



**PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS

DATE: WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2025

TIME: 1.30PM

MEETING ATTENDEES	
COUNCILLORS PRESENT	Cr Alf Lacey – Mayor Cr Mersane Oui – Deputy Mayor Cr Telstan Sibley Cr Ebanese Oui Cr Germaine Bulsey
OFFICERS PRESENT	Michael Bissell - Chief Executive Officer Eva Haines, Deputy CEO - Manager Finance, Governance, and Administration - minute taker
OBSERVERS PRESENT	NIL

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Cr Lacey declared the meeting open at 2.43pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners, the Manbarra People, upon whose land we hold our meeting and the Bwgcolman people of Palm Island.

On behalf of Council, Council Executive and workforce to be commended for their hard work and Ergon Energy, CEQ, Sea Swift, Palm Island Barge, Sealink, Hinterland, Qld Police Service, Q Build, QRA, DTMR and Cairns Rope Access and all services on Palm Island including Government and non-Government agencies and Councillor's who were also involved in the meetings. Thanks to Snr Sgnt Jeremy Sheldrick and John Holdcroft from Lockyer Valley.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil.

4. CONDOLENCES

- George Webster and their extended families
- Allan Barry Jnr and their extended families

5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The chairperson invited Councillors present to disclose prescribed conflicts of interest ("PCOI") or declarable conflicts of interest ("DCOI") in respect of any items in the agenda, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Councillor	PCOI/DCOI	Meeting Items	Particulars <i>[Action taken by Councillor/Council pursuant to Chapter 58 of Local Government Act 2009]</i>
Cr Lacey			
Cr M Oui			
Cr Sibley	DCOI	10.7	Family member

Cr E Oui			
Cr Bulsey			

6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Resolution 2024.366

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 29th January 2025 be adopted.

Moved: Cr T Sibley
 Seconded: Cr G Bulsey Carried

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Item 7.1 PIEDC set up.
 - *AGM held 5th December 2024*
 - *Directors appointed and workshop to be held 6th February 2025 to finalise outstanding matters including review of the constitution*
 - *Meeting next week.*

- Item 7.2 Follow up on well on Mango Avenue
 - *Remove and drop in ocean.*
 - *No developments since last meeting.*

- Item 7.3 Opportunity for public open space at Palm Valley Creek, including shade shelter, seating, BBQ's and upgraded amenity
 - *Cr Bulsey and CEO met on 2nd December 2024 and walked through the area to look at proposed sites for shade shelters and BBQ's.*

- Item 7.4 Boat trailer repairs
 - *Sent to Townsville for repairs, should be completed before the Christmas break.*
 - *Trailer repairs completed and sent back to Palm Island Barge, awaiting available space so it can be sent back to Palm Island.*

- Item 7.5 Update on bus from Mike Carney Toyota
 - *Purchase order cancelled; new order raised to purchase bus from Isuzu instead. Due to arrive in mid January 2025.*
 - *As per Fleet & Mechanics report – Council's new bus has arrived in Townsville and optional extra's being added. Graphics to be decided and applied to each side and across the vehicle.*

- Item 7.6 Include category in NAIDOC awards to recognize elders
 - *Noted by CEO to include.*

8. PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS 2024/2025
Nil.

9. FOR DECISION BY COUNCIL
Nil.

10. COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS

10.1 CEO Report

Resolution 2024.367

That the Council accept the CEO report.

Moved: Cr E Oui
Seconded: Cr G Bulsey

Carried

10.2 CFO Report

Resolution 2024.368

That the Council accept the CFO report.

Moved: Cr T Sibley
Seconded: Cr E Oui

Carried

10.3 Finance Governance and Administration Report

Resolution 2024.369

That the Council accept the Finance, Governance and Administration report.

Moved: Cr G Bulsey
Seconded: Cr M Oui

Carried

Mayor Lacey left the room at 3.33pm.

Mayor Lacey re-entered the room at 3.38pm.

10.4 Building & Maintenance Report

Resolution 2024.370

That the Council accept the Building & Maintenance report.

Moved: Cr G Bulsey
Seconded: Cr T Sibley

Carried

10.5 Motel & Accommodation Report

Resolution 2024.371

That the Council accept the Motel & Accommodation report.

Moved: Cr E Oui
Seconded: Cr G Bulsey Carried

10.6 Projects Report

Resolution 2024.372

That the Council accept the Projects report.

Moved: Cr M Oui
Seconded: Cr G Bulsey Carried

10.7 Water & Sewer Report

Resolution 2024.373

That the Council accept the Water & Sewer report.

Moved: Cr G Bulsey
Seconded: Cr E Oui Carried

10.8 Assets Report

Resolution 2024.374

That the Council accept the Assets report.

Moved: Cr T Sibley
Seconded: Cr G Bulsey Carried

Action Item: Walkway lights not operational at Fred Clay Park and Butler Bay, Electrician to inspect and repair.

10.9 IT Report

Resolution 2024.375

That the Council accept the IT report.

Moved: Cr M Oui
Seconded: Cr E Oui Carried

10.10 Fleet & Mechanics Report

Resolution 2024.376

That the Council accept the Fleet & Mechanics report.

Moved: Cr T Sibley
Seconded: Cr E Oui Carried

Action Item: The Council has requested an audit of all plant equipment. The audit to include:

- *Identifying all plant that is currently operational*
- *Identifying all plant that is not operational*
- *Listing all plant equipment that is currently on-site*
- *Listing all plant equipment that is away for repairs*

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Adam Wilson – expression of interest for Barber services.

- Invite him over to meet with Council.

12. CLOSED MEETING REPORTS

Nil.

13. OTHER BUSINESS - Proof of Aboriginality and or Torres Strait Islander.

Item 13.1

- Sheronna Stone

Resolution 2024.377

That the Council resolves to confirm Aboriginality for Sheronna Stone.

Moved: Cr T Sibley
 Seconded: Cr G Bulsey

Carried

Item 13.2

- Tina Yasserie

Resolution 2024.378

That the Council resolves to confirm Aboriginality for Tina Yasserie.

Moved: Cr M Oui
 Seconded: Cr T Sibley

Carried

14. NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th March 2025, at Council Chambers, 1 Main Street, Palm Island, commencing at 1.30pm.

15. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting closed at 4.28pm.

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