

# MINUTES of ORDINARY MEETING

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

November 2021

10.00 am

Council Offices, Doomadgee



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## Item 1 - Declaration of Opening

The November 2021 Council Meeting was due to start at 10.00 am. Due to an Urgent COVID update from Jeff Magnus, Senior Sergeant, Disaster Management Support Officer, Mt Isa District, Queensland Police Service together with people in Health, Doctors and other Health Officers, speaking on a positive testing of COVID located in Robinson River. As a result of the COVID in Robinson River and Doomadgee having seven people in the Community now that came for a funeral last Friday it was decided to deal with the COVID aspects and how to manage the problem if the people tested positive.

The Police are chasing up those who arrived from Robinson River and getting them tested and will put them into quarantine until three tests prove negative.

Many discussions ensued regarding what would happen if COVID was in Doomadgee and how it would be handled and Disaster Plans that would be put in place.

As it was close to lunch time it was decided to have lunch and start the meeting straight after the luncheon break.

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 12.45 pm.

#### Item 2 - Condolences

A Minutes silence was held for departed Community Members.

#### 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

John Hughes – arrival of new Director of Corporate Services

Troy Fraser – for verbal presentation of Director of Engineering Services Report

Craig Oxlade - Director Economic & Community Development (for presentation of his report)

Marilou McKay - Finance Manager for presentation of report

Pam Danaher - PA to CEO/Minute Taker

#### **Apologies**

Nil

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#### Item 4 - Obligations of Councillors

#### 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.

Discussions started regarding conflicts of interest and it was decided to close the meeting so that Councillors could have open and frank discussions on conflict.

> Mayor Jason Ned left the meeting at 12.55 pm. Mayor Jason Ned returned to the meeting at 1.09 pm.

Resolution No 1 - 11/21 That the Council close the meeting at 12.51 pm for discussions between themselves regarding conflict and ramifications of same.

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

Carried

**Resolution No 2 - 11/21** That the meeting be re-opened to the public at 1.24 pm.

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

#### 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.

#### Item 5 – Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st OCTOBER 2021

Resolution No3 - 11/21 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 21st October 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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

# Item 6 – Business Arising from Minutes Previous Meeting

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 6.1 THURSDAY 21st OCTOBER 2021

NIL

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#### 8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

#### 8.1.1 OUTSIDE MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

	DATE	WHERE	WHO WITH	REGARDING
1	19/10/21			
2	19/10/21	DASC	Kristy Nau and Jim Evans	
3	20/10/21	DASC	Randall Ross - Department of	Discuss housing project; handover and
			Housing	improving reporting process
4	20/10/21	DASC	Teleconference Chris Sarra	COVID
5	27/10/2 (w)	Fly to Cairns		
6	28/10/21(t)	Cairns Office	Meet with Cairns staff	Various
7	30/10/21(s)	Fly to Brisbane		
8	31/10/21(s)	Brisbane	Act for Kids	Mapping exercise
9	1/11/21(m)	Brisbane	Act for Kids	Mapping exercise
10	1/11/21	Brisbane	King, Wood and Mallesons Lawyers	Mapping exercise
11	2/11/21(t)	1 William Street, Brisbane	Bob Gee	General catch up
12	2/11/21	1 William Street, Brisbane	Chris Sarra	Local Thriving Communities
13	2/11/21	1 William Street, Brisbane	Jim Evans (COI, DOGIT, Projects)	Conflict of Interest, DOGIT, Projects
14	3/11/21(w)	Brisbane	Act for Kids	Pro bono work
15	3/11/21	Brisbane	King Wood Mallesons (Lawyers)	Pro bono work regarding Community control organisation
16	4/11/21(t)	Caboolture	Qld Indigenous Footy	Partnership program
17	6/11/21(s)	Caboolture	PCYC	Funding for programs
18	8/11/21(m)	Fly Brisbane to Cairns		
19	9/11/21(t)	Cairns	NIAA – Robert Willmott, QLD Manager	Community controlled organisation
20	9/11/21	Cairns	Wucchoperen	Tour and meet with CEO and Chairperson
21	9/11/21	Cairns	Cairns Office Staff	Various
22	10/11/21(w)	Lake Street Cairns	TCICA Meeting Cairns Roundtable Workshop	Alcohol Management Plan, COVID, Financial Accountability
23	10/11/21	Council Office	Cairns Office, AECOM	Discuss engineering consultancy
24	11/11/21(t)	Fly Cairns to Doomadgee	Daniel Piat (QRA)	Brief discussion regarding QRA Project
24	11/11/21	DASC	Funding for COVID Initiatives	Discuss proposed funding of \$10000 for COVID initiatives
26	12/11/21	DASC	Jacinta Marshall, Marjad Page, Jacynta Savo, Craig Oxlade	Discussion for COVID and reopening of border, discussion of Gidgee presence in community and strategies
27	12/11/21	DASC	Bob Katter	DOGIT, Projects, meetings
28	15/11/21		Randall Ross – NWRH IRS Strategy Funding	

- 3. Randall has been employed and will be checking all building works and reports to be completed. He needs to tighten up all the process first. There are a lot of Council assets and stores just sitting around which Council needs to start using before purchasing new products.
- 4. Chris Sarra COVID.
- 13. Declaring conflict of interest discussions.

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- 24. Daniel Piatt COVID Issues, some funding available, further in report of Director Environment and Community Development.
- 28. North West Health stop people reoffending CEO not happy with their project.

For Council's information.

#### 8.1.2 DOOMADGEE COMMUNITY CONTROL ORGANISATIONS

Have had conversations with Barry Walden who has been with Act for Kids for 10 years. Doomadgee has been named as one of the two organisations that they can have in Queensland. If Council is successful Council will have support and help with the set up.

Solicitors for Act for Kids have offered to work for Council for free with this concept at the moment.

COAG has 4 triggers -

Housing

Disability

Health

Education

Resolution No 4 -11/21 That Council endorse the concept as presented by the Chief Executive Officer in his report to the November Council Meeting and authorise the CEO to continue progressing this concept.

Moved: Cr. Athol Walden Seconded: Mayor Jason Ned

Carried

#### 8.1.3 ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS

CEO advised that he has engaged AECOM to look after the engineering side of things at Council. Infrastructure will be looked after by Steve Christopher and Brendon Karkadoo and behind the scenes will also be AECOM.

#### 8.1.4 UPDATE OF WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY PROJECT

Resolution No 5 -11/21 That Council endorse funds to be rediverted from the Waste Management Facility Project to a Water Quality Project.

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

#### 8.1.5 COVID UPDATE

For Council's information.

#### 8.1.6 ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT PLAN (AMP)

Met with Government regarding implementation of the AMP. CEO and Director Economic and Community Development to follow up.

For Council's information.

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#### 8.1.7 JONATHAN THURSTON ACADEMY

The Academy have arranged for WiFi to be installed at the PCYC. The CEO believes that it should be restricted from use at the PCYC from 9.00 pm at night which will not encourage the kids to sit around outside the PCYC when they should be at home.

Pam Danaher left the meeting to take a call from the Airport at 2.10 pm.

For Council's information.

Pam Danaher returned to the meeting at 2.12 pm.

#### 8.1.8 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2020 - 2021

Resolution No 6 -11/21 That Council receive and note the General Purpose Financial Statements 2020 – 2021 and the Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement 2020 – 2021 attached to the Chief Executive Officers Report for November 2021.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned Seconded: Cr. Myron Johnny

Carried

Cr. Myron Johnny left the meeting at 2.28 pm.

#### 8.1.9 ANNUAL REPORT 2020 - 2021

Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the meeting at 2.36 pm.

Resolution No 7 -11/21 That Council adopt the Annual Report 2020 – 2021 attached to the Chief Executive Officers Report for November 2021.

Moved: Cr. Myron Johnny Seconded: Cr. Athol Walden Carried

#### 8.1.10 INTERNAL CONTROL ISSUES FROM QUEENSLAND AUDIT OFFICE

Pam Danaher left the meeting at 2.41 pm. Cr. Antoinette Diamond left the meeting at 2.42 pm. Pam Danaher returned to the meeting at 2.43 pm.

Resolution No 8 - 11/21 That Council adopt the Information & Communication Technology Security Policy as attached to the Chief Executive Officers report to the November 2021 Council Meeting.

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

#### 8.1.11 FUNERALS IN DOOMADGEE

At the October 2021 Council Meeting it was decided that the Chief Executive Officer would draft letters to send to Stakeholders and Staff regarding no Sorry Business days on the passing of a Community Member. Those letters were to be tabled (and are attached) for the Councillors to have their input on the wording expressed therein before sending out to Doomadgee Stakeholders and Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Staff.

Cr. Antoinette Diamond returned to the meeting at 2.47 pm.

Resolution No 9 - 11/21 That Council authorise the CEO to forward the letters regarding Sorry Business attached to this Council Report to Doomadgee Stakeholders as well as Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Staff and Youth Hub staff.

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

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Resolution No10 -11/21 That Council receive and take note of the Chief Executive Officers report for November 2021.					
Moved: Mayor Jaso Seconded: Cr. Myron	on Ned Johnny Carried				
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This item was taken out of order due to Ben Sullivan travelling from Roma for his presentation after lunch.

#### Item 7 - Visitors and Presentations

#### 7.1 BEN SULLIVAN, BDS MECHANICAL ROMA

Ben introduced himself to the Councillors and told us a little about himself.

He first came to Doomadgee in 2019 to carry out maintenance and provide support to the people doing the solar work in Doomadgee. He said that the locals came to see him and asked him about diesel mechanic work and if he would come to Doomadgee to work.

Ben returned to Roma and put together a proposal for My Pathway. He heard nothing and then tried again three months later. In the end he gave up and went to see Michelle Erbacher at New Century Mine with a proposal where she was very impressed with his proposal.

His purpose in Doomadgee if he set up here would be to have a base in town, a workshop and to be able to support the locals and the local businesses and who or whatever he could put in place.

His vision – he employed 1 person 4 years ago. Now has 150 employees, 100 vehicles and runs them all – has 30 apprentices. He can see so many positions available in Doomadgee and can see taking on other apprentices to learn the trade.

Troy Fraser left the meeting at 2.59 pm.

Would like to start a wrecking yard. He says that every time he is in Doomadgee he goes to the tip and becomes so upset when he sees what is at the tip and how a lot of the parts that could be used and money made out of them are just burnt. Someone needs to be teaching the kids and reusing the parts that are just lying around the tip and the town.

He advised that it was not just mechanical and fabrication work that would be available if he came to Doomadgee. There would be work for girls in the office learning MYOB, spare parts etc. Kids could become tradespeople and would be able to put money back into the Community without all work being done outside of the Community. With all his other locations for work Ben would easily be able to send the kids away to different locations. He would offer 4 year apprenticeships, he has an accredited trainer/assessor who can issue forklift tickets.

Troy Fraser returned to the meeting at 3.09 pm.

Ben advised that he can get people trained in tyre fitting. He has a contract with the mining companies and supplies tyres for all of them. Panel beating and painting are also other training that would be available.

BDS Mechanical has Business Managers who go out to the people and see what is required. Providing WH&S, they have equipment, hoists and diagnostic equipment, OEM – factory support for Bob Cat, engine rebuilding workshop.

If a mechanic and a joiner would be required he would be able to have them on the job straight away.

Ben stated that he would be able to get support from the Mines if he was to open in Doomadgee as it would be preferred to come to Doomadgee rather than having to go all the way to Mt Isa.

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He believes that the local Community anyone on Savannah Way and in the Gulf would look forward to an opening in Doomadgee.

Cr. Elijah Douglas left the meeting at 3.18 pm.

Ben said that Craig had taken him around and showed him what Council had available at Doomadgee. Need to work out what we think will happen and not what we hope will happen. What do we need to get all this off the ground.

In principle Council and Ben – if we agree – where do we go next.

Ben advised that he cannot get it up and running without outside help – he needs to bring some of his own people in to help.

If Council agrees he will now go back to Michelle Erbacher and they will put a proposal together with the Mines, then will need to work out how it will be kicked off.

Ben's biggest contractor for whom he works is TOLL in Australia.

Cr. Elijah Douglas returned to the meeting at 3.25 pm.

Need a couple of apprentices and couple of TA's. Use the TA's to pull things out of the vehicles at the tip. There is a lot of money at the tip and need to collect all the parts etc before the kids burn them.

Pam Danaher left the meeting at 3.30 pm.

Maybe Council could have a shop where some of the cars and repaired and then sold, that way the young children would be taught respect for the equipment they would be working with.

Pam Danaher returned to the meeting at 3.34 pm.

Craig Oxlade suggested that Council may need to look at a bigger venue than Council's old workshop.

Council needs to come to an agreement with Ben to progress this project.

Ben will arrange for the Mines to come and see us and see what can be put in place.

Wet season will be a hurdle with bringing equipment in to be serviced. Ben suggested that the goods could be floated in and then sent back to them after repairs. Need to work out how to structure. BDS would lease houses from Council for workers etc. Ben advised that he was not at Council pushing mining only that it was a way to start out and get things up and running. Need to give the kids of Doomadgee a pathway that they can follow.

Ben thanked Council for having him at the Meeting and was looking forward to progressing the matter.



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It was decided to close the Meeting as there was still a large amount of the attend to and reopen the meeting the following day.	Agenda to
Meeting closed at 3.56 pm.	
Meeting continuing tomorrow – Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November, 2021.	
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## Item 1 - Declaration of Opening

The Deputy Mayor declared the Meeting open at 12.02 pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021, following the closure of the meeting the previous day..

#### Item 2 - Condolences

NIL.

## 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

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Troy Fraser – for verbal presentation of Director of Engineering Services Report

Craig Oxlade - Director Economic & Community Development (for presentation of his report)

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Pam Danaher - PA to CEO/Minute Taker

#### **Apologies**

Nil

#### Item 8 - Reports cont'd

#### 8.4 DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

#### 8.4.1 MEETINGS AND TRAINING ATTENDED

Mayor Jason Ned attended the Council Meeting at 12.15 pm. vannah Art Trail where Doomadgee had listed a baitfish

The Director spoke on the RASN Savannah Art Trail where Doomadgee had listed a baitfish being a "Dirriwalda" to be its piece for the display on the art trial. Craig spoke of the four people who had entered and Council was to vote on their choice of display of baitfish.

After discussions and looking at all the entries Council decided to go with the entry of Graham Stevens with changes being made..

Resolution No 11-11/21 That Council accept the expression of interest of Graham Stevens and advise the RASN Savannah Art Trail of the decision with changes being made to the Dirriwalda to reflect the true colours of the baitfish.

Moved: Cr. Seconded: Cr. Carried

#### 8.4.2 GRANTS AND FUNDING INFORMATION

For Council's information.

#### 8.4.3 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT HUB AND SPORT AND RECREATION

 $\label{thm:condition} Troy \ \mbox{Fraser left the meeting at 1.00 pm.} \\ \ \mbox{Cr. Antoinette Diamond left the meeting at 1.01 pm.}$ 

The Youth Hub is bounding ahead. Sometimes there are up to 60 kids a night. The girls have been approached to open on the weekend. Toni is compiling a roster for Saturday nights without increasing the costs of staff wages.

Troy Fraser returned to the meeting at 1.03 pm.

Cr. Antoinette Diamond returned to the meeting at 1.08 pm.

Since the two young girls have started working at the Hub they have really got things up and running.

The Sexual Health people will be sending through information on diseases and also condoms which will be handed out to the kids.

Council would like to promote a leadership group for the Youth Hub.

For Council's information.

#### 8.4.4 RADIO

Cr. Myron Johnny left the meeting at 1.22 pm.

For Council's information.

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

This position requires a gun and a licence for the operator. If a gun is used it needs to be kept in a safe and a safe place to keep the drugs required for the animals. Would it be possible to store at the Police Station. Further investigation needs to be carried out.



Pam Danaher left the meeting at 1.34 pm. Myron Johnny returned to the meeting at 1.35 pm.

For Council's information.

#### 8.4.6 CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Pam Danaher returned to the meeting at 1.43 pm. CEO has signed off on the list of Seniors for the Yard Maintenance Program.

More care needs to be taken when digging the holes at the Cemetery. Need to check measurements of the coffins and let the people know who are digging the graves.

For Council's information.

#### 8.4.7 OTHER

For Council's information.

Resolution No12 - 11/21 That Council receive and take note of the Director Economic & Community Development Report for November 2021.

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



#### 8.2 FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT

# 8.2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PROVIDED BY FINANCE MANAGER – MARILOU MCKAY

Cr. Athol Walden left the meeting at 2.06 pm.

This monthly report illustrates the financial performance and position of Doomadgee Shire Council compared to its adopted Budget for the 2021-2022 financial year as at the end of October 2021.

Cr. Athol Walden returned to the meeting at 2.11 pm.

Mayor Jason Ned left the meeting at 2.15 pm.

**Resolution No 13 -11/21** That the Financial Statements attached to the Financial Services Report for November 2021 be received and noted.

Mayor Jason Ned returned to the meeting at 2.33 pm.

Moved: Cr. Elijah Douglas Seconded: Cr. Myron Johnny Carried

Mayor Jason Ned left the meeting at 2.28 pm. Mayor Jason Ned returned to the meeting at 2.34 pm.

Resolution No14 - 11/21 That Council receive and take note of the Financial Services Report for November 2021.

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

The Meeting closed at 2.59 pm for further COVID Discussions with Council, Senior Sergeant Todd Noble from Doomadgee Police Station together with Camilla Pope Public Health Nurse, North West Hospital and Health Service from Mt. Isa.

The COVID Meeting closed at 4.03 pm and returned to the November Council Meeting.

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# 8.3 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT (verbal report presented by the CEO in the absence of a Director of Engineering)

# 8.3.1 INDIGENOUS COUNCILS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ICCIP) Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs

For Council's information.

#### 8.3.2 REMOTE AIRSTRIP UPGRADE PROGRAM (RAUP)

Department Industry Science Energy and Resources

Bad news a few weeks ago when the lightning took out 26 of the new LED lights that had just been installed on the runway.

For Council's information.

#### 8.3.3 REMOTE HOUSING PROGRAM 2019 - 2023 (DPW)

Department Housing and Public Works

As of today the powers boxes should be installed on the new houses. Pumps for the sewerage system have to come from Charters Towers.

For Council's information.

#### 8.3.4 \$105M COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENT PROGRAM 2021 - 2023 DOOMADGEE PORTION - \$6,962,951 SOCIAL HOUSES AND SUBDIVISION AT MARRADGEE ROAD, DOOMADGEE

Putting the gravel down for the foundations.

For Council's information.

### 8.3.5 QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (NDRRA)

For Council's information.

#### 8.3.6 FUTURE WATER SECURITY

For Council's information.

#### 8.3.7 TENDERS FOR SUBDIVISION AND 10 NEW HOUSES

For Council's information.

#### 8.3.8 FENCING AROUND 6 HOUSES

For Council's information.

#### 8.3.9 TIDS FORWARD PROGRAM

Discussions needed on this.

For Council's information.

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#### 8.3.10 WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND

Solar lightning, PCYC Fencing, Council staff housing maintenance.

For Council's information.

#### **8.3.11 WORKS CREWS**

Town Beautification
Road Crew
Airport Crew
Water & Sewerage Crew
Mechanical Workshop
Rubbish Crew

For Council's information.

**Resolution No15 - 11/21** That Council receive and take note of the verbal report by the CEO in the absence of a Director of Engineering for November 2021.

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



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#### Item 12 - Confidential Session

Resolution No16 - 11/21 That the Council close the meeting at 4.23 pm under section 254J Local Government Regulations 2012:

- Confidential Not for Public Release to keep information confidential under a law with the Commonwealth or State 3(i).
- 12.1.2
- Confidential Not for Public Release Staffing Matters 3(b). Confidential Not for Public Release matters that may directly affect the 12.2.3 health of individuals 3(f).

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- 12.1.1 FINAL MANAGEMENT LETTER QUEENSLAND AUDIT OFFICE
- **12.1.2 STAFFING**
- 12.1.3 COUNCILLOR TRAINING MAYOR TRAINING
- 12.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES CONFIDENTIAL REPORT
  NIL
- 12.3 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES CONFIDENTIAL REPORT
  NIL
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NIL



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**Resolution No17 - 11/21** That the meeting be re-opened to the public at 4.34 pm.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned Seconded: Cr. Myron Johnny

Carried

Resolution No18 –11/21 That Council accept the Final Management letter received from the Queensland Audit Office.

Moved: Cr. Athol Walden Seconded: Mayor Jason Ned

Carried

# Item 13 - Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be Tuesday 14th December 2021.

# ITEM 14 - Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 4.35 pm.

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Jason Ned

Mayor

**Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council**