

**MINUTES OF YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2023 AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT: Cr Ross Andrews (Mayor),

IN ATTENDANCE: (Director – Corporate Services), Leona Worrell (Minute Taker)

1 MEETING OPEN

At 10.05am Mayor Andrews declared the meeting open.

Apologies: Cr Brian Underwood, Cr Lucrecia Willett, Cr Kenneth Jackson and Cr Hezron Murgha

The Mayor welcomed the staff members present to the meeting.

The Mayor decided to adjourn the meeting to a later date because a quorum was not present.

Meeting adjourned at 10.10am

MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2023

PRESENT: Cr Ross Andrews (Mayor), Cr Brian Underwood, Cr Lucrecia Willett, Cr Kenneth Jackson, Cr Hezron Murgha

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Wright (CEO), Mike Mair (Director – Corporate Services), Leona Worrell (Minute Taker)

At 9.40am Mayor Andrews reconvened the meeting.

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

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

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians the Gunggandji People whose country this meeting is being held today, acknowledgement to their elders, past present and emerging.

Acknowledgment also offered to the other Trustees of this land the Northern & Southern PBCs, the Stolen Generations and for our 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 01:25/10/2023

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 September 2023 be adopted.

Moved: Cr Lucrecia Willett

Seconded: Cr Brian Underwood

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5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

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 then now.

No declarations made

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 months of September 2023 / October 2023.

RESOLUTION 02:25/10/2023

That Council accept the CEO Operational Report for the period to 20 October 2023.

Moved: Cr Lucrecia Willett

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

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At 10.05am Tony Tikitau and Terry O'Shane entered the meeting.

Mr Tikitau presented to Council on housing construction types being used in Cook Islands, stating they are cyclone & earthquake proof. Mr Tikitau is to send prospectus / details to the CEO.

At 10.30am Tony Tikitau and Terry O'Shane left the meeting.

At 10.35am Meeting adjourned

At 10.46am Meeting reconvened

At 10.47am Director Corporate Services entered the meeting

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

Provide council with monthly financial report. This report covers the financial period 30 September 2023.

Director Corporate Services read to the report.

RESOLUTION 03:25/10/2023

That Council accept the 30 September 2023 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 Interest Report
8. Grants Report

Moved: Cr Hezron Murgha
Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

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7.6 NEW POLICY - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) RESOURCES POLICY**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Presentation of the Information Technology (IT) Resources Policy

Councillors agree to amend the commencement date to 13 November 2023.

Director Corporate Services read to the report.

RESOLUTION 04:25/10/2023

That Council resolve to endorse and adopt the draft Information Technology (IT) Resources Policy with a commencement date of 13 November 2023.

Council authorise the implementation action to be carried out by CEO and Director of Corporate Services.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood
Seconded: Cr Hezron Murgha

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At 11.33am Director Corporate Services left the meeting

AT 11.33am Meeting adjourned

Regional Director of Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts, John Buttigieg introduced to Council by Lisa Scott. General discussion over lunch break.

At 12.40pm Meeting reconvened

7.3 PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES - OPERATIONAL REPORT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide Council an update on operational activities undertaken within the Department of People and Communities.

RESOLUTION 05:25/10/2023

That Council accept the Acting Director of People and Communities Operational Report, tabled as read.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Ross Andrews

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7.4 BUILDING SERVICES - OPERATIONAL REPORT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To report to Council the status/activities of Building Services areas for the month of 27th September 2023 to 24th of October 2023.

RESOLUTION 06:25/10/2023

That Council accept the Acting Director of Building Report, tabled as read.

Moved: Cr Lucrecia Willett

Seconded: Cr Hezron Murgha

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7.5 INFRASTRUCTURE - OPERATIONAL REPORT**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To report to Council the status/activities of Infrastructure Department areas for the month September up to 08 October 2023.

RESOLUTION 07:25/10/2023

That Council accept the report of the Director – Infrastructure, tabled as read.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Ross Andrews

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7.7 CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY / COMMUNITY AFFILIATION APPLICANT FORM: CHELSTON FOURMILE**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Present information to council from community resident seeking Confirmation of Aboriginality endorsement consideration. Applicant – Chelston FOURMILE.

RESOLUTION 08:25/10/2023

That Council resolve to endorse the recommendation provided by the CEO to accept the application for confirmation of Aboriginality community affiliation as submitted by the following person:

- Chelston FOURMILE

Moved: Cr Kenneth Jackson

Seconded: Cr Brian Underwood

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**7.8 CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY / COMMUNITY AFFILIATION APPLICANT FORM:
MARY BARLOW****PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Present information to council from community resident seeking Confirmation of Aboriginality endorsement consideration. Applicant – Mary BARLOW.

RESOLUTION 09:25/10/2023

That Council resolve to endorse the recommendation provided by the CEO to accept the application for confirmation of Aboriginality community affiliation as submitted by the following person:

- Mary BARLOW

Moved: Cr Kenneth Jackson
Seconded: Cr Brian Underwood

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**7.9 CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY / COMMUNITY AFFILIATION APPLICANT FORM:
LYSTRA MILLER****PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Present information to council from community resident seeking Confirmation of Aboriginality endorsement consideration. Applicant – Lystra Rebecca MILLER.

RESOLUTION 10:25/10/2023

That Council resolve to endorse the recommendation provided by the CEO to accept the application for confirmation of Aboriginality community affiliation as submitted by the following person:

- Lystra Rebecca MILLER..

Moved: Cr Ross Andrews
Seconded: Cr Lucrecia Willett

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8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 CORRESPONDENCE - DIRECTOR GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Seeking feedback on 3 consultation papers outlining proposals to:

- strengthen Queensland’s coexistence institutions and subsidence management framework
- enhance the regulatory framework for mining claims
- improve regulatory efficiency for the resource sector

RESOLUTION 11:25/10/2023

That Council note the correspondence tabled, as read.

Moved: Cr Ross Andrews

Seconded: Cr Lucrecia Willett

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9 STRATEGIC PORTFOLIO UPDATE

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

10 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

11 CLOSE OF MEETING

Date for the next Council Ordinary Meeting is Wednesday 15 November 2023.

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

Meeting closed at 12.45pm.

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MAYOR