



**MINUTES**  
**of**  
**ORDINARY MEETING**

*Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021*

*Council Offices, Doomadgee*

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## Item 1 - Declaration of Opening

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 10.13 am.

## Item 2 - Condolences

A Minutes silence was held for departed Community Members: Mr Albert Daly and Ms Monica Donaldson  
Cr. Myron Johnny arrived at the meeting at 10.17 am.

## 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

Troy Fraser – Chief Executive Officer  
Colin Duffy – Director of Corporate Services (to deliver his report)  
Robert Bottger - Director Engineering (to deliver his report)  
Marilou McKay – Finance Manager (call in if required)  
Craig Oxlade – Director Economic & Community Development (to deliver his report)  
Pam Danaher – PA to CEO/Minute Taker

### Apologies

## 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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## Item 5 – Confirmation of Minutes

### 5.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2021

**Resolution No 1 – 2/21** That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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

## Item 6 – Business Arising from Minutes Previous Meeting

### 6.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2021

James Jentz from AECOM has visited Council and travelled around all current projects with Director of Engineering and Chief Executive Officer. On Country project – currently sourcing long term funds for the project. Mayor Jason Ned has been discussing with the Magistrates and District Courts in Mt Isa regarding funding to put towards the project.

Waste Facility Project – there are three stages of this project. Council are currently working on the project plan to complete.

Issues have been raised with Stage 1 – Closure of “Little Century” is to ensure environmental compliance and no contamination leakages in Community water supply. CEO, Troy Fraser has a meeting with Environmental people whilst in Cairns next week.

Stages 2 and 3, CEO will work with Director of Engineering to develop a timeline for the project to commence after the wet season.

Subdivisions – Troy Fraser will have meetings with DATSIP. The Plans are for all housing. Suggestions are to take four houses out of the plans and add green spaces, parks etc. James Jansen from AECOM is redesigning the plans. Suggestions for purpose built accommodation – will have to go into the next allocation for houses to be built.

Troy Fraser will be meeting with the PCYC whilst in Cairns next week.

Need to keep a close watch on organisations and people entering Community. Have services that attend Doomadgee and people in the Community do not know why they are here and what they do. Everyone that comes into Community needs to let Council know and then they have to sign in on arrival.

Christine Watson and Tom Atu with Troy Fraser will work on a new model when attending Community – why they are here and what they are coming in for.

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**Item 7 - Visitors and Presentations**

*Item 7 Moved out of order further along in the Meeting.*

**Item 8 - Reports**

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## 8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Cr. Myron Johnny left the meeting at 11.23 am.

### 8.1.1 CARPENTARIA ACADEMY

**Resolution No 2 - 2/21** That Council endorse the report on the Carpentaria Academy and nominate the Chief Executive Officer, Troy Fraser to be Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Councils representative on that Academy.

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

### 8.1.2 BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the meeting at 11.25 am.

**Resolution No 3 - 2/21** That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer to continue conversations with Ganggalida-Garawa Native Title Aboriginal Corporation and Burke Shire Council to develop a working partnership.

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

### 8.1.3 POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUB (PCYC)

Pam Danaher left the meeting at 11.28 am.

**For Council's Information.**

Pam Danaher returned to the meeting at 11.32 am.

*Council meeting broke for presentation Item 7.1.*

Cr. Myron Johnny left the meeting at 11.41 am.

## Item 7 - Visitors and Presentations

Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the meeting at 11.43 am.

Troy Fraser left the meeting at 11.43 am.

Troy Fraser returned to the meeting at 11.45 am.

### 7.1 MICHAEL JOHNSON – MY PATHWAY

The CEO, Troy Fraser, welcomed Michael to the meeting and he spoke on the relationship with My Pathway and Council.

Ngooderi JV have come up with some really good ideas – joint ideas and Council receives dividends from the Joint Venture together with My Pathway. Troy suggested that maybe My Pathway and Council only take part of the dividends each and the balance remain in the middle for both organisations to carry out some joint initiatives thus enabling the Community to see what is happening to their money.

Michael thanked Council for inviting him to the Meeting and also acknowledged the traditional owners.

In previous years dividends were 75% My Pathway and 25% to Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council. It has recently changed to fifty fifty.

The rebranding to Ngooderi was a Council initiative and the JV was a Community initiative.

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There are 360 people on the books at My Pathways. They are paid on the numbers of the unemployed. They use the money to drive new initiatives and they do not have to account to anyone. They are able to put people through apprenticeships so they can then find permanent positions for them in the Community and especially with Council.

Michael wants to ensure that the Joint Venture continues and the goal is to have it fully run by the Community. This will put him out of a job. Perception in the Community is starting to change which is good. Need to find a good co-ordinator from Council and My Pathway to sort things out and get it all started.

Council provides projects. Ngooderi provide the labour.

Any tenders advertised by Council need to have built into them apprenticeships. At the moment the apprentices can continue with different builders on the job to complete their apprenticeship - does not have to be the one builder only for the one apprentice.

Everyone needs to work together to get everyone qualified (skilled) so that eventually the Community can have all skilled local workers on the workforces.

**Lunch Break -**

**12.06 pm**

A luncheon break was called at 12.06 pm.

Council Meeting resumed at 12.39 pm.

**8.1.4 LOCAL THRIVING COMMUNITIES**

**Resolution No 4 - 2/21** That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer, Troy Fraser to reopen dialogue with Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) regarding the Local Thriving Communities Initiative.

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

**8.1.5 QUEENSLAND DISASTER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

*This Item to be moved to the Council Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> March for further discussion.*

**8.1.6 QUEENSLAND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

**Resolution No 5 - 2/21** That Council accept the Human Rights Act 2019 training offered by the Human Rights Commission when convenient for Councillors and Senior Staff.

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

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**Resolution No 6 - 2/21** That Council receive and take note of the Chief Executive Officers report for February 2021.

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

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*Moved out of Order to the Director of Economic & Community Development Report.*

#### **8.4 DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

##### **8.4.1 MEETINGS AND TRAINING ATTENDED**

For Council's information.

##### **8.4.2 GRANTS AND FUNDING INFORMATION**

For Council's information.

##### **8.4.3 YOUTH HUB**

Cr. Myron Johnny left the meeting at 1.18 pm

For Council's information.

##### **8.4.4 RADIO**

For Council's information.

##### **8.4.5 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND BIO SECURITY**

Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the meeting at 1.26 pm

For Council's information.

##### **8.4.6 CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

For Council's information.

*Council meeting broke for presentation of Item 7.2.*

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## Item 7 - Visitors and Presentations

### 7.2 TAMMY PARRY, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING

The CEO, Troy Fraser, welcomed Tammy Parry to the Meeting who was driving as she was on her way to attend a Zone Meeting and was at Burke and Wills and had rung in by telephone conference together with Graham Locke who was on TEAMS Meeting in his office.

Tammy spoke about the Economic Development Strategy (EDS) which is still a raw document and not quite at the final point. She wishes to come to Doomadgee and talk through what is in the document, what has been done here, and what Council is planning to do.

Employment pathways need to be put in with structures. A project scope to be available for Department of Tourism. Tammy asked Graham Locke to follow up and get back to Council and herself.

There are ideas to be put forward to enable economic development.

Department State Development fund Gulf Savannah Development (GSD) services around the Gulf. Doomadgee has previously been a member of GSD. The Fibre Optic Link was funded through the Group and the 4G Study. Projects were rolled out by membership. Because membership was previously east of Doomadgee and mainly towards the East Coast Council could not see value for money.

GSD is doing a reformation, very positive, will renew and revitalise GSD. If the region is smaller and comprises Carpentaria, Burke and Doomadgee may be more attractive for membership. The whole group will be managed by a Board and not Councils.

Tammy advised that they are currently rebranding the Savannah Way. The Chief Executive Officer said that GSD are not really promoting the indigenous tourism. Doomadgee is the last spot before the Territory and need to keep the tourists in town with promoted tourists attractions.

The Indigenous Tourism has been extended for a year. Indigenous tourism is very unvalued at the moment. CEO, Troy Fraser, said that the tourism factor has been missing in the lower Gulf due to representation of local governments closer to the East Coast.

Tammy suggested that Graham follow up if funding is available to promote attractions all the way from Cairns to Doomadgee. All Councillors were happy for State Development to follow up.

Need to follow up with Building Better Regions Funding – check Peak Services to find up where it is up to.

There is training available for any tourism promotions needed in areas. Mobile training can be available that come into Communities for apprenticeships.

Small Business & Employment that work at Townsville could may be come out to Doomadgee and let the Community know what they can and can't do. Tammy will send contact details to Troy for Sarah Edge and Kit Andrew.

Tammy said that she was looking forward to a good relationship with Doomadgee and also coming for a visit.

***Council returned to conclusion of presentation of Director of Economic & Community Development Report.***

#### **8.4.7 OTHER**

Community Safety Plan – need Community consultation.

The Community Safety Plan key factors will be to look at the holistic safety in Community, which will also incorporate the AMP after completion. The Community Safety Plan consultation will be carried out by Council. The Director of Economic & Community Development together with his team have 6 weeks to complete the Community Safety Plan.

**Resolution No 7 - 2/21** That Council receive and take note of the Director Economic & Community Development Report for February 2021.

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

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## 8.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

### 8.2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PROVIDED BY FINANCE MANAGER – MARILOU MCKAY

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 January 2021.

Mayor Jason Ned left the meeting at 2.34 pm

**Resolution No 8 - 2/21** That the Financial Statements attached to the report of the Director of Corporate Services for February 2021 be received and noted.

Mayor Jason Ned returned to the meeting at 2.40 pm

Cr. Antoinette Diamond left the meeting at 3.05 pm

Cr. Cr. Antoinette Diamond returned to the meeting at 3.09 pm

Troy Fraser left the meeting at 3.12 pm

Troy Fraser returned to the meeting at 3.16pm

Moved: Cr. Elijah Douglas

Seconded: Mayor Jason Ned

Carried

### 8.2.2 QUEENSLAND AUDIT OFFICE (QAO) CLOSING REPORT FOR 2019/20 AUDIT

**Resolution No 9 - 2/21** That the Interim and Closing Management Reports from the Queensland Audit Office attached to the report of the Director of Corporate Services for February 2021 be received and noted.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned

Seconded: Cr. Athol Walden

Carried

### 8.2.3 REGISTER OF DELEGATIONS

**Resolution No 10 – 2/21** That Council note the Register of Delegations which will be presented to the March 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned

Seconded: Cr. Elijah Douglas

Carried

**Resolution No 11 - 2/21** That Council receive and take note of the Director of Corporate Services Report for February 2021.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned

Seconded: Cr. Myron Johnny

Carried

### 8.3 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT

#### 8.3.1 WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND (W4Q) 2019-2021

Stores Shed

Cr. Myron Johnny left the meeting at 3.35 pm

New Workshop

Troy Fraser left the meeting at 3.37 pm

Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the meeting at 3.39 pm

Airport

Troy Fraser returned to the meeting at 3.40 pm

Pam Danaher left the meeting at 3.41pm

Solar Street Lights

Pam Danaher returned to the meeting at 3.44 pm

"On Country" Camp

For Council's information.

#### 8.3.2 INDIGENOUS COUNCILS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ICCIP)

Cr. Myron Johnny left the Council meeting at 4.12 pm

Water Treatment Plant

Sewerage Pumping Stations

New Regional Waste Facility

Little Century Clean Up

For Council's information.

#### 8.3.3 REMOTE AIRSTRIP UPGRADE PROGRAM (ICCIP)

New Runway Lighting

– programing to be done. If Jesse from Clements Electrical cannot do will have to seek outside contractors.

Weather Station

Still awaiting parts from overseas

For Council's information.

#### 8.3.4 6 x COMMUNITY HOUSES (DPW)

For Council's information.

#### 8.3.5 3 x NEW STAFF HOUSES (LGGSP)

For Council's information.

#### 8.3.6 DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

For Council's information.

#### 8.3.7 QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (QRA)

For Council's information.

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### **8.3.8 NEW SUBDIVISION**

For Council's information.

### **8.3.9 WORKS CREWS**

General Crew

Parks and Garden Crew

Road Crew

Airport Crew

Water & Sewerage Crew

Mechanical Workshop

Rubbish Crew

For Council's information.

**Resolution No 12 - 2/21** That Council receive and take note of the Director of Engineering Report for February 2021.

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

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## 8.5 COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORTS

Nil.

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## Item 9 - Correspondence

- 9.1** Email from North Western Queensland Regional Roads and Transport Group (NWQRRTG) and North Western Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC) advising of the next meeting to be held in Julia Creek 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

Chief Executive Officer Troy and Mayor Jason will not be available to attend the Meetings and therefore are apologies. The RRTG meeting will commence with lunch at 12 noon on 4<sup>th</sup> and then continue on to the ROC meeting and concluding the ROC meeting at 1.00 pm on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. (Attached)

**Resolution No 13 - 2/21** That Council send an apology for non attendance at the NWQRRTG and NWQROC meetings to be held at Julia Creek.

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

- 9.2** Letter from Brisbane City Council re the 2021 ASIA Pacific Cities Summit & Mayors' Forum in Brisbane - 8th September to 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

### For Council's Information

- 9.3** Letter from Senator Susan McDonald in relation to Senator Malcolm Robert's Motion regarding establishing a Select Commission on the Use of Commonwealth Grant Money in Queensland Local Government.

For Council's Information – CEO will follow up.

**Resolution No 14 - 2/21** That Council receive and take note of the Correspondence presented for February 2021 Council Meeting.

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



## Item 10 - General Business

### 10.1 COUNCILLORS PORTFOLIOS

To be dealt with at the next meeting.

### 10.2 DOOMADGEE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

CEO, Troy Fraser to follow up opportunities to recommence the Doomadgee Development Foundation.

### 10.3 PRESTON CAMPBELL FOUNDATION

For Council's information.

### 10.4 DOOMADGEE RODEO

Chief Executive Officer, Troy Fraser to contact Wambilbayi Rodeo & Sporting Indigenous Corporation, to discuss outcome of request.

### 10.5 NORTH QUEENSLAND BUILDING SOLUTIONS

Any infrastructure works will be advertised as per the Local Government requirements. Council to discuss further.

### 10.6 GRASSROOTS ADVISORY

Council discussed and will notify Grassroots of any opportunities in the Community.

**Resolution No 15 - 2/21** That Council receive and take note of the General Business presented for the February 2021 Council Meeting.

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

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## ITEM 11 - LATE ITEMS

Community Volunteers for Community Action Group.

Steering Committee Meeting, Minutes of Meeting were presented. A letter signed by Louise McNamee and Cecilia Douglas seeking donations of food, plastic cutlery drinks etc.

**Resolution No 16 - 2/21** That Council move to donate \$500.00 with a purchase order made out to the Store to help with feeding the people and the kids on the streets at the Church, regarding the break-ins and recent trouble in Doomadgee if any when needed.

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

**Resolution No 17 - 2/21** That Council accept the Late Item presented to the February 2021 Council Meeting.

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

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## Item 12 - Confidential Session

**Resolution No18 - 2/21** That the Council close the meeting at 5.06 pm under section 254J Local Government Regulations 2012:

12.1.1 Confidential – Not for Public Release – COVID and Syphilis 3(f)

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**12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CONFIDENTIAL REPORT**

**12.1.1 COVID AND SYPHILIS OUTBREAK**

**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**

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**Resolution No 19 - 2/21** That the meeting be re-opened to the public at 5.14 pm.

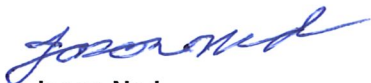
Moved: Mayor Jason Ned  
Seconded: Cr. Elijah Douglas  
Carried

### **Item 13 - Next Meeting**

Next Meeting will be Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

### **ITEM 14 - Meeting Closed**

Meeting closed at 5.15 pm.



**Jason Ned**  
Mayor  
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council