



MINUTES
of
ORDINARY MEETING

Thursday 20th May 2021

Council Offices, Doomadgee

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Item 1 - Declaration of Opening

The Chief Executive Officer adjourned the meeting at 10.14 am for ½ an hour due to the Mayor not being in attendance due to the passing in the Community.

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 10.29 am.

Item 2 - Condolences

A Minutes silence was held for departed Community Members.

Item 3 - Record of Attendance and Leave of Absence

Elected Members

Mayor Jason Ned

Cr. Antoinette Diamond

Cr. Elijah Douglas

Cr. Myron Johnny – late attendance

Cr. Athol Walden

Staff

Troy Fraser – Chief Executive Officer

Colin Duffy – Director of Corporate Services (to deliver his report)

Richard McKeown - Director Engineering (to deliver a verbal report)

Marilou McKay – Finance Manager (call in if required)

Pam Danaher – PA to CEO/Minute Taker (when not involved at the Doomadgee Aerodrome)

Apologies

Craig Oxlade – Director Economic & Community Development

Item 4 - Obligations of Councillors

4.1 PRESCRIBED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Pursuant to Chapter 5B, Part 2 Section 150EG, Chapter 5B, Part 2 Section 150EH and Chapter 5B, Part 2 Section 150EI -

no declarations of prescribed conflicts of interest were raised.

4.2 DECLARABLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Pursuant to Chapter 5B, Part 3 Section 150EN -

no declarations of declarable conflicts of interest were made during this Meeting.

4.3 COUNCILLORS TO REVIEW EXISTING REGISTER OF INTERESTS AND RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE

Councillors reviewed their Registers of Interest and Related Parties Disclosures.

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Presentations were presented out of order due to arrival of the school children at Council.

Item 7 - Visitors and Presentations

7.1 DOOMADGEE STATE SCHOOL – SRC STUDENTS AND MR MATTHEW FRANCAVILLA, TO DISCUSS INTEREST IN HAVING BUS STOPS AND SHELTERS IN DOOMADGEE

Two students from the School SRC, Kendra Stacey and Keiriarna O'Keefe-Baker, together with Matthew Francavilla, attended the Council Meeting with a request, firstly from Keiriarna for:

bus shelters to keep the students safe and also protect them from the sun and rain and somewhere for them to sit. Another is needed in Middle Park.

Kendra asked:

when Council would be providing the recycling in Doomadgee. CEO, Troy Fraser to follow up and see where it is up to.

Council advised that they would rely on the students to provide strategic positions that the kids thought were important to them.

Crossing Signs for kids need to be put up urgently – especially at Akehurst Drive where there is a blind spot.

Mr Francavilla advised that the SRC Meetings were held every two weeks and that Council were welcome to come to the meetings. It was suggested that Craig and Troy try to attend these meetings occasionally.

Council also advised Mr Francavilla to let Council know if there was anything that they required in the Community and it would be followed up to see what could be done.

7.2 TEAMS MEETING - LEEANNE MARTIN, FOSTERING CASE WORKER, MT ISA FOSTERING AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES WANTING TO PROMOTE THE SERVICE AND SEEK CO-OPERATION FROM DOOMADGEE RESIDENTS TO BECOME FOSTER CARERS SO THAT THE KIDS OF THE COMMUNITY CAN REMAIN IN DOOMADGEE RATHER THAN BEING PUT IN PLACEMENT OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY

Leeanne Martin Fostering Case Worker, Mount Isa Fostering and Residential Services, Churches of Christ Care had requested that she talk to the Council Meeting and explain things that she did in her role as a Fostering Case Worker.

She also wanted to know what she could do to enable families in Doomadgee to become foster carers so that the children of Doomadgee are not taken away from the area into strange surroundings with people they do not even know.

Troy Fraser left the meeting at 11.01 am.

Mayor, Jason Ned questioned the child safety system of sending children to other families in other cities and other communities mainly Mt. Isa where they do not have contact with their own relatives.

JN

There is kinship placement available which is not foster parenting, which allow carers to look after the kids in Doomadgee. Kinship caring does not have to involve any training whereas fostering requires training. Both kinship and fostering get payments for looking after kids, maybe for extra food required, extra electricity, attending boarding schools etc. It is not means tested.

There was talk about Safe House for Kids and the funding that they receive. Leeanne advised that she would follow up and see what funding and how it is run at Doomadgee.

Troy Fraser returned to the meeting at 11.03 am.

Leeanne also advised that she can sometimes go through back doors by writing submissions etc for people who want to become foster parents and they cannot because of the Blue Card rule.

She also advised that she works at Mornington Island, Karumba, Normanton, Burketown, Gregory and the large community area.

School teachers are mandatory reporters when there are problems in the homes.

Doomadgee has never had anyone here to support the families with their problems. Child Safety are only doing what the Magistrates tell them to do without following up on any of the reasons.

Grandparents are entitled to have the grandkids. Leeanne is available to be a voice for the grandparents to help against Child Safety.

To be a foster parent involves lots and lots of paperwork, assessments have to be done, drawings of house, fire exits, fire blankets etc and then everything goes to Child Safety and Leeanne tells Child Safety that this family wants to look after this child. How and what support is available for the family sits with Child Safety. Support is lacking as Child Safety is not here very often and are not "every day people".

Troy Fraser left the meeting at 11.30 am

We need to have yarns with families and hopefully convince them to become kinship families. CEO, Troy Fraser enquired as to whether there were any brochures available. Leeanne advised that she should be able to travel after the week of 13th June and bring brochures to hand out in the Community and sit down and talk with Council and see what can be done. At that meeting hopefully Council could work out a plan on how to bring Child Safety and Save the Children into providing solutions for the families and not just removing the children from Doomadgee.

Leeanne will confirm the dates when she is able to attend Doomadgee.

Troy Fraser returned to the meeting at 11.31 am.

Item 5 – Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15th APRIL 2021

Resolution No 1 – 5/21 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 15th April 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Cr. Athol Walden
Carried

Cr. Myron Johnny arrived at the meeting at 11.45am.

Item 6 – Business Arising from Minutes Previous Meeting

6.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15th APRIL 2021

Do not put names in the Condolences section of the Agenda or Minutes.

Councillors were concerned by wages for staff members when they left may be increased. It was explained that each position was employed for 12 months so if the person was only here for three months there would still be wages for another nine months for a new staff member.

Correspondence section regarding the CCC. Need to get on with all the agencies that come into Doomadgee and make sure that Council is working together with them all.

Item 7 - Visitors and Presentations

Was taken out of order and reported on previously.

Item 8 - Reports

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8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

8.1.1 OUTSIDE MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE LAST REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING

For Council's information.

Lunch Break - 12.15 pm

A luncheon break was called at 12.15 pm.

Cr. Myron Johnny left the meeting at 12.30 pm due to the passing and did not return.

Council Meeting resumed at 1.10 pm.

8.1.2 CONFIRMATION OF ADVICE OF CHAMPIONS PROGRAM

For Council's Information.

8.1.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL CONFERENCE - MACKAY

Resolution No 2 - 5/21 That Council appoint the Mayor – Jason Ned, the Deputy Mayor – Myron Johnny, Cr. Athol Walden together with the CEO – Troy Fraser to attend the 125th Local Government Annual Conference to be held at Mackay from 25th – 27th October, 2021.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Antoinette Diamond
Carried

8.1.4 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE (SES) SUPPORT GRANT

For Council's information.

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8.1.5 NORTH WEST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE – CAMILLA POPE

For Council's information.

8.1.6 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HOUSING QUEENSLAND

For Council's information.

8.1.7 TORRES CAPE INDIGENOUS COUNCIL ALLIANCE INC (TCICA)

For Council's information.

8.1.8 Q-BUILD

Looking into pumping out the sewerage every three years on each house, keeping it in check. Normal maintenance to be also carried out especially with fencing and wheelie bins.

8.1.9 DOOMADGEE CHILDCARE CENTRE

For Council's information.

8.1.10 PCYC

To follow up with PCYC regarding contractual arrangement to auspice the Indigenous Sport & Recreation Officer. Council to identify officer .

8.1.11 WAMBALBAYI SPORTING AND RODEO ASSOCIATION

For Council's information – to follow up with money, insurance, standby for power, water trucks, rubbish trucks, staff and donations. See if the school kids could help paint the chutes if paint donated. Contact Supermarket for donations for Rodeo.

8.1.12 HUMAN RESOURCES AND STAFF ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

For Council's information and discussions regarding teaming up with staff engaged at Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council with a traineeship with a school child presently in Year 12.

Resolution No 3 - 5/21 That Council receive and take note of the Chief Executive Officers report for May 2021.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Cr. Elijah Douglas
Carried

This report presented out of Order due to Director being away and the Chief Executive Officer presenting report.

8.4 DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

8.4.1 MEETINGS AND TRAINING ATTENDED

For Council's information – NAIDOC Ball moving along very good. Yolonde collecting clothes for the night. May have a Blue Light Disco for the younger children on the night.

8.4.2 GRANTS AND FUNDING INFORMATION

For Council's information.

8.4.3 YOUTH HUB

For Council's information.

8.4.4 RADIO

For Council's information.

8.4.5 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND BIO SECURITY

For Council's information.

8.4.6 CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

For Council's information – Community Plan once finished can then hold discussions regarding the AMP and changes for Doomadgee.

8.4.7 OTHER

For Council's information.

Resolution No 4 - 5/21 That Council receive and take note of the Director Economic & Community Development Report for May 2021.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Cr. Elijah Douglas
Carried

8.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

8.2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PROVIDED BY FINANCE MANAGER – MARILOU MCKAY

Cr. Elijah Douglas left the meeting at 2.37 pm.
Cr. Elijah Douglas returned to the meeting at 2.42 pm.

This monthly report illustrates the financial performance and position of Doomadgee Shire Council compared to its adopted Budget for the 2020-2021 financial year as at the end of April 2021.

Cr. Antoinette Diamond left the meeting at 2.52 pm.
Pam Danaher left the meeting to attend to Airport duties at 2.55 pm.
Cr. Antoinette Diamond returned to the meeting at 2.56 pm.

Resolution No 5 - 5/21 That the Financial Statements attached to the report of the Director of Corporate Services for May 2021 be received and noted.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Cr. Elijah Douglas
Carried

8.2.2 OVERTIME AND TIME OFF IN LIEU POLICY

Resolution No 6 - 5/21 That Council adopt the Overtime and TOIL Policy as presented in the report of the Director of Corporate Services for May 2021.

Moved: Cr. Athol Walden
Seconded: Cr. Antoinette Diamond
Carried

8.2.3 REQUEST TO WRIT OFF PART OF DEBT

Resolution No 7 - 5/21 That Council do not approve the write off of the debt and instruct the Director of Corporate Services to write a letter to the Bakery to pay the debt as per the Lease.

Moved: Cr. Athol Walden
Seconded: Antoinette Diamond
Carried

8.2.4 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

Resolution No 8 - 5/21 That Council note the Internal Audit Report as presented and endorse the Enterprise Risk Management Framework as presented in the report of the Director of Corporate Services on the proviso that the Chief Executive Officer, Troy Fraser and the Director Corporate Services finalise and adopt the same.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Cr. Athol Walden
Carried

Resolution No 9 - 5/21 That Council receive and take note of the Director of Corporate Services Report for May 2021.

Moved: Cr. Elijah Douglas
Seconded: Cr. Athol Walden
Carried

8.3 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT

Verbal Report presented by Richard McKeown as only commenced with *Council on Monday 10th May, 2021*

8.3.1 COVID WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND (W4Q) 2020-2021

Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs (\$1,430,000)

Nearly completed. Need to complete fencing around PCYC.

8.3.2 W4Q 2017 – 2019 (Works Ongoing Post Acquittal)

8.3.3 REMOTE AIRSTRIP UPGRADE PROGRAM (RAUP)

Department Industry Science Energy and Resources (\$519,893)

Weather Station installation before end of June.

Electric gate to be installed

Wind soc to be relocated

Erosion will be fixed

8.3.4. \$40M Queensland Government Investment Program 2020 - 2021 Doomadgee Portion - \$2,350,000

6 Social Houses at New Estate Road, Doomadgee

Have poured the last core fill. Fencing to be completed, end of June community housing in Doomadgee will be fixed.

8.3.5 INDIGENOUS COUNCILS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ICCIP)

Need to revise costings of pump station. Will divert \$220k to water treatment plant. The last sewerage plant to the sewerage ponds will have 60 m manholes. Revised costs for the new landfill will be presented at the June Meeting. Little Century dumpsite soon to be closed.

8.3.6 \$105M Commonwealth Investment Program 2021 - 2023 Doomadgee Portion - \$6,962,951

Social Houses at Marradgee Road, Doomadgee

Majority of the work to be done locally. All infrastructure will be completed, including sewer, water and 10 new home built within the budget.

Resolution No10-5/21 That Council receive and approve the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Housing Investment Plan 2020-2021 as presented in this Report to the May 2021 Council Meeting.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned

Seconded: Cr. Elijah Douglas

Carried

8.3.7 QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (QRA)

Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund 2019-2020 (\$534,996)

Contractor to be engaged to carry out works Doomadgee East and locals will do the work on Old Doomadgee Road. Resealing from the crossing to the Roadhouse, TIDS to provide contingency to ensure completion of job.

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8.3.8 SECURITY FENCING – WTP, PCYC, WORKS DEPOT

8.3.9 TRAINING FOR TRUCKS AND MACHINES

Follow up Indigenous Licensing Unit for HC Licences.

8.3.10 TRAINING FOR POISONING

Training for chemicals to be provided to beautification team and airport team.

8.3.11 APPRENTICESHIPS

Council to explore offering apprenticeships to people already working for Council.

8.3.12 SUCCESSION PLANNING

Currently looking for potential candidates for a project/construction manager. Director of Engineering will provide a report to Council once a candidate has been identified.

Resolution No 11 - 5/21 That Council receive and take note of the verbal report of the Director of Engineering for May 2021.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Cr. Antoinette Diamond
Carried

8.5 COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORTS

Nil.

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This Item 11 and 12 taken taken out of Order prior to Correspondence.

ITEM 11 - LATE ITEMS

11.1 SUPPORT LETTER FROM DOOMADGEE DRAGONS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

Letter from Doomadgee Dragons Rugby League Club seeking support for clusters being played in Normanton each month May through to the two games in July 2021. For transport and fuel, food items, training equipment, marquees to use at games, eskies or storage boxes for uniforms and drinks etc.

Resolution No12-5/21 That Council agree to the Doomadgee Dragons Rugby League Club use of the Council bus for travel to Normanton for the playing of games during May to July 2021. Use of the bus will be the normal conditions of use with the exception of charge of kilometers for each trip. There will be a Bond of \$300.00 payable, and the bus is to be returned clean, refueled and in the same condition as taken.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Cr. Elijah Douglas
Carried

11.2 HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN 2020-2021

\$105m Capital Housing Plan to construct 16 new housing allotments for sealed roads, kerb and channel, sewer, water, storm water, power and Telstra cabling and erection of 10 new houses varying between 2, 3 and 4 bedroom residences.

This item was referred to in the Director of Engineering Report at Item 8.3.6.

11.3 DAVID BOOTH and DAVINA BAKER

For Council's Information.

11.4 DRAFT ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

A Draft Organisational Structure was prepared by the HR Department and presented at the Council Meeting.

The draft was functions only at this stage and no names were included.

Resolution No13 - 5/21 That Council adopt the draft Organisational Structure presented to Council as a Late Item to the May 2021 Council Meeting.

Moved: Cr. Athol Walden
Seconded: Mayor Jason Ned
Carried

Resolution No 14 - 5/21 That Council receive and take note of the Late Items presented at the May 2021 Council Meeting.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Cr. Antoinette Diamond
Carried

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Item 9 - Correspondence

9.1 Letter from Office of Lord Mayor Brisbane inviting Council to attend the 2021 Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayor's Forum Special Edition in Brisbane September 2021.

Resolution No 15 - 5/21 That Council receive and note the letter from the Lord Mayor of Brisbane regarding the 2021 Asia Pacific Cities Summit in September 2021 and note that Council will not be able to attend the Summit.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Cr. Elijah Douglas
Carried

Resolution No 16 - 5/21 That Council receive and take note of the Correspondence presented for May 2021 Council Meeting.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Cr. Athol Walden
Carried

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Item 10 - General Business

Nil.

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Item 12 - Confidential Session

Resolution No 17 - 5/21 That Council closed the meeting at 5.07pm under section 254J Local Government Regulations 2012:

12.1.1 Confidential – Not for Public Release – Staffing Matters 3(b).

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Cr. Elijah Douglas
Carried

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12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – TROY FRASER CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

12.1.1 STAFF EMPLOYMENT

12.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

Nil.

12.3 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

Nil.

12.4 DIRECTOR ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

Nil.

Resolution No 18 - 5/21 That the meeting be re-opened to the public at 5.17 pm.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Cr. Athol Walden
Carried

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Item 13 - Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be Thursday 17th June 2021.

ITEM 14 - Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 5.17 pm.



Jason Ned
Mayor
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council