

CONFIRMED Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council held in the Boardroom, 275 Sharpe Street, Doomadgee on Tuesday 21st March 2017.

1.0 OPENING BY THE MAYOR

At 9:15am G Jeffries adjourned the meeting start due to lack of quorum until 9:30am
At 9:42am Cr Walden opened the meeting.

2.0 ATTENDANCE AND APPOINTMENTS

Attendance

G Jeffries from 9:00am
R Kelly from 9:00am

Cr D Jupiter from 9:22am
Cr E Walden from 9:36am
Cr T Chong from 9:40am
Cr S Foster from 9:41am
Cr J Ned from 9:42am

Appointments

2.1 Snr. Sergeant Aaron Baxter sent his apologies that he was unable to attend due to being called to Mt Isa. He sent a short report by phone message stating that since the roads had opened there was an increase in alcohol related incidents in the Community. Additionally, the traffic branch visited the Community and charged two persons with drug driving. Some search warrants had been executed and restricted alcohol and drugs have been seized.

10:03am
As this item finished early the meeting moved on to Item 3.0, whilst waiting for the Doomadgee School representatives to arrive.

2.2 Ms Paula McGuire and Rose Foster from the school made their presentation Council as follows:

10:30am Paula McGuire & Rose Foster entered the Chambers

Attendance:

The numbers generally have dropped off a little since the roads opened, although the last couple of days are showing signs of improvement.

At the suggestion of Council, it was decided that FRC should be invited to visit the school and also initiate more liaison with parents to make sure the reason for absenteeism is correctly recorded. This is particularly important where the administration of the Basic Card is concerned.

At the beginning of next Term "the Doomadgee Way/Positive Behaviour for Learning" will be introduced with the aim to improve attendance.

Reading:

Also, commencing at the start of Term 2 will be a set reading time of 8:30 to 9:30am each day and the school is seeking volunteers from the Community to assist with this program. A call for volunteers will be advertised around town.

Other Business

There will an advertisement in the next newsletter asking for representatives from family groups for the P&C/Governing Council.

There will be another Open Day at the school next Tuesday 28 March 2017 at 10:00am.

There will be a letter regarding Staff safety in the next newsletter.

Paula concluded her report at 10:55am

10:56am Paula & Rose left the Chambers

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:57am for Morning Tea
The Meeting re-convened at 11:10am

The meeting moved to Item 3.0 at 10:03am whilst waiting for the representatives from the school whom where scheduled for 10:30am

3.0 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

CEO Lothar Siebert was not in the Community; however, he is available by telephone conference if required.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 1 -03/17

Moved Cr Jupiter Seconded, Cr Ned that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Doomadgee on 20 February 2017, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
Carried (5/0)

A printed copy of the confirmed minutes was presented to the Mayor for signing.

BUSINESS ARISING

It was noted and received by Council that a typographical error had been identified in the confirmed minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Doomadgee on 19 January 2017. The minutes showed that **Resolution 4-01/17** had been **Carried (5/0)** when in fact it was **Carried (4/0)** as Cr Chong had left the Chambers due to a conflict of interest and hence did not vote on this resolution.

Time Stamp 10:13am

5.0 DISCLOSURE OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

6.0 PRESENTATIONS AND/OR ELECTED MEMBERS REPORTS

6.1 Cr Ned gave a short report on his and the Chief Executive Officers meeting with representatives of Building Asset Services (BAS) in Mount Isa. BAS are keen to enter into an arrangement with Council to facilitate the housing maintenance program and they have plant and equipment available that will be of assistance.

Cr Chong gave a short account regarding his attendance at the meeting with Cabinet in Cairns, which was reported to be the first-time Cabinet had meet with Indigenous Council Leaders. Housing was the main focus of discussion and the need to reduce overcrowding in Doomadgee.

7.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

7.1 Local Laws:

RESOLUTION 2 -03/17

Moved Cr Ned Seconded, Cr Chong that this item is noted and received as reported.

Carried (4/0)

10:19am Cr Foster left

7.2 Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council – Policy & Procedures Manual:

RESOLUTION 3 -03/17

Moved Cr Ned Seconded, Cr Walden that this item is noted and received as reported.

Carried (4/0)

7.3 Other Governance Matters:

RESOLUTION 4 -03/17

Moved Cr Jupiter Seconded, Cr Ned that this item is noted and received as reported.

Carried (4/0)

BUSINESS ARISING

It was agreed that when the Governance & Grant Writing Officer commences on site that a suitable time will be convened for a Councillor Workshop & Information session pertaining to Local Laws, Policies & Procedures and Other Governance matters

Time Stamp 10:24am

7.4 Meeting - State & Federal Members of Government:

Council noted the updated information in respect of this item

10:30am Cr Foster back

7.5 Government Champion's Visit:

Council noted the updated information in respect of this item

At 10:30am the meeting moved back to Item 2.2 the Doomadgee School report.

11:05am R.Kelly left

11:10am R.Kelly back

7.6 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Men's Shed:

Notwithstanding Resolution 13-12/16 Council requested further and more detailed information in respect of the funding arrangements for the Men's Shed and whether there is any affiliation with the Australian Men's Shed Association.

11:19am Cr Ned left

Time Stamp 11:20am

11:21am Cr Ned back

7.7 Planned Use of the Premises Known as "The MMG Building":

RESOLUTION 5 -03/17

Moved Cr Jupiter Seconded, Cr Foster that the MMG Building be utilised as a Conference & Training Facility and that an operational policy & procedure be drawn up to administer this enterprise, including guidelines for the facility is to be made available for hire by Organisations other than Council. The facility is to be signed as the "Doomadgee Conference & Training Centre"

Carried (5/0)

Time Stamp 11:45am

7.8 Budget Meeting to Develop the 2017-18 Budget Papers:

RESOLUTION 6 -03/17

Moved Cr Ned Seconded, Cr Jupiter that three sessions be convened to develop the next Budget. The first in Cairns late April, Second in Cairns mid-late May and a final information & discussion session in Doomadgee on the day prior to the June 2017 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Carried (5/0)

7.9 Site Visit by DATSIP and AECOM:

Council noted and received the information in respect of this item.

7.10 Concrete Batching Plant:

Further to **Resolution 4-01/17** of the OMC in January 2017, Chongy & Sons Pty Ltd made a request for an extension of time until the 30 June 2017 to move the Concrete Batching Plant. Cr Chong then declared a conflict of interest and left the Chambers.

12:10pm Cr Chong left

After some discussion, Council agreed to the extension subject to a satisfactory agreement being signed by Chongy & Sons Pty Ltd, indemnifying Council from any and all liability in respect of any operation of the plant, including any obligations relating to EPA requirements. Additionally, Chongy & Sons Pty Ltd are to provide Certificates of Currency for both Public Liability and Work Cover Insurance.

RESOLUTION 7 -03/17

Moved Cr Walden Seconded, Cr Ned that Chongy & Sons Pty Ltd be granted the extension of time subject to a suitable agreement being signed in accordance with the terms & conditions as noted above

12:15pm Cr Chong back

Carried (4/0)

12:16pm Cr Jupiter left

12:17pm Cr Jupiter back

12:17pm R Kelly left

12:19pm R Kelly back

8.0 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

8.1 Monthly Report – Director Corporate Services – February 2017:

Resolution 8 – 03/17

Moved Cr Ned, Seconded Cr Foster that Council notes and receives the report from the Director of Corporate Services

Carried 5/0

9.0 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT

9.1 Monthly Report – Director of Engineering – February 2017:

Resolution 9 – 03/17

Moved Cr Walden, Seconded Cr Ned that Council notes and receives the report from the Director of Engineering

Carried 5/0

Time Stamp 12:40pm

12:45pm CR Foster left

12:55pm Cr Foster back

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Council requested that the pending report regarding the purchase a commuter bus shall give consideration for a minimum of 21 seats and the vehicle is to be diesel powered with a manual gearbox.
2. After some discussion, Council resolved that the site for the New Workshop Facility shall be that as reported by the Director of Engineering and that expressions of interest be advertised within the Community for the demolition and removal of the old piggery and other structures on the site.

1:00pm Cr Ned left

1:02pm Cr Ned back

Resolution 10 – 03/17

Moved Cr Jupiter, Seconded Cr Ned that the site for the New Workshop Facility shall be Lot 76 on SP270333 as per the plans tabled by the Director of Engineering and that expressions of interest be called for the demolition and removal of existing structures on that allotment.

Carried 5/0

The Meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm for Lunch

The Meeting re-convened at 1:35pm.

Time Stamp 1:10pm

10.0 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

1:20pm Cr Foster left

10.1 Monthly Report – Director of Community Services – February 2017:

1:30pm L Florence entered

Resolution 11 – 03/17

Moved Cr Ned, Seconded Cr Foster that Council notes and receives the report from the Director of Community Services

1:46pm Cr Foster back

Carried 5/0

2:05pm L Florence left

11.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

- A letter was received from Guy Douglas on behalf of the Doomadgee Gospel Church requesting assistance from Council to help prepare the river bank near the weir for their Easter Convention, My Pathways are also going to assist with this. Council agreed to provide assistance as appropriate;
- Staff to give consideration to using some of the old disused concrete box culverts around town for seats, tables and fire pits at the weir;
- PCYC also advised of activities for NAIDOC and Council acknowledged the program and to provide assistance as appropriate;
- Staff should give consideration to providing work experience to students during school holidays;
- Staff to investigate the site opposite Middle Park where some of the early houses existed, with a view to maintaining and preserving the site;
- Debora Harris introduced herself to the Council. Debora is employed by NWQICSS as a Youth Engagement Officer and wants to work in collaboration with Council to maximise her efforts within the Community.

2:15pm D Harris entered

2:20pm D Harris left

12.0 CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2:20pm.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 21 March 2017 are subject to confirmation at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled to be held Thursday, 20 April 2017.



Cr Edric Walden
Mayor
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council

