



**MINUTES
OF THE
APRIL ORDINARY MEETING**

**HELD IN THE BOARDROOM
DOOMADGEE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
275 Sharpe Street
Doomadgee Qld 4830**

**On Wednesday 17th April 2019
11:00am**

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1. OPENING

The Acting Mayor welcome and opening of meeting at 11:12am

2. CONDOLENCES

Richardson Family, Walden Family,

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Elected Members

Acting Mayor, Jason Ned
Cr Scharrayne Foster
Cr Veron Ned

Staff

Garry Jeffries – Director of Engineering/Acting Chief Executive Officer
Monique Cunningham – Minute Taker

Absentees

Elected Members

Cr Dean Jupiter

Staff

Gail Richardson – Acting Director of Community Services
Debbie Glyde – Director of Corporate Services
Peter van Heusden – Procurement Manager

4. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S

05.01 Ordinary Meeting of Council, 21st March 2019

Recommendation:

That Council confirms the Minutes, as presented, of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21st March 2019

Resolution No. 1-17/19

Moved: Cr Vernon Ned

Seconded: Acting Mayor, Jason Ned

That Council confirms the Minutes, as presented, of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21st March 2019

Carried

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil



7. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICE(S) OF MOTION AND PETITIONS

7.01 Notices of Motion

7.02 Petitions

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10.01 The Old Piggery Site

BELAW were requested to draft a letter giving the previous owner 28 days to clean up site. BELAW advised that there needed to be a personal guarantee signed by the previous owner as the company has been dissolved.

Garry Jeffries will investigate this further, looking more closely at resolutions and further enquiries.

10.03 Doomadgee Roadhouse
Stocking Normal Unleaded Petrol versus Opal Fuel at the Roadhouse

Due to police concerns of petrol sniffing escalating with the introduction of normal Unleaded Petrol Council has agreed to now make this a 12 months trial.

9. PRESENTATIONS AND/OR ELECTED MEMBERS REPORTS

Acting Mayor Jason Ned intends to have a discussion with the ABC. The topic of discussion will be the level of crime and vandalism in community and about getting more support from the various agencies including the Police and Youth Justice to combat this issue.

Council has a number of proposals that may help reduce the level of re-offending and engage the youth in a manner that would give them a sense of pride and ownership in their Community. These plans include involvement of Community members and parents to instil a sense respect and responsibility within the Community to reduce the wanton damage that is occurring with the town.

This needs a collaborative approach from all stakeholders to take action and work together to achieve a positive result.



11. DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING MONTHLY REPORT

REPORT AUTHOR(S) Garry Jeffries
REPORT APPROVED BY Acting CEO
DEPARTMENT Engineering

PURPOSE

Presentation of the Monthly Activity report to Council.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable

COMMENT

NDRRA Works:

No further NDRRA works will be undertaken until after Easter as reported last month.

- Machines now available
- Looking for some more operators
- Getting gravel ready now
- More money now available

TIDS Works:

Woolagarang West Road:

This project will commence after the NDRRA works as reported last month.

Workshop:

Operations are continuing as per normal.

Mainly routine servicing and minor repairs have been required in the last month.

- Put in new Budget for 2019-2020 an allocation for a new grader
- Old grader will then be commissioned to make fire breaks

General Gang:

Operations are continuing as per normal.

The General Gang have been working on keeping the community clean as well as assisting with maintenance at the airport and sewage effluent lagoons.

Airport:

The airport is currently operating as normal.

REX have conducted their annual audit of the airport and terminal and the infrastructure has been deemed compliant.

Water and Sewerage:

Water operations are currently under close scrutiny because of the critical nature of the Community reserves.

A consulting WTP operator was engaged to assist Council staff manage the plant during the recent pending water shortage.



Thankfully cyclone Trevor produced enough rainfall runoff to fill our water supply weir so the immediate threat of a water shortage has been avoided.

However, Council is still seeking funding to identify and implement a backup or support water source in the interest of putting in place a permanent solution.

AECOM Consulting Engineers have been to site and are preparing a report detailing the alternatives to assist Council in its endeavours.

- Tender documents nearly completed

New Regional Waste Facility

AECOM are liaising with the Environmental Authorities to move this project to the next phase in preparation to start construction.

Works for Queensland (W4Q) 2017-2019

The earthworks and pavement construction for this project is well underway and it is expected to have the first stage of the kerb and channel in place before Easter.

Works for Queensland (W4Q) 2019-2021

Council has not yet been advised on the status of the approval process in respect of the projects that have been put forward for this funding round.

- PCYC, Workshop and Renovations to Staff Housing

Alignment amendment to the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Planning Scheme under the alignment amendment rules and the *Planning Act 2016*, Section 293

Background

On 3 July 2016, the new *Planning Act 2016* (the Act) commenced. This replaced the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (SPA).

The Planning Act supports a new development assessment system and introduces new concepts and terminology. As the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Planning Scheme is a SPA compliant scheme, the scheme contains concepts and terminology that are not consistent with the new legislation.

Along with new concepts and terminology, there are also new decision rules for code assessment that require decisions to be made by the assessment manager solely on the basis of the content of the planning scheme codes ('assessment benchmarks'); This differs from the current rules in SPA which allow for a broader range of considerations. This means that assessment criteria and benchmarks need to be adjusted and, in some instances, made more robust to ensure that there are no unintended development outcomes where codes are not sufficiently robust.

Whilst the new Act contains provisions for the legal transition of instruments and terminology and thus establishes interim arrangements for dealing with development assessed against a planning scheme that is based on superseded legislation, it is beneficial that local governments amend their local planning instrument (the planning scheme) to ensure a seamless interpretation of the new terminology and keep their schemes up to date to more easily incorporate future amendments.

The Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDMIP) has proposed to assist the council by engaging a consultant to undertake revisions to the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Planning Scheme. These revisions have been completed and can be adopted subject to undertaking the following steps in the Alignment Amendment process. All steps will be facilitated by the DSDMIP, with council input where required.

It is important to note that this Alignment Amendment is a special type of planning scheme amendment with reduced steps as it only incorporates non-substantial changes. Other changes that the council may be considering that are normally subject to administrative, major or minor planning scheme amendment processes are unable to be incorporated into the proposed Alignment Amendment. The scope of the changes proposed under this Alignment Amendment includes the following:

- improving and clarifying assessment benchmarks, notably codes to ensure they are sufficiently robust to permit assessment as required by the decision rules for code assessment under the new Act;
- reformatting and revising the structure of the planning scheme to improve its clarity and operation, including removing redundant terms and redundant planning scheme requirements;
- replacing terminology or language from repealed legislation (SPA), including changing the names of categories of development or categories of assessment;
- changes of form not involving substantial changes in substance.

The Alignment Amendment does not include:

- a change to a matter of state interest;
- a substantial change to a policy position as currently expressed in the scheme;
- a substantial change to a category of development or category of assessment for a particular use or activity;
- a change, other than a change that is minor or inconsequential, to a person's or entity's development rights;
- changes that result in widespread public interest or multiple public submissions.

Process for Alignment Amendment

This Alignment Amendment is required to follow a process outlined in the Alignment Amendment rules, as outlined in s293 of the new Act.

The process will include the following steps:

- the council resolution to decide to make the proposed amendment (see below) and nominating the date upon which the amendment will commence. Only one council resolution is required to enact the amendment;
- publishing a public notice about the alignment amendment in the local newspaper, the Queensland Government Gazette and council website (draft attached);
- give a copy of the public notice, alignment amendment and a copy of the amended planning scheme to the chief executive of DSDMIP.

Council Policy

Council Policies are not affected by this proposed Alignment Amendment

Legal Implications

No legal implications are expected by this proposed Alignment Amendment

Financial Implications

DSDMIP will assist to arrange for the required public notices, at no cost to the council, and facilitate the provision of the required documentation to the chief executive of DSDMIP.

Recommendation

That council:

- decides to make an alignment amendment to the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Planning Scheme under the Alignment Amendment Rules made by the Planning Minister under section 293 of the *Planning Act 2016* for the purpose of aligning the terminology of the planning scheme with the *Planning Act 2016*
- after preparing the alignment amendment, the amendment will commence on 24 May 2019
- will publish a public notice in:
 - the gazette;
 - in a newspaper circulating in the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council area; and
 - on the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council’s website.

Will give the Chief Executive of the Department of Local Government, Infrastructure and Planning a copy of the public notice and a copy of the alignment amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 2-17/19

Moved: Acting Mayor, Jason Ned

Seconded: Cr Vernon Ned

TO MAKE AN ALIGNMENT AMENDMENT TO THE DOOMADGEE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL PLANNING SCHEME UNDER THE ALIGNMENT AMENDMENT RULES AND THE *PLANNING ACT 2016*, SECTION 293

That council:

- decides to make an alignment amendment to the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Planning Scheme under the Alignment Amendment Rules made by the Planning Minister under section 293 of the *Planning Act 2016* for the purpose of aligning the terminology of the planning scheme with the *Planning Act 2016* and making codes more robust for the purposes of development assessment using the new decision rules.
- after preparing the alignment amendment, the amendment will commence 24 May 2019
- will publish a public notice in:
 - the gazette;
 - in a newspaper circulating in the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council area; and
 - on the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council’s website.
- will give the Chief Executive of the Department of Local Government, Infrastructure and Planning a copy of the public notice and a copy of the alignment amendment

Passed



TEMPLATE 2 - PUBLIC NOTICE/GAZETTE NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF ALIGNMENT AMENDMENT TO THE
DOOMADGEE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL PLANNING SCHEME MADE
UNDER THE ALIGNMENT AMENDMENT RULES AND
THE *PLANNING ACT 2016*, SECTION 293**

Notice is hereby given that on 17 April 2019 the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council made the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council planning scheme alignment amendment under the Alignment Amendment Rules and section 293 of the *Planning Act 2016* to the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Planning Scheme (the **alignment amendment**). The alignment amendment will commence on 24 May 2019

The alignment amendment has the purpose and general effect of aligning the terminology of the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Planning Scheme with the *Planning Act 2016* and making codes more robust for the purposes of development assessment using the new decision rules.

A copy of the alignment amendment may be inspected at and purchased from 275 Sharpe Street, Doomadgee. The Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council planning scheme can also be viewed online and downloaded at <http://doomadgee.qld.gov.au/>.

For further information, please either visit the council customer service centre or telephone or email council on (07) 4745 8351.

Chief Executive Officer or Acting CEO
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council

CONSULTATION	Not applicable
LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENT	<i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
STRATEGIC ASSOCIATION / ALIGNMENT TO CORPORATE PLAN	Not applicable
RISK ASSESSMENT	Not applicable
FINANCIAL IMPACT	Not applicable
ASSET MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT	Not applicable
POLICY ASSOCIATION	Not applicable
CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS	Not applicable

Recommendation:

That the report from the Director of Engineering be noted and received.



13. ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

REPORT AUTHOR(S) Gail Richardson
REPORT APPROVED BY Acting CEO
DEPARTMENT Community Services

Youth Hub

We have received verbal information that funding for the Youth Hub has been approved from PM&C for \$300,000 per year for the next 3 financial years. Written conformation should follow soon for signing plus formal contract.

Two of the planned six workshops have been completed with some success. The boxing was very popular but the hydroponic was poorly attended because the sorry days impacted the construction process. Football is being assisted through the youth hub in the way of support with training and other areas as required.

I have been working with Vicki William on providing a final figure for the past two financial years and we have been able to settle the 16/17 figure which unfortunately shows a large underspend for that period. I have sent an accompanying letter outlining the issues of that year, with the figures, to the finance department in the hope they will look kindly on us and not request the fund back.

Elijah is moving forward with his cultural events every 2nd Wednesday night in the Middle Park and this is gaining momentum.

Broadcasting

Sai and Elijah are still keeping the community well informed on community events.

I have been unable to secure a timeline for the move of equipment at the broadcasting unit from Blackstar which is very frustrating but will keep working on it as it needs to happen.

Animal & Environmental

Work is continuing with Kenny's crew on the removal of the Chinese Apple trees.

We have had several requests to remove dead dogs from family's yards which we attend to as soon as possible.

The next vet visit starts on Monday 27th of May till midday Friday and Hannah Burton is the Vet coming in.

General

The Savannah Way art project is proceeding and consideration should be given to supporting this project as it will help attract more tourists past our door and cost to council at this stage is minimal. The other reason I feel this is it's a way to bring the community together for a collective project with the community being fully involved in the process to a final concept and delivery on site.

General statement - I will continue to work for council till a hand over to someone else can be arranged as the work I have been doing with PM&C is at an important stage where we need to keep on the side with moving forward.

- Once the new CEO is on board that this position be revised to a Manager role rather than a Director role.

Recommendation:

That the report from the Director of Community Services be noted and received.

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

Government Funding of the Savannah Way to boarder

Funding has been announced for upgrade works of the Savannah Way through to the NT border. It is considered that support be given to Burke to lobby for a reasonable allocation to our region to upgrade the gravel sections to bitumen seal standard as well as more signage along the route.

W4Q 2017-2019 – Cemetery Ablution Block

The Director of Engineering advised the construction drawing for this project are being finalised and after discussions it has been agreed that this building will include a disabled compliant Unisex toilet and a separate Male and a Female toilet cubicle on either side of it. It will be built large enough to also include a store room for storage of chairs, tables and other items used during Funerals. The toilet block and storage area will be similar in construction to that built at the Rodeo Ground with no glass windows, steel doors and be fully ventilated between the top of the walls and underside of the roof.

BAS - Plumbing

With the resignation of Council's Plumber the options need to be considered in order to continue with the BAS maintenance plumbing works.

This works requires a fully qualified Plumber with a Gas endorsement and ability to supervise 1 to 2 people. After some discussion it was decided to seek expressions of interest in the position and Council will then consider their approach accordingly.

Regional Express

At a recent meeting with Regional Express (REX) and the Transport Authority, held on 16th April, 2019, it was expressed that there was a lot of contention with passengers not being able to fill the empty seats on planes, particularly between Mt Isa and Doomadgee. It was explained that this was due to the maximum allowable take-off weight of the aircraft and the need to carry additional fuel. It was further explained that if planes could re-fuel in Doomadgee, then up to 3-4 more seats could be filled on this leg.

The outcome of the subsequent discussion was to investigate the possibility of providing fuel facilities for aircraft visiting Doomadgee and hold discussion with interested parties to develop a plan in this respect.

The starting point for this research is knowing what the demand might be and the Manager for Regional Express will advise what the REX usage might be and some research will be required to determine what other light aircraft may use. In addition, consideration will be given to potential interested parties to operate this service.

Security

In the interest of better protecting Council Assets consideration is being given to better utilising technology to monitor Council property to combat vandalism and damage to that property.

The intention is to set up a camera monitoring and surveillance station to observe and report any suspicious activity around Council Assets. The suggested site for this "Surveillance Station" is one of the office spaces near the Post Office.

Consideration is also being given as to what staff will be required to man this facility and the logistics of how it will operate.

Data Central has been appointed to set up a Security Monitoring office at the Council building. In the interim, remote monitoring is occurring and there are two security personnel who are notified when there is an incident/break-in to attend on ground in Doomadgee until this setup has been completed.

Council will be kept informed of the progress of this process.

Resolution No. 3-17/19

Moved: Acting Mayor, Jason Ned

Seconded: Cr Vernon Ned

That Council closes the meeting at 12.52pm.

Carried

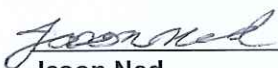


16. PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR

Thursday 16 th May 2019	10.00am	Doomadgee	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 20 th June 2019	10.00am	Doomadgee	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 18 th July 2019	10.00am	Doomadgee	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 15 th August 2019	10.00am	Doomadgee	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 19 th September 2019	10.00am	Doomadgee	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 17 th October 2019	10.00am	Doomadgee	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 21 st November 2019	10.00am	Doomadgee	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 19 th December 2019	10.00am	Doomadgee	Ordinary Meeting

17. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed 12.52 pm



Jason Ned
Acting Mayor
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council

Year	1950	1951	1952	1953
Population	1,000,000	1,050,000	1,100,000	1,150,000
Area (sq. miles)	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Population Density	10	10.5	11	11.5
Urban Population	500,000	550,000	600,000	650,000
Rural Population	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Total	1,000,000	1,050,000	1,100,000	1,150,000

TABLE 1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Statistical Abstract, 1954.