

**PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**DATE:** **WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2023**

**TIME: 1.45 PM**

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| **MEETING ATTENDEES** | |
| **COUNCILLORS PRESENT** | Cr Mislam Sam - Mayor  Cr Andrea Kyle-Sailor (Deputy Mayor)  Cr Derek Haines  Cr Deniece Geia  Cr Andrew Castors |
| **OFFICERS PRESENT** | Michael Bissell, Chief Executive Officer  Greg Constantine Manager Finance Governance and Administration (Minutes) |
| **OBSERVERS PRESENT** | NIL |

1. **OPENING OF MEETING**

Cr Sam declared the meeting open at 1:45 pm

1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **CONDOLENCES**

* Conway, Norman and Bourne Families
* Puttaburra, Thimble and Clarke
* Barry Angela
* Fulford Audrey

1. **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.*

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| **Councillor** | **PCOI/DCOI** | **Meeting Items** | **Particulars**  *[Action taken by Councillor/Council pursuant to Chapter 58 of* Local Government Act 2009] |
| Cr Sam |  |  |  |
| Cr Kyle-Sailor |  |  |  |
| Cr Haines |  |  |  |
| Cr Geia |  |  |  |
| Cr Castors |  |  |  |

1. **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES;**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meetings held on the 29 March 2023 be adopted. Resolution 43 2023.

Moved: Cr Haines

Seconded: Cr Castors **Carried**

1. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
2. **PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS**
3. **FOR DECISION BY COUNCIL**

**Cr Geia excused 1:56 pm**

**Cr Kyle-Sailor welcomed 13:58 pm**

**Cr Geia returned 2:00 pm**

1. **COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS**

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| **10.1** | **CEO Report**  The CEO informed the Council of the planning to have the first of the  External Audit meetings with our external Audit Chair Mr Mark O’Shea and  the Mayor as soon as the QAO has completed the current audits they are  managing.  This will also coincide with the preparation of the 2023 /24 Budget and  review of the 2019 /2024 Council Corporate plan.  **Recommendations**  Recommendation 1  Council proposes to write off $7,634.00.  All are historical unpaid accounts at the motel that are being disputed by the parties (didn’t stay, wasn’t them, no evidence etc). Major component is $5,396.00 for Desert Pea Media (Indigenous media business) and project was completed and acquitted three years ago and they aren’t operating since Covid started.  *It is recommended Council approve the write off.*  **Resolution 44 2023.**  Moved: Cr Haines  Seconded: Cr Castors **Carried**  Recommendation 2  That Council approve to purchase supply of 5,000 tonne of premix via  Pacific Marine to service the upcoming demand for concrete due to the large  number of construction projects.  *It is recommended Council approve the purchase $508,394 + GST.*  **Resolution 45 2023.**              Moved:             Cr Geia             Seconded:     Cr Haines**Carried**  **The CEO reports**  **Resolution 46 2023.**     Moved:       Cr Geia     Seconded: Cr Haines**Carried** |
| **10.2** | **Finance & Grants**  The Mayor on behalf of complimented the excellent outcomes achieved by  the CEO and the finance team.  **Resolution 47 2023.**     Moved:       Cr Geia     Seconded: Cr Haines**Carried** |
| **10.3** | **Finance Governance and Administration**  **Resolution 48 2023.**     Moved:       Cr Kyle-Sailor     Seconded: Cr Castors**Carried** |
| **10.3.1** | Motel and Accommodation report   * Noted that requests for discounts surrounding Sorry Business is now being managed more consistently * Pleasing increase in income and occupancy rates   **Resolution 49 2023.**     Moved:    Cr Haines     Seconded: Cr Kyle-Sailor**Carried** |
| **10.3.2** | Sports and Events report  **Resolution 50 2023.**     Moved:       Cr Kyle - Sailor     Seconded: Cr Castors**Carried** |
| **10.4** | **Civil Open Space and Training**  **Resolution 51 2023.**     Moved:       Cr Geia     Seconded: Cr Kyle-Sailor**Carried** |
| **10.5** | **Water & Sewer**  **Resolution 52 2023.**     Moved:       Cr Haines     Seconded: Cr Kyle-Sailor**Carried** |
| **10.6** | **Fleet & Mechanics**  The Mayor on behalf of the Council complimented the CEO and his  Fleet team on upgrading the Councils fleet with fit for purpose vehicles  and equipment rather than the past practice of just purchasing the  cheapest.  The CEO advised that all items no longer required or useful will be going to  auction rather than seeking EOI’s from the community due to potential  ongoing liability to Council.  **Resolution 53 2023.**     Moved:       Cr Geia     Seconded: Cr Haines**Carried** |
| **10.8** | **Building Services**  **Resolution 54 2023.**     Moved:       Cr Haines     Seconded: Cr Kyle-Sailor **Carried** |
| **10.9** | **Sandy Boyd**  **Resolution 55 2023.**     Moved:       Cr Castors     Seconded: Cr Haines**Carried** |
| **10.10** | **ITC**  **Resolution 56 2023.**     Moved:      Cr Kyle-Sailor     Seconded: Cr Geia**Carried** |

1. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

1. **CLOSED MEETING REPORTS**

Nil considered

1. **OTHER BUSINESS**

**13.1 Confirmation of Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander Decent**

* Karen Edith Lizabeth Jacinta Maree JOHNSON

**Resolution 57 2023**

Moved: Kyle-Sailor

Seconded: Castors **Carried**

**13.2 Corporate polos and image**

The CEO tabled a number of draft polos and other marketing suggestions for the Council’s consideration – The Council requested the CEO to submit recommendations based in the comments received at the next meeting.

1. **NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on 31 May 2023 at Council Chambers, 1 Main Street, Palm Island, commencing at 1.30 pm.

1. **CLOSURE**

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

2:56 pm.

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**MAYOR**