



**MINUTES OF THE  
OCTOBER 2019  
ORDINARY MEETING**

**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
DOOMADGEE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL  
275 SHARPE STREET, DOOMADGEE, QLD 4830  
ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019 AT 10.00AM**

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## 1. OPENING

The Acting Mayor welcome and opening of meeting at 10.19am

## 2. CONDOLENCES

One-minute silence held for;

Barbara Walden  
Shania Jacob

## 3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

### Elected Members

Acting Mayor Jason Ned  
Cr Dean Jupiter  
Cr Scharrayne Foster  
Cr Vernon Ned

### Staff

Garry Jeffries – Chief Executive Officer/ Director of Engineering  
Debbie Glyde – Director of Corporate Services  
David – Community Services Manager  
Monique Cunningham – Acting PA to CEO/Minute Taker

### Absentees

Peter van Heusden - Procurement Manager on Annual Leave

## 4. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nothing Reported

## 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

05.01 Ordinary Council Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

### Resolution No. 1-10/19

That Council confirms the minutes, as presented, of the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Moved:	Cr Vernon Ned
Seconded:	Acting Mayor, Jason Ned
	Carried

## 6. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nothing Reported

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

7.01 Notices of Motion

7.02 Petitions

Nothing Reported

## 8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nothing Reported

## 9. PRESENTATIONS AND/OR ELECTED MEMBERS REPORTS

**Doomadgee Police – arrived 10.28am**

John Fowles, Acting Senior Sergeant

Stephen Gelcutt - Sergeant

### Serious Crimes

John Fowles advised;

- over the last couple of months there had been a high volume of serious crime, where alcohol seemed to be the main contributing factor, so extra police were brought in to assist,
- sly grogging is hard to tackle due to everyone trying to get around the system. Quite often by the time the Police are notified. it is too late,

Acting Mayor, Jason Ned advised;

- the community have not been happy with the laws that the AMP has in place for some time and that he was putting together a group to present their concerns to the local member, to encourage change to these current laws.

Other Notes:

- There needs to be both Police and Community consultation in respect of any changes to the AMP.
- DATSIP are intending to visit the Community in mid to late November 2019 for discussions with Council, that will include the AMP. It is agreed that these discussions should include but not be limited to the following:
  - Unless an offense can be proven, it is not an offense



- Illegal to have or bring alcohol into the Doomadgee “region”
- The need to make the no alcohol zone bigger
- Currently there so many ways, and road accesses, being used to bring alcohol back into the community – what can be done to reduce these this.

### **Speed Limits around and within the community**

In consultation with Police, Council are reviewing the speed limits to be reduced as follows;

- Approaching the township of Doomadgee the main road will be reduced to 80klms per hour
- Nearing the Roadhouse speed will be reduced to 60klms; and
- Within the town of Doomadgee speed will be reduced to 40klms.

The Radio Station will be requested to broadcast a reminder to community that the current speed limits in any built up area in Queensland is currently 50klms.

When the new speed limits come into effect, these will be broadcasted to the community along with a message that everyone has an awareness period of one month to adjust to the new limits. During this period anyone caught speeding will receive a warning for the first offence however once this period expires, fines will be issued.

Council will source funding for works to have Crossings, Speed Humps and signage for GIVE WAY and STOP signs, which will be placed at the School, Hospital, Aged Care, Bakery and approaches to the Supermarket.

### **Complaints against Traffic Police**

Issues were raised that the Community are feeling targeted in the way they are being treated when they are stopped by Traffic Police and in some cases, it has been reported, that they can be quite rude.

John Fowles advised that he would be happy to register these complaints on behalf of Community.

### **Getting more involved and engaging with Community**

Doomadgee Police would like to get more involved and engaged with the Community by running Blue Light Discos, Movie nights, football games and are looking at using the basketball area instead of inside at PCYC/Sports and Recreation Club.

Council has no objection to this and advised that the “PCYC” building will be undergoing renovations, hence there will be no ablution facilities during that time and alternative arrangements will be required in that respect.

### **Drug & Alcohol Issues**

Doomadgee Police would like to work together with community and set up a Local Drug and Alcohol Community Team now that the Police have taken over as Lead Agency.

This concept will be discussed with DATSIP during the consultation process for any AMP review.

### **Minor Offences**

Police and Council, in consultation with Community Elders and the Justice Department, will look at a better way to deal with minor offences.

John Fowles will make contact with someone from the Justice Department to see how we can go about it and how it operates.

John Fowles and Stephen Gelcutt – left the meeting at 11.14am.

Garry Jeffries - left meeting at 11.14am returned at 11.15am.

Debbie Glyde – left meeting at 11.14am, returned at 11.16am.

### **Doomadgee State School**

Graham Weatherburn, Deputy Principal – arrived 11.16am.

#### **Doomadgee State School Improvement Priorities are;**

- every student, every day as engaging, safe, respectful learners
- every student learning and experiencing learning concepts
- success towards competency is essential
- whole language regime
- to teach phoenix well.

The numeracy and literacy skills of every are being assessed with the intent to review teaching methods to improve these skills and hopefully attendance at the same time.

Improvements are just starting to kick in now with many students.

#### **Items Noted:**

- Children having trouble with silent letters in words;
- Some children have been missing out and all gaps need to be filled with literacy and numeracy;
- Poor attendance because children feel they aren't smart enough and aren't coping;
- Bullying a problem;
- Children's lack of respect for teachers.

Vernon Ned – left meeting at 11.38.

#### **Attendance**

- Working with families to ensure absences are reported to school.
- Working with Cowboys to tailor to the needs of Doomadgee. When Matt Bowen came to the school recently attendance improved to almost 100%.
- Cowboys advertise on Imparja with students from Doomadgee.
- Prizes given for most improved attendance.
- Youth Hub as a working partner.
- The school is working with parents, trying to support them the best way they can.

#### **Events**

- School Fetes
- Read and Feed each fortnight
- Flexi School
- High School Café
- Cultural Classes
- Excursions and Camps
- Athletic Carnivals – 31 children participated at Normanton and 13 students qualified to participate in further events.

### Communication with Community

- Newsletters have gone out 3 times
- Home visits by administration, teachers talking about positive outcomes.
- Facebook - School Page
- Events in Middle Park
- Open days for parents to visit classrooms
- Students invited to read on air with staff from the Radio Station.

Children need trust in those they go to school with.

Vernon Ned – returned to meeting at 11.58am.

Council will have further discussions with the School Principal, in respect of potential education/job training in collaboration with the My Pathway JV in the interest of supporting apprenticeships in the Community.

The School is considering the introduction of a program with the intent for students to manufacture cultural artifacts., however, it is considered that consultation with Elders and Community needs to be undertaken to ensure that the program does not conflict with any Cultural requirements.

Graham Weatherburn left the meeting at 12.01pm.

## 10. PROCUREMENT REPORT

REPORT AUTHOR(S)	Peter van Heusden, Procurement Manager
REPORT APPROVED BY	Garry Jeffries, Chief Executive Officer
DEPARTMENT	Procurement

### 10.04 WHS Changes

- Workplace Representative, Denzel Cooper from the Youth Hub has resigned;
- Take Five Booklets are a formal process to check all is okay. Leon Ned goes around to check all is okay and Peter van Heusden keeps the records;
- Test & Tag is required.

#### Resolution No. 2-10/19

That the report from the Procurement Manager be noted and received as read.

Moved:	Acting Mayor, Jason Ned
Seconded:	Cr. Dean Jupiter
	Carried



## 11. COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

REPORT AUTHOR(S) Dave Ferguson, Community Services Manager  
REPORT APPROVED BY Debbie Glyde, Director of Corporate Services  
DEPARTMENT Community Services

### 11.01 Doomadgee Cultural Festival:

Positive feedback received. Need to apply for realistic funding for this event in the future.

### 11.02 Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Services (RIBS):

Elisja doing language programs and storytelling with the school on air.

Advertised on Radio – Tracoma Testing

Monday 21 October	Tuesday 22 October	Wednesday 23 October	Thursday 24 October	Friday 25 October
9am: My Pathways and NWRH	7am Council	10am: Save the Children	Healthcare clinic	Team meeting with community representatives to summarise findings.
11am Childcare Hub	11am-2.30pm School (starting at 11.30)	11am-2.30pm: School (starting at 11.30)	School if needed 12MD: Hospital	Meet with council and community to discuss findings/what next.
1.30pm: Ngooderi Aged Care Home	4pm: Community BBQ and Screening at Middle Park.	3pm-4pm: ABIS and Government Building. Starlight Captains return to Brisbane.	2pm: Save the children  (House calls if required)	Return to camp and pack.

- Council will provide catering for 400 people
- Finger Prick test - \$20 supermarket voucher to every person who takes part in this test.



### 11.03 Animal Management:

Veterinary visits are an expensive process and money in this area needs to be reduced.

When vet returns for their next visit, horses need to be culled. Horses are spreading Goat Weed seed which is infectious and can be very harmful to humans, causing cases of gang green.

Funding required for boundary fences around town to keep horses out.

This will be a major project to eliminate Goat Head Weed in the Community.

### 11.04 Environmental Health:

Michelle Newman; Queensland Government Senior Environmental Health Officer is Working with Doomadgee Council Environmental Health Worker to create an activity workplan, environmental management procedures and BIO Security for Doomadgee. An update of current qualifications will be provided at the next visit in early November. The funding from the Qld Government to provide animal management and environmental health services is considered 'Contribution Funding' and is expected to be fully expended each year.

Scharrayne Foster left the meeting at 12.21pm and returned at 12.26pm

Dean Jupiter left the meeting at 12.25pm and returned at 12.26pm

### 11.06 Stronger Women's Program:

Application submitted to provide women's and children's program in Doomadgee. Benefits of administering funding in community outweighs current consultancy arrangement with greater employment and positive outcomes for locals. If unsuccessful, there are other funding opportunities available, CSM will keep Council posted.

Men's Group – Corporate Manager still waiting to hear back.

### 11.07 Community Christmas party:

Santa's visit is scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> December. Preparations are underway for Santa to arrive in the Doomadgee fire truck. Christmas dinner is being coordinated by the Doomadgee Youth Hub. Various community based stakeholders and organisations are contributing to the event.

#### Resolution No. 3-10/19

That the report from the Community Services Manager's be noted and received as read.

Moved:	Acting Mayor, Jason Ned
Seconded:	Cr. Vernon Ned
	Carried

Dave Ferguson – left the meeting at 12.36pm.

Scharrayne Foster – left the meeting at 12.39pm.

**Resolution No. 4-10/19**

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 12.39pm for lunch.

Moved:	Acting Mayor, Jason Ned
Seconded:	Cr. Vernon Ned
	Carried

**Resolution No. 5-10/19**

That the Council commenced the meeting at 1.20pm.

Moved:	Acting Mayor, Jason Ned
Seconded:	Cr. Dean Jupiter
	Carried

## 12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REPORT AUTHOR(S) Garry Jeffries, Chief Executive Officer  
REPORT APPROVED BY -  
DEPARTMENT Office of CEO

### PURPOSE

Presentation of the Monthly Activity report to Council.

#### 12.01 LGAQ - Invitation to the Indigenous Innovation Roadshow, Sydney, 30<sup>th</sup> October–1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

CEO, Garry Jeffries and Acting Mayor, Jason Ned have declined invitation to attend the Indigenous Innovation Roadshow in Sydney being held on 30<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 due to other Council business.

#### 12.02 Dates for Doomadgee Day & Mabo Day in 2020

##### Resolution No. 6-10/19

That Council write to the Industrial Relations and follow up on confirmation of dates submitted for Doomadgee Day and Mabo Day.

Moved: Acting Mayor, Jason Ned  
Seconded: Cr. Vernon Ned  
Carried

#### 12.03 National Indigenous Justice Forum

Council will not be attending this National Indigenous Justice Forum, 26-28<sup>th</sup> November in Perth. PCYC are back on board to engage these children and money could be spent better at attending the next one held in Brisbane.

#### 12.04 School Pool Operation During School Holidays

To use the school pool Council requires someone qualified to watch the pool and the administration of the pool. Brettlyn Neal has completed Aquatic Water Skills and First Aid however will need to check if she is qualified to test water.

#### 12.05 Thriving Communities

Council will meet with DATSIP in the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November – date and time to be confirmed.



#### 12.06 NWQROC Board Meeting, Brisbane, 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019

It is considered that Council should attend this meeting to assist the NWQROC in it's efforts in lobbying government for more and improved investment in the NW Region.

This meeting is being held in Brisbane with the opportunity to speak with and lobby a number of high level politicians.

##### **Resolution No. 7-10/19**

That the CEO and some Councillors will attend. Councillor's names still to be decided.

Moved: Acting Mayor, Jason Ned  
Seconded: Cr. Vernon Ned  
Carried

#### 12.07 DA2019\_024 Doomadgee New Estate Road Development Application

This item refers to the subdivision and registration of the survey plans for the allotments on which it is intended to build the next allocation of Community Houses.

DATSIP have prepared documentation for this and will submit it on behalf of Council. This is the next step that is required to enable the Building Approvals to be obtained for these dwellings.

##### Subdivision – Two Lots into Thirteen Lots & Operational Works

Approval of development permit required over lots 415 and 234 on SP2955090, New Estate Road, Doomadgee.

##### **Resolution No. 8-10/19**

Council resolve to;

- A. Approve a development permit for the Reconfiguration o of a Lot, being a subdivision of Lots 415 & 234 on SP295090, two (2) lots into thirteen (13) lots for the purpose of constructing dwellings; and
- B. Approve a development permit for Operational Works to provide infrastructure services to each individual allotment; subject to conditions.

Moved: Acting Mayor, Jason Ned  
Seconded: Cr. Vernon Ned  
Carried

#### 12.08 On Country Project

For Council's information this project will also be a topic of discussion along with the AMP and the Thriving Communities Project during the visit by DATSIP in mid to late November.

##### **Resolution No. 9-10/19**

That the report from the CEO be noted and received as read.

Moved: Cr. Dean Jupiter  
Seconded: Cr. Vernon Ned  
Carried

### 13. ENGINEERING REPORT

REPORT AUTHOR(S)            Garry Jefferies, Director of Engineering  
REPORT APPROVED BY       Garry Jeffries, Chief Executive Officer  
DEPARTMENT                 Engineering

#### TIDS Works:

##### Woologarang West Road:

The 2018-19 TIDS project is complete but there is still a \$40,000 payment outstanding to be followed up.

##### General Gang:

It is hoped the Containers for Change program will assist the Town Crews in their efforts to tidy up the town.

##### Airport:

The line marking of the Airport needs renewal and funding sources are being investigated for this work.

##### Water and Sewerage:

Specialist Contractors will be on site in the next few weeks to start investigations of the steel reservoir and other upgrade work for the WTP will commence in the near future.

##### New Regional Waste Facility

The requirement for ground water monitoring bores for this project is being investigated with a view to putting down some water supply test bores at the same time.

##### Community Housing

Council has received advice that whilst the funding for this project has not yet been forthcoming, it is secure and confirming advice should be received in the near future.

##### GPS Tracking of Council Fleet

This week GPS units are being installed and will be placed in all Council vehicles.

#### **Resolution No. 10-10/19**

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

Moved:            Acting Mayor, Jason Ned  
Seconded:         Cr. Vernon Ned  
Carried

## 14. CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

REPORT AUTHOR(S)	Debbie Glyde, Director of Corporate Services
REPORT APPROVED BY	Garry Jeffries, Chief Executive Officer
DEPARTMENT	Finance

### 14.01 Financial Summary (Snapshot)

- Auditors doing 2017/2018.
- Burketown Shared Services – Garry Jeffries and Debbie Glyde to meet with Burketown to discuss amounts that are being held, owed by Doomadgee.
- Council need to watch spending as monies are now having to be taken from cash reserves.
- Need to look at timing of purchases on Tenders.
- Childcare have now paid lease, outstanding amounts and have signed lease. Council are responsible for structural repairs and Childcare are responsible for maintenance. Debbie Glyde sent copies of Lease to the Department.

### Council Election

Council require someone from the Electoral Commission Queensland in Doomadgee at the time of the next Council Election.

#### Resolution No. 11-10/19

That the report from the Director of Corporate Services be noted and received as read.

Moved:	Cr. Vernon Ned
Seconded:	Cr. Dean Jupiter
	Carried



## 15. CLOSED SESSION

***That Council close the meeting to the public at under section 275 Local Government Regulations 2012.***

Items to be considered in Closed Session will be listed and marked accordingly. This section of the Agenda is for those items deemed necessary for discussion in a meeting Closed to the Public in accordance with Local Government Regulation 2012 – Section 275 – Chapter 8 Administration – Part 2 Local Government Meetings and Committees –

- (1) A local government or committee may resolve that a meeting be closed to the public if its Councilors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss –
  - a. The appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees; or
  - b. Industrial matters affecting employees; or
  - c. The Local Government budget; or
  - d. Rating concessions; or
  - e. Contracts proposed to be made by it; or
  - f. Starting or defending legal proceedings involving it; or
  - g. Any action to be taken by the Local government under the Planning Act, including deciding applications made to it under the Act; or
  - h. Other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interest of the Local Government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage
- (2) A resolution that a meeting be closed must state the nature of the matters to be considered while the meeting is closed.
- (3) A local government or committee must not make a resolution (other than a procedural resolution) in a closed meeting.

### **Resolution No. 12-10/19**

That the Council close the meeting under section 275 Local Government Regulations 2012 (1)(a)(e)(f)(h).

Moved:	Acting Mayor, Jason Ned
Seconded:	Cr. Vernon Ned
	Carried

### **Resolution No. 13-10/19**

That the Council re-open the meeting to the Public at 3.25pm.

Moved:	Acting Mayor, Jason Ned
Seconded:	Cr. Dean Jupiter
	Carried

## **16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Containers for Change (Auswaste visit)**

- The CEO and Community Services Manager are working with Kenny Reid from Auswaste on this project.
- Some areas that already have this in place are doing up to 90,000 containers per week.
- Council will be kept informed.

### **My Pathways**

- Want a discussion on what logo the JV will adopt.
- The My Pathway Office building is riddled with termite damage and requires attention. Council Staff to inspect and advise.
- Investigate the options for the On Country (Fencing – My Pathway Project). One option would be Council will provide materials, Cliffdale to pay wages for My Pathway to build it.
- Trouble getting staff.
- Training and opportunity for community.

### **NWRH**

NWRH are coming to Doomadgee on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October to 24<sup>th</sup> October for discussion with Council in regard to Age Care. This facility may face closure due to if staffing issues cannot be resolved.

### **Hunting on the DOGIT**

It has been reported by the Acting Mayor, Jason Ned that there have been several hunters in the DOGIT, killing cattle and horses.

- Signs need to be erected at entry points to the DOGIT advising that hunting is not allowed and offenders will be prosecuted.
- Hunters will need to have a permit to hunt in this area.
- The On Country Fencing project will assist with this including the installation of grids for biosecurity.

### **Trustee Meeting**

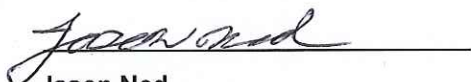
Schedule a Trustee Meeting following the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

## 17. PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR

Thursday 21st November 2019	10.00am	Doomadgee	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 19th December 2019	10.00am	Doomadgee	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	10.00am	Doomadgee	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	10.00am	Doomadgee	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	10.00am	Doomadgee	Ordinary Meeting

## 18. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed 3.55pm



Jason Ned  
Acting Mayor  
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council