



**MINUTES OF YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2022 AT 10AM**

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), Pauline Browne (PA to CEO & Mayor – Note Taker)

1 MEETING OPEN

Mayor Andrews declared the meeting open at 10.08.

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

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

Councillor David Baird opened with a word of Prayer.

2 WELCOME TO 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 01:16/03/2022

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 February 2022 be adopted.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

CARRIED

At 10:23 am, Cr Kenneth Jackson left the meeting.

At 10:25 am, Cr Kenneth Jackson returned to the meeting.

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

Council acknowledge receiving bad news (sorry business) and the personal obligations placed on Cr. Jackson. Council recognised the requirement to leave the meeting and attend to family and cultural protocols.

Cr Jackson departed the meeting at 10.46am

Councillor Baird requested a report on the operational measures (strategy being operationalised) as captured in the operational plan (cascade, traffic light reporting). Issue raised at the meeting that performance and strategy are not in alignment or opaque. Mayor reflected on reports from previous years which contained reference to performance against strategy and called for a return to standardised reports. CEO supported the request and thanked the councillors for the request.

Mayor queried the hall hire fees and raised concerns about

- local capacity to pay issues
- parties in the backyards
- services visiting to engage community on social issues

CEO identified that council as a business needs to have a fee structure and this was endorsed at the previous meeting. All requests for use of facilities are adequately catered for and the arrangement for council facilities are considered fair.

Any action to change the hall hire arrangement should be considered in light of damages previously experienced at the hall and the legislative (Alcohol Management) restrictions on community.

Question raised about the accountability of Directors and social media statements. CEO asked for clarification as he was unaware of any commentary, but confirmed that there is a standard rule which applied equally across the council at all levels.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am for an in camera session without staff.

Meeting reconvened at 11:10am

Cr Baird offered the following:

- Request for clear reference between strategy and operation.

6 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.

7 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

At 11:38 am, Cr Ross Andrews left the meeting.

At 11:41 am, Cr Ross Andrews returned to the meeting.

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 March 2022.

RESOLUTION 02:16/03/2022

That Council accept the CEO Operational Report for the period to 15th March 2022.

Moved: Cr David Baird

Seconded: Cr Lucrecia Willett

CARRIED

At 11:53 am, Cr Brian Underwood left the meeting.

At 11:54 am, Cr Brian Underwood returned to the meeting.

At 12:10 pm, Cr Ross Andrews left the meeting.

At 12:13 pm, Cr Ross Andrews returned to the meeting.

7.2 YASC MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly Financial Report on the operational performance of the council business for March 2022

RESOLUTION 03:16/03/2022

That Council accept the March 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 lease
7. Areas of Concern Report
8. Grants Report

At the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on the 9th March, the Committee recommended that Council reject taking ownership of the jetty from TMR.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Lucrecia Willett

CARRIED

At 12:39 pm, Cr Brian Underwood left the meeting.

At 12:42 pm, Cr Brian Underwood returned to the meeting.

8.2 DIRECTOR GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES HOUSING AND DIGITAL ECONOMY**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Notice of Intention to grant a 99-year home ownership lease over Lot 176 on SP265165 known locally as 84 Workshop Street, Yarrabah.

RESOLUTION 06:16/03/2022

That Council resolve to

1. That Council note the correspondence tabled as read – Item referred to Trustee for Trustee determination.
2. The Council authorise the CEO to provide further information and arrange for any required maintenance works to be undertaken on the home prior to transfer to private ownership.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Lucrecia Willett

CARRIED

8.3 ICAN ACBF (YOUPLA) - FUNERAL FUND**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Correspondence for council information and situational awareness.

RESOLUTION 07:16/03/2022

That council acknowledge receipt of the correspondence a mark the report “tabled as read”.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr David Baird

CARRIED

8.4 ROTATION OF DEPUTY MAYOR POSITION ON COUNCIL**RESOLUTION 08:16/03/2022**

In accordance with the rotation policy endorsed at the beginning of this term of council, the position of Deputy Mayor will transfer from Cr Kenneth Jackson to Cr Brian Underwood. The change will take effect immediately after this meeting. Councillors thanked Cr Kenneth Jackson for performing in the role during the last 12 month.

Moved: Cr David Baird

Seconded: Cr Ross Andrews

CARRIED

9 STRATEGIC PORTFOLIO UPDATE

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

10 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

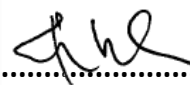
11 CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting ended in a prayer.

Date for the next Council Ordinary Meeting is Wednesday 20 April 2022.

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

Meeting closed at 2.40 pm.



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MAYOR