.

A Decommissioning and Site Rehabilitation plan shall be submitted to Council for approval, prior to the application of a building approval for demolition.

6.4 Operational Standards & Requirements

- (a) The telecommunications facility must be designed and operated to restrict human exposure to electromagnetic radiation in accordance with the:
- *Radio Communications (Electromagnetic Radiation – Human Exposure) Standard 2003; and*
 - *Radio Protection Standard for Maximum Exposure Levels to Radiofrequency Fields.*
- (b) Within three (3) months of the approved facility becoming operational, a site compliance certificate is to be submitted by an appropriately qualified person to verify that the site complies with the requirements and limits of the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency, Radiation Protection Standard (2002) Maximum Exposure Levels to Radio Frequency Fields – 3 kHz to 300 GHz.
- (c) In addition to the above, the operator of the infrastructure must provide a site compliance certificate within two (2) months of a request from Council. The site compliance certificate must assume:
- (i) Full power usage; and
 - (ii) A maximum down-tilt of antennae.

Moved: Cr Kenneth Jackson

Seconded: Cr David Baird

CARRIED 4/4

At 1:35 pm, Cr David Baird left the meeting.

At 1:42 pm, Cr David Baird returned to the meeting.

7.5 BISHOP MALCOLM PARK - STAGE CONSTRUCTION TENDER AWARD

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To seek Council endorsement to award Contract YASC2022-008 for the Bishop Malcolm Park Stage Construction to Richard Field Construction Pty Ltd for sum of \$546,788.00 including GST.

Comment:

Councillors requested to view the site and stage plans. Same were supplied to Council for consideration.

RESOLUTION 06:19/07/2022

That Council resolve to:-

1. Accept the recommendation of Mr Preston Andrews, Director of Works & Infrastructure, and award the Contract YASC2022-008 Bishop Malcolm Park Stage Construction to Richard Field Construction Pty Ltd for sum of \$546,788.00 including GST.
2. Authorise the Acting CEO to action this by signing any necessary contracts and issuing of a Purchase Order for the stated costs.

Moved: Cr Kenneth Jackson
Seconded: Cr Brian Underwood

CARRIED 4/4

7.6 Q-BUILD UP-GRADE PROJECTS FOR 2022/2023**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

List of Current & Upcoming Up-Grade, Paint Program & New Built Project for the next Financial Year which QBuild.

Comment:

Council noted that there were contingencies in place to ensure capacity to deliver the proposed programs of works.

RESOLUTION 07:19/07/2022

That Council resolve to approve the Upgrade and Maintenance Programs as provided by Mr Preston Andrews - Director of Works & Infrastructure.

Moved: Cr Kenneth Jackson
Seconded: Cr Brian Underwood

CARRIED 4/4

7.7 DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN (DWQMP)**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To provide Council with advice as to the audit and preparation of a *Drinking Water Quality Management Plan* (DWQMP) and to seek Council's endorsement of the Plan and audit documents.

Comment:

Council noted that the audit was conducted in accordance with legislative requirements and appropriate consultation had taken place. The proposed plan addressed identified issues.

RESOLUTION 08:19/07/2022

That Council resolve to approve recommendation provided by Mr Preston Andrews Director Works and Infrastructure to adopt the Drinking Water Quality Management Plan 2022.

Moved: Cr Kenneth Jackson

Seconded: Cr David Baird

CARRIED 4/4

7.8 HORSE MANAGEMENT PLAN**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To present to the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Horse Management Plan 2021 – 2025 for consideration and endorsement.

Comment:

Council inquired as to proposed action to ensure advice was given to community in relation to the plan being implemented. The Acting CEO advised that once resolved, advice would be provided to community by notices in Council's newsletter and facebook, as well as on the website. Council suggested that arrangements could also be made for the Housing Department could also do a flyer drop to residents. The Acting CEO advised that relevant Directors would be tasked to ensure appropriate actions would take place for community notification.

RESOLUTION 09:19/07/2022

That Council resolve to approve the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council's Horse Management Plan 2021-2025 as recommended by Mr Preston Andrews, Director of Works & Infrastructure.

Moved: Cr David Baird

Seconded: Cr Brian Underwood

CARRIED 4/4

At 1:49pm, Cr Ross Andrews left the meeting. Declared conflict of interest.

7.9 CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY / COMMUNITY AFFILIATION APPLICANT FORM: NGEMA KHUINIGHIN ANDREWS**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Present information to council from community resident seeking Confirmation of Aboriginality endorsement consideration. Applicant – Ngema Khuinighin ANDREWS.

Comment:

The Acting CEO reminded Council that due to the urgency of this matter, verbal approval was obtained and as a result, this application was endorsed by Councillors Baird and Underwood on the 24th and 27th June 2022, respectively.

The approved form was signed, sealed and recorded in the common seal register. Formal endorsement was now required by way of Council resolution.

RESOLUTION 10:19/07/2022

That Council resolve to confirm the endorsement of the application for confirmation of Aboriginality / Community Affiliation as submitted by the following person:

- Ngema Khuinighin ANDREWS

Moved: Cr David Baird

Seconded: Cr Brian Underwood

CARRIED 3/3

At 1.55 pm, Cr Ross Andrews returned to the meeting.

8 CORRESPONDENCE**8.1 CORRESPONDENCE - APPROVED FUNDING UNDER THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT'S 2022-24 LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES PROGRAM.****PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To inform Council of correspondence from Ms Natalie Wilde, Acting Director-General, Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP) in relation to the council's application for funding under the Queensland Government's 2022-24 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (2022- 24 LGGSP).

RESOLUTION 11:19/07/2022

That Council note the correspondence tabled as read.

The Acting CEO is authorised to execute the following on behalf of Council:-

1. Annexure A – Project Funding Schedule for Yarrabah Foreshore Development Plan.
2. Annexure A – Project Funding Schedule for Water Treatment Plant Upgrades.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

CARRIED 4/4

8.2 CORRESPONDENCE - LGAQ ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To inform Council of correspondence received from Ms Alison Smith, Chief Executive Officer of Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), in relation to member support and Invoice for financial year 2022 - 2023.

RESOLUTION 12:19/07/2022

That Council:-

1. Note the correspondence tabled as read.
2. The Invoice is within the financial delegation of the Acting CEO and authorise that payment be actioned.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

CARRIED 4/4

8.3 CORRESPONDENCE - GRANT TO ASSIST WITH THE PURCHASE OF A NEW YARRABAH SES VEHICLE.**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To inform Council of correspondence received from The Honourable Mark Ryan MP, Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services to assist with funding for a new Yarrabah SES vehicle.

RESOLUTION 13:19/07/2022

That Council note the correspondence tabled as read.

Moved: Cr Kenneth Jackson

Seconded: Cr David Baird

CARRIED 4/4

8.4 CORRESPONDENCE - ICCIP FUNDING APPROVAL - SUREPACT PROJECT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform Council of correspondence received from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP) in relation to funding approval for Surepact Project Management Software (1 year subscription).

RESOLUTION 14:19/07/2022

That Council note the correspondence tabled as read.

Moved: Cr David Baird

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

CARRIED 4/4

At 2:08 pm, Cr Ross Andrews left the meeting. Declared conflict of interest.

8.5 CORRESPONDENCE - REQUEST FOR EVENT SPONSORSHIP – BOXING TOURNAMENT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform Council of correspondence received from Ms Joyce Fourmile (Thomas) of Choppy's Boxing Club, requesting event sponsorship for a boxing tournament in Yarrabah on 6th August 2022.

Comment:

The Acting CEO advised Council of an email just received from Choppy's Boxing Club. The Acting CEO read to same:-

Good morning Richard

Just an update, as my support to Gabriel & Celestine Satrick, I have donated the tournaments canteen to them. They will be fundraising for their son to travel to Fiji and another country for School Boys Rugby League.

Regards

Choppy's Boxing Club

Council considers this request falls within the ambit of Council's Community Grants Policy and waive the hire fees in line with "in kind assistance" to a sporting grant. The Policy provides that community grants are capped at \$1,000.00 per year per organisation.

Council noted that the Schedule of Fees identify the hire of the Community Hall at \$500.00 per day. (2 x days hall hire) There is no provision for the hire of tables and chairs. In this instance Council decides that available tables and chairs may be used by Choppy's Boxing Club at no additional cost.

As a result, the hire charge for the hall (and available table & chairs) will be waived.

A bond of \$1,500.00 will still be required. This will be fully refundable after the event, subject to any costs associated with breakages, cleaning etc.

Choppy's Boxing Club will be responsible for cleaning of the hall after the event.

Choppy's Boxing Club will be responsible for ensuring an appropriate "COVID Safe" plan and any necessary security/first aid etc is in place.

In reaching this decision Council recognises the opportunity to promote Yarrabah in a positive light and the support being provided to Gabriel & Celestine Satrick for their son to travel to Fiji and another country for School Boys Rugby League.

RESOLUTION 15:19/07/2022

That Council:-

1. Note the correspondence tabled as read.
2. Authorise the Acting CEO to waive hire fees to Choppy's Boxing Club for the Community Hall for 2 x days, being 5th and 6th August 2022. This action is in accordance with Council's Community Grants Policy.
3. Choppy's Boxing Club are required to pay a bond of \$1,500. This will be refundable, less any costs associated with damage, breakages or cleaning.
3. Choppy's Boxing Club will be responsible for venue cleaning after the event.
4. Choppy's Boxing Club will be responsible for ensuring an appropriate "COVID Safe" plan and any necessary security/first aid is in place.

Moved: Cr Kenneth Jackson

Seconded: Cr Brian Underwood

CARRIED 3/3

At 2:25 pm, Cr Ross Andrews returned to the meeting.

8.6 CORRESPONDENCE - UPDATE OF COMMITMENTS BY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND DIGITAL ECONOMY**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To inform Council of correspondence received from the Director-General, Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (CHDE) providing an update on the delivery of commitments made at the Local Government Association Queensland Indigenous Leaders Forum (LGAQ - ILF) in April 2022.

RESOLUTION 16:19/07/2022

That Council note the correspondence tabled as read.

Moved: Cr Kenneth Jackson

Seconded: Cr David Baird

CARRIED 4/4

8.7 CORRESPONDENCE - CHANGES TO THE VALUE OF A PENALTY INFRINGEMENT NOTICE**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To inform Council of correspondence and web link received from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DILGP) relating to changes to the value of a Penalty Infringement Notice (PIN).

RESOLUTION 17:19/07/2022

That Council note the correspondence tabled as read.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

CARRIED 4/4

8.8 CORRESPONDENCE - PROPOSED REFORMS TO QUEENSLAND'S INFORMATION PRIVACY AND RIGHT TO INFORMATION FRAMEWORK.**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To inform Council of correspondence from Mr David Mackie, the Director-General, Department of Justice and Attorney-General, relating to proposed reforms to Queensland's information privacy and right to information framework.

RESOLUTION 18:19/07/2022

That Council note the correspondence tabled as read.

Moved: Cr David Baird

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

CARRIED 4/4

8.9 CORRESPONDENCE - CHANGES RELATING TO FEES AND CHARGES UNDER PLANNING REGULATION 2017 AND REGIONAL PLANNING INTERESTS REGULATION 2014**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To inform Council of correspondence and web links received from the Acting State Planner, Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DILGP) relating to advice of administrative changes relating to fees and charges under Planning Regulation 2017 and Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014.

RESOLUTION 19:19/07/2022

That Council note the correspondence tabled as read.

Moved: Cr Kenneth Jackson

Seconded: Cr Brian Underwood

CARRIED 4/4

9 STRATEGIC PORTFOLIO UPDATE

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

10 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

11 MATTERS WITHOUT NOTICE

The Mayor advised Council of correspondence prepared by Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service Aboriginal Corporation in relation to the Aboriginal Community Benefit Fund. A copy of the correspondence was made available to all Councillors.

The correspondence identified that late last week, the official membership figures were made public from the Receivers of the 4 ACBF funds in liquidation.

Up until then no one was really aware of the total magnitude of this collapse and the total number of First Nations people affected by this collapse.

It was identified that:-

- 768 policy holders in Yarrabah
- Yarrabah has the greatest number of policy holders per postcode in Australia
- There are 739 policy holders in Palm Island
- More than 2200 current policy holders in the Cassowary Coast, Cairns, Tablelands, Cape York and Yarrabah.

The collapse of these funds directly affects the social and emotional wellbeing of our community.

As Deputy Mayor Underwood would be attending meetings in Brisbane the following week, the correspondence requested Council's support in this deputation.

RESOLUTION 20:19/07/2022

That Council authorises Councillor Underwood to represent Council and calls for the following from the Australian Government:-

Protect Sorry Business by:-

- Clearing funds to compensate immediately for ACBF members who have already passed over, allowing their loved ones an opportunity to bury them with dignity
- Immediately clearing funds to compensate for ACBF members who could pass way in the coming months, allowing a culturally appropriate funeral with dignity and to the manner they planned when they joined the ACBF funds.
- The Australian Government must then set in place a solution for the 20,000 plus policy holders, who have been manipulated and exploited by the sales tactics of Youpla and ACBF, and we call upon the government to engage in a consultative process with First Nationals People to protect our members and community from exploitation..

Moved: Cr David Baird

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

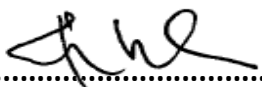
CARRIED 4/4

12 CLOSE OF MEETING

Date for the next Council Ordinary Meeting is Wednesday 17 August 2022.

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

Meeting closed at 2:55 pm.


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MAYOR