



MINUTES

of

ORDINARY MEETING

Thursday 25th June 2020

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Item 1 - Declaration of Opening

The Deputy Mayor declared the Meeting open at 10.11 am.

Mayor Jason Ned attended the meeting at 10.12 am.

Item 2 - Condolences

A Minutes Silence was held for: - Mr Mark Watson; Mr Timothy Douglas (Jnr); Ms. Dell Diamond; Ms. Nora Brookdale, Mr Terry Taylor Snr. and Mrs Avis Sambo.

Item 3 - Record of Attendance and Leave of Absence

Elected Members

Mayor Jason Ned
Cr. Antoinette Diamond
Cr. Elijah Douglas
Cr. Myron Johnny
Cr. Athol Walden

Staff

Garry Jeffries – Chief Executive Officer
Steve Linnane – Acting Director of Corporate Services
Tony Ivers - Director Engineering
Marilou McKay – Finance Manager (call in if required)
Pam Danaher – PA to CEO/Minute Taker

Apologies

Joanne Linnane – Acting Manager Community Services

Item 4 - Obligations of Councillors

4.1 MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

Pursuant to Section 175C of the Local Government Act 2009, no declarations of material personal interests were made during this Meeting.

4.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST / PERCEIVED CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Pursuant to Section 175E of the Local Government Act 2009, no declaration of conflict of interest were raised.

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

Councillors reviewed their Registers of Interest and Related Parties Disclosures.

Item 5 – Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st MAY 2020

Resolution No 1 – 6/20 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 21st May 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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

Item 6 – Business Arising from Minutes Previous Meeting

6.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st MAY 2020

Ergon Energy – there needs to be something put in place to have an Ergon person stationed permanently in Doomadgee to fix faults and breakdowns. Help is not readily available and many times service people are flown in from miles away. Doomadgee is an unregulated power area using diesel and not on the grid.

The CEO will write to Ergon confirming this request and Council to lobby Minister Coralee O'Rourke and Bob Gee to reinforce the request with government to see what can be done about getting an Ergon worker stationed permanently in Doomadgee as Council have been pushing for this for over 5 years.

The CEO to also make enquiries about having a TMR office in Doomadgee independent of the Police Station. The idea is to reduce the workload for QPS and help with continuity of TMR related services having regard for staff rotations.

Item 7 - Visitors and Presentations

7.1 BETH EVERILL, Principal, Doomadgee State School

Tony Ivers left the meeting at 10.49 am.
Tony Ivers returned to the meeting at 10.52 am.

Beth Everill attended the meeting at 10.37 am with Rose Foster – Indigenous Liaison Leader – Community Teacher, Gary Diamond – Student Attendance Officer - SAO Officer and Shane O'Keefe - Indigenous Liaison Leader – Behaviour Management Leader.

Tony Ivers left the meeting at 10.58 am.
Tony Ivers returned to the meeting at 10.59 am.

Beth produced a Newsletter for Council to look at that goes out three times a term. She advised that the attendance at school for 2 terms has been down to 37.7% attendance. The Police are going around with Beth door knocking and trying to get the kids to attend School.

Term 3 - there will be a lot of celebrations at the School, NAIDOC Week, Athletics Day, Camps, Art Competition and Hospitality and Housing for High School students. A big thank you to Council for allowing the School to use the Youth Hub for Flexi School – Brettlyn and Milo have been helping out. Literacy levels are increasing since kids started last year. The goal for the school is that each child will be able to write their first name and surname by the end of the year.

Tony Ivers left the meeting at 11.05 am.

Tony Ivers returned to the meeting at 11.06 am.

The CEO gave a quick rundown about the "On Country" Project that Council is trying to get up and running subject to funding. This project will give the school the opportunity to utilise the facilities to give students and on country learning experience.

The school children have been making artifacts which have been marketed through the ADBT store in Cairns. Rose Foster is teaching the children language and culture and Cr. Elijah Douglas advised that he may have some time in the near future to provide assistance with this. Mayor Ned also advised that the ADBT Board may have some funding available that the School could use, if needed.

There was some discussion about ways to improve school attendance including the idea that maybe organisations or individuals could "adopt a class". They could then come to school and participate in the class room activities and get involved with the students. Beth reminded everyone that everybody is welcome to attend the school at any time and see what is happening in the class rooms and the school.

Item 8 - Reports

8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

8.1.1 LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Discussion ensued and it was agreed that a Community Event be held when COVID has gone and maybe hold a BBQ etc as a thankyou to the Community.

8.1.2 COVID WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND (W4Q)

8.1.3 NATIVE TITLE APPLICATION

Resolution No 2 - 6/20 That Council:

- (a) Hold the next Council Meeting in Cairns on 30th July, 2020.
- (b) Authorise the CEO, Garry Jeffries to arrange a briefing with Council's legal advisors on the Native Title Application, and the Solicitors to present at a Meeting whilst in Cairns for the July Council Meeting.
- (c) Delegate authority to the CEO, Garry Jeffries to take any action required to protect Council's interests in this matter.

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

8.1.4 NORTH WEST QUEENSLAND REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (NWQROC)

Cr. Myron Johnny left the meeting at 11.54 am.

Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the meeting at 11.56 am.

Resolution No 3 - 6/20 Council resolved that all Councillors be able to attend the NWQROC Meeting to be held at Mt. Isa on 9th and 10th July, 2020.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Cr. Myron Johnny
Carried

8.1.5 INAUGURAL ASSEMBLY OF WESTERN QUEENSLAND ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS (WQAC)

Cr. Athol Walden left the meeting at 12.02 pm.

Cr. Athol Walden returned to the meeting at 12.05 pm.

8.1.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND (LGAQ) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Lunch Break -

12.10 pm

A luncheon break was called at 12.10 pm.

Council Meeting resumed at 12.39 pm.

8.1.7 DOOMADGEE MASTER PLAN

Need to restrict the Traffic on the River Road.

Resolution No 4 - 6/20 That Council:

1. Resolve to endorse the Doomadgee Master Plan in its current form acknowledging that it will be reviewed and amended to align with the changing needs of the community.
2. Resolve to endorse the Doomadgee Master Plan as a Policy of Council in support of the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Planning Scheme dated 7th November 2014.
3. Resolve to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the Doomadgee Master Plan from time to time.

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

8.1.8 DOOMADGEE TENANCY ACTION GROUP (DTAG)

Tony Ivers left the meeting at 12.58 pm.

Tony Ivers returned to the meeting at 12.59 pm.

Resolution No 5 - 6/20 That Council:

- (a) Authorise the CEO, Mr Garry Jeffries to review the document to ensure Council has the opportunity to provide sufficient input to ensure appropriate tenancy allocations are made.
- (b) Consideration for a six (6) month trial period so that any issues can be identified.
- (c) The CEO to report back to Council with his findings and recommendation.

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

Tony Ivers and Garry Jeffries left the meeting at 1.17pm.

Tony Ivers and Garry Jeffries returned to the meeting at 1.18 pm.

Resolution No 6 - 6/20 That Council receive and take note of the Chief Executive Officers report for June 2020.

Moved: Cr. Elijah Douglas
Seconded: Cr. Antoinette Diamond
Carried

Glen Ziph from Trility was asked into the Meeting at 1.35 pm and he gave a report on the Water Treatment Plant and the installation of the water sterilisation system upgrade. Have now added a dual system and added new alarms, with plant shutdown in emergency situation. Glen is also providing recommendations for improvements to the other chemical dosing equipment.

Mayor Jason Ned left the meeting at 1.42 pm.

Mayor Jason Ned returned to the meeting at 1.43 pm.

8.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

8.2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PROVIDED BY FINANCE MANAGER – MARILOU MCKAY

Resolution No 7 - 6/20 That the Financial Statements attached to the report for June 2020 be received and noted.

Mayor Jason Ned and Garry Jeffries left the meeting at 1.57 pm.
Mayor Jason Ned and Garry Jeffries returned to the meeting at 1.58 pm.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Cr. Myron Johnny
Carried

8.2.2 REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES

Resolution No 8 - 6/20 That Council adopt the following Policies as attached to the Interim Director Corporate Services report for June 2020:

Mayor Jason Ned left the meeting at 2.15 pm.
Mayor Jason Ned returned to the meeting at 2.16 pm.

- 01 - Councillor Acceptable Request Guidelines Policy;
- 02 - Investment Policy;
- 03 - Debt Policy;
- 04 - Revenue Policy;
- 07 - Advertising Policy;
- 08 - Procurement Policy;
- 10 - Local Law-Making Process Policy; and
- 11 - Competitive Neutrality Complaint Process Policy.

Garry Jeffries left the meeting at 2.20 pm.
Garry Jeffries returned to the meeting at 2.24 pm.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Cr. Myron Johnny
Carried

Resolution No 9 - 6/20 That Council receive and take note of the Interim Director of Corporate Services Report for June 2020.

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

8.3 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT

Steve Linnane left the meeting at 2.37 pm.
Steve Linnane returned to the meeting at 2.49 pm.

Cr. Myron Johnny left the meeting at 3.18 pm.
Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the meeting at 3.20 pm.

Cr. Elijah Douglas and Garry Jeffries left the meeting at 3.42 pm.
Cr. Elijah Douglas and Garry Jeffries returned to the meeting at 3.43 pm.

Resolution No 10 - 6/20 That Council receive and take note of the Director of Engineering Report for June 2020.

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

8.4 ACTING MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Resolution No 11 - 6/20 That Council receive and take note of the Acting Manager of Community Services Report for June 2020.

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

Item 9 - Correspondence

9.1 Letter from Jacinta Marshall, District Manager, Community Corrections.

Resolution No 12 - 6/20 That Council forward a letter of appreciation to Jacinta Marshall for the work and assistance carried out by her in the position of District Manager, Mt. Isa and Lower Gulf Community Corrections and wishing her the best in her future endeavours.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Cr. Myron Johnny
Carried

Item 10 - General Business

- 10.1** Advice from Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack MP and Mark Coulton MP – Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government that 1.8 billion dollars has been received to boost the Roads and for Community Projects.

Doomadgee received \$59,500 for projects

- 10.2** Hire of Council Bus
The conditions of hiring of the Council bus will be reinforced for future hire, in particular the requirement that the vehicle must be returned with a full tank of fuel and it must be in a clean and tidy state. If Council has to incur significant cost for cleaning the vehicle upon return; then these costs will be deducted from the bond held.

- 10.3** NIAA Country Well Being Funding

The CEO advised that during discussions with NIAA mention was made of some funding available for Community well-being based projects. After some discussion it was advised that this funding may be used to help provide facilities for dialysis patients and to help with Council's "On Country" project. Further discussions will be held with NIAA to fully investigate the opportunities.

Item 11 - Confidential Session

Resolution No 13 - 6/20 That the Council close the meeting at 4.03 pm under section 275 Local Government Regulations 2012 (1)(a)(d)(e)(f)(h) to consider the following items:

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

Resolution No 14 - 6/20 That the meeting be re-opened to the public at 4.13 pm.

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

11.1 CHRISTMAS 2020 COUNCIL SHUTDOWN

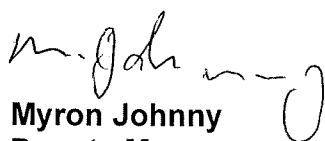
Council authorised CEO, Garry Jeffries to talk to Staff regarding this shutdown and the impact on annual leave and report back to Council accordingly.

Item 12 - Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be Thursday 30th July 2020 in Cairns.

ITEM 13 - Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 4.29 pm.



Myron Johnny
Deputy Mayor
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council