



PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS

DATE: WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2022

TIME: 1.30PM

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



1. OPENING OF MEETING

Cr Sam declared the meeting open at 1:18 pm

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.

3. APOLOGIES

Cr Andrew Castors

4. CONDOLENCES

- Miller, Walsh, Ketchup, Lampton, Sam, & Extended Families, Tarpaulin Families & Extended Families of Palm Island
- Norman, Conway, Wilson, Fulford, Bramwell, Noble, Nallajar, Hughes, Parker, King, Kerr, Geia and Prior 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 Sam			
Cr Geia			
Cr Haines			
Cr Kyle-Sailor			
Cr Castors			

6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES- 31 AUGUST 2022

The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 AUGUST 2022 be adopted.

Resolution 2022.091

Moved: Cr Geia

Seconded: Cr Haines

Carried



7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

8. FOR DECISION BY COUNCIL

Nil.

9. COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS

9.1. CEO Report

9a Housing – who qualifies as a resident – the options were discussed in detail with Council agreeing to leave the existing DCHDE definition as is, noting there are avenues for exemptions and appeals. Council asked if further discussions could be had with DCHDE to see if they thought any changes were required.

Moved Cr Geia

Seconded Cr Haines

Carried

9b Community Support Fund – Council approved the creation of a \$5,000 fund to support individuals and teams to participate in sporting and cultural events. Up to \$500 per request will be available to cover matters such as registration, transport, accommodation etc, but not general consumables.

Moved Cr Geia

Seconded Cr Haines

Carried

9c Fees and Charges the CEO tabled the draft 2022-2023 fees and charges schedule for approval. The Council approved the new fees and charges schedule and requested the CEO to promote via Facebook the funeral item of concrete grave slabs which will be boxed and screed. Councillors asked if community members could access the mechanics workshop, and were advised, yes, subject to the availability.

Moved Cr Geia

Seconded Cr Kyle-Sailor

Carried

9d Amendment to the current Revenue Policy

It was proposed that persons in debt to Council, through having not paid dues/arrears from previous leases, would not be allowed to apply for a new lease until all arrears had been paid. This was endorsed with an amendment to be made to the relevant policy, noting the period for recovery was 6 years and if people still owed beyond that timeframe Council couldn't take action to recover the arrears, but the policy would still apply.

Moved Cr Geia

Seconded Cr Haines

Carried

Cr Geia excused from the meeting at 1:45pm

Cr Kyle-Sailor enquired if any persons still owing money to Council were still receiving invoices and statements? The CEO advised we have approximately \$1.7m in debtors and have an active program to follow them up – recent payments of over \$250K have been made following the good work of the finance team in following up. Council's property and leasing data base will be updated in coming weeks with all information up to date for the first time in many years. The data base includes an automated invoicing capability which will significantly improve Council's management of lease payments and cash flow.

Cr Geia resumed the meeting 1:50pm

9e Balcarra –

The CEO advised that:

- a) the Mayor can direct the CEO and speak to (but not direct) staff.
- b) Councillors can speak to (but not direct) staff with the permission of the CEO.
This permission is currently in place.

Council asked that any additional matters raised during discussions be captured in the minutes. It was suggested other matters need to be raised under other business where they can be captured and reflected in subsequent minutes.

Councillor Haines excused from the meeting 1:58 pm

CEO report accepted

Resolution 2022.092

Moved Cr Kyle -Sailor

Seconded Cr Sam

Carried

9.2. Finance Report

Council resolves to note the report.

Resolution 2022 - 093

Moved Cr Geia

Seconded Cr Kyle-Sailor

Carried

9.3 Administration, Governance and Finance Report

- Balcarra Update
- IKC – Induction proposal

Council resolves to note the report.

Resolution 2022 - 094

Moved Cr Geia

Seconded Cr Kyle-Sailor

Carried

9.4 Civil Open Space and Training

Council requested the CEO to develop a recommendation surrounding management of and the security at the sports complex and to include the possibility of utilising the 3 Bedroom house as a Council incentive to secure a suitably qualified person to manage the sports facilities and to report back with recommendations to the next Council meeting.

Council resolves to note the report.

Resolution 2022 - 095

Moved Cr Kyle-Sailor

Seconded Cr Geia

Carried

- 9.5 Water & Sewer**
 Council noted the success that Palm Island had at the recent water conference and requested staff be congratulated and be included on Councils Facebook page.
 Council resolves to note the report.
- Resolution 2022- 096**
Moved Cr Kyle-Sailor
Seconded Cr Geia **Carried**
- 9.6 Fleet & Mechanics**
 Council resolves to note the report.
- Resolution 2022- 097**
Moved Cr Geia
Seconded Cr Kyle-Sailor **Carried**
- 9.7 Assets**
 Council resolves to note the report.
- Resolution 2022- 098**
Moved Cr Geia
Seconded Cr Kyle-Sailor **Carried**
- 9.8 Building Services**
 Council resolves to note the report
- Resolution 2022- 099**
Moved Cr Kyle-Sailor
Seconded Cr Geia **Carried.**
- 9.9 Sandy Boyd**
 Council resolves to note the report.
- Resolution 2022 - 100**
Moved Cr Geia
Seconded Cr Kyle-Sailor **Carried**
- 9.10 ITC**
 Council resolves to note the report.
- Resolution2022- 101**
Moved Cr Geia
Seconded Cr Kyle-Sailor **Carried**

10. CORRESPONDENCE UPDATES

11. CLOSED MEETING REPORTS

Nil considered

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Confirmation of Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander Decent

12.1 Rae-Therese Solomon-Clumpoint

Resolution 2022 - 102

Moved: Cr Geia

Seconded: Cr Kyle - Sailor

Carried

12.2 Marcia Jennifer Cummings

Resolution 2022 - 103

Moved Cr Geia

Seconded Cr Kyle-Sailor

Carried

12.3 ANNUAL LGAQ CONFERENCE - 2022

Councillors requested to advise who will be attending the LGAQ annual conference in Cairns from Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th October, early re registration, booking, travel etc.is strongly encouraged.

Noted

13. CLOSED MEETING

2:15pm - Staff requested to leave the Chamber.

2:35pm – Staff requested to reenter the Chamber.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on 26 October 2022 at Council Chambers, 1 Main Street, Palm Island, commencing at 1.30 pm.

15. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting closed at 2:43 pm.

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MAYOR