



MINUTES
of
ORDINARY MEETING

to be held on Thursday 19th January 2023

and moved on the day to

Wednesday 25th January 2023

10.00 am

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:

Item 3 - Record of Attendance and Leave of Absence

Elected Members

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

Staff

Troy Fraser – Chief Executive Officer
Marilou McKay –Director of Corporate Services Report (By ZOOM Meeting)
Paul de Launay - Director of Engineering Report (for presentation of his report)
Craig Oxlade – Director Economic & Community Development (for presentation of his report)
Pam Danaher – PA to CEO/Minute Taker

Apologies

Cr. Elijah Douglas

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.

Conflict of Interest was brought up by Cr. Walden due to the Community fighting that has been going on. Want Police to pull people into line. Wanted mediation but other parties did not want it. Some Councillors have tried to sort out the issues. Problem as the Police do not see the issues as the Community sees them.

Police need to come up with a strategy to stop the fighting. Advised that if people do not co-operate outside Police will be sent in from the outside (higher up authorities) and fines will be issued for things that are let go – unlicensed drivers, unregistered vehicle, no baby seats, overloading and various other fineable offences. CEO advised that if this happens a week or so later the same fights will start up again and continue. There are also problems at the school with kids families who have been involved in the fighting – bullying etc.

Testing time for everyone.

After long discussions went straight into Visitors Presentations.

Item 7 - Visitors and Presentations

7.1 ILLONA WILSON, FIRST LANGUAGES PROGRAM FACILITOR AND ERIC BRACE

Two topics were raised at the last meeting – licence request of Council and running operation completely off-line. The device (box) has arrived in Doomadgee and is in the training room at My Pathway. Happy to invite anyone to go and have a look. Were worried as the information was going direct to the Cloud. With the box, information is only accessible 30 m from the box and not exposed to the Cloud.

GGNTAC is not yet resolved. The Team want to use the dictionary etc to use the content and use their own knowledge and content. GGNTAC - need to get permission from them.

Is Council supportive of the Gamburija Gangga Team using the box to add their own words and own stories. Need Council's support.

Need to get restarted on the Gangalidda language at present and then find someone from the Wannyi side who will be able to get their language on there as well.

Will send a request to the developers to host more than one language.

Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 10.47 am

Emma has been following up on the licence agreement but has not heard back from them yet.

Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 10.49 am

Do not want language to get out of the Community. Need to pursue the use of the dictionary. Needs to be a Community decision as to what goes on not anyone outside the Community. Need our history to teach our children.

The Team want to go out "On Country" and build up the content and then it can be shared with families in Community.

It was decided that Council supported using a temporary measure whilst waiting for the licence to be handed over to Council. The device (box) will address many concerns.

7.2 SCOTT QUAILL – DIRECTOR, FIRST NATIONS DIGITAL STRATEGY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND DIGITAL ECONOMY

Introductions all round. Scott advised that he is a First Nations Digital Advisor to the Chief Customer Digital Officer Chris McLaren. He has a lot of connections that he is trying to use.

They will be conducting an audit for digital solutions on Doomadgee to gather information from Council, locals, local businesses etc to try and improve the digital strategy.

Want to get out to the Community as soon as the flooding has gone. Maybe some Councillors or the CEO would be able to meet Simon Booth when he runs the forum for Regional Connectivity Cairns in March.

Stated that for years Doomadgee has been told that they will be getting upgraded by Telstra but nothing has ever happened. At times you are forced to leave your office or house to be able to receive and make calls. At times you can dial a number and wait for a few minutes before anything happens.

Most businesses rely on connectivity especially health – definitely need to be up to scratch.

Scott advised that Telstra power upgrades usually take 2 years. CEO advised that Telstra have funding to upgrade towers which will help the connection to Country up to 15 km to outstations.

The next step will be finalising reports, seeing how things can be fixed, looking for common themes to see when upgrades are actually happening, will keep pushing to make sure if Telstra says something is happening that it does actually happen. Will make sure that nothing gets in the way.

Cr. Myron Johnny left the Meeting at 11.20 am

The connectivity is no good in Doomadgee and the Community is missing out on tourists, caravaners and travellers who travel straight thru due to no wi fi etc here.

Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the Meeting at 11.21 am

Scott advised that if anyone had any questions to please email, text or call and he will worked through it. He wants to form relationships with Council. Once the report has been completed he hopes to be out in Doomadgee after March.

Infrastructure – Disaster Recovery – if lost power how long could Doomadgee last – is there a diesel generator. There would be no eftpos, no buying, no tills, no access to food without funds, no one could use cards. Telstra is a loop – not single so runs all around the Communities.

7.3 TIM POOLE, MANAGER, ENGAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP TEAM, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND DIGITAL EXONOMY

Tim introduced himself as well as Rachel who joined the Department three months ago.

Local housing plans with Evaness Hollingsworth and CEO. Looking to coming back into the Community, will work with the CEO in the meantime.

Council Community placed based decision making, need to see if the Plan will work with Council, need to identify current needs, the census data is not correct, need to locate and source other ways of getting the right numbers of people.

There has been a breakdown of numbers of houses and bedrooms required.

If the above issues do not comply with Doomadgee's requirements need to work on fixing it.

Placed based decision making:-

- Should we put in split air conditioning rather than 2 box systems which will be cheaper for families to run – have a look at what has worked in WA and NT.

Economic Development – need a long term program to support it. Want commitment from the Government on what is happening and need visibility of future program. There is currently no future capital program on the table.

CEO advised that when the maintenance checks that come out every 2 years – need to look at the whole house not just one part - for example, the house needs a new gate - and do not look any further. Need to fully fix one house rather than partially fix 10 other houses. On Palm Island traineeships and apprenticeships were developed and looking for a draft Program for Doomadgee.

Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 11.50 am

Want to put on apprentices which would be providing work for the locals to become builders etc.

Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 11.52 am

Have tenants being made accountable. Reward good tenants who do not need any work carried out to their house – no work needed – eg – may build a carport etc

Discussions about 99 year leases, 40 year leases rents being high. When a new Government comes into power they change all previous decisions and nothing is ever passed on to the tenants. Tim advised that he will get in touch with Nikki. Unfair wear and tear is being charged to tenants need to look at extenuating circumstances. At the moment repairs are going to QBuild and a maintenance request is then sent to Council. Is it possible to come to Council where it can be signed off and then goes to QBuild – a front end process when Council can overlay to have more local engagement. Tim will also talk to Nikki.

Broke for lunch

Lunch Break - 12.20 pm

A working luncheon was called at 12.20 pm and continued the meeting with Snr Sergeant Smith.

7.4 SENIOR SERGEANT SHANE SMITH - OFFICER IN CHARGE – DOOMADGEE POLICE STATION

*Cr. Myron Johnny left the Meeting at 1.37 pm
Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 1.39 pm*

Snr. Sergeant Shane Smith introduced himself to the Councillors and talked to Councillors during lunch about Community problems.

*Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the Meeting at 1.40 pm
Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 1.41 pm*

Council Meeting resumed at 1.42 pm.

Item 5 – Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2023

Resolution No 1 – 1/23 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2023 be
confirmed as a true and correct record.

Cr. Myron Johnny left the Meeting at 1.47 pm

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

Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the Meeting at 1.48 pm

Item 6 – Business Arising from Minutes Previous Meeting

6.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2023

NIL

Item 8 - Reports

8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

8.1.1 OUTSIDE MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

	DATE	WHERE	WHO WITH	REGARDING
1	13.12.22	Council Chambers - Teams	Jemma Weldon (Bob Gee's PA) and Georgina Wilkinson	Introductions
2	13.12.22	Council Chambers	Batten Smith and Arbess	Water Quality Project
3	15.12.22	Council Chambers (TEAMS)	Jesse Martin	Youth Strategy Project
4	15.12.22	Council Chambers	Tim Poole , Evaness Hollingsworth	Housing Program for 2023
5	15.12.22	Council Chambers	Gulf Savannah Development Meeting	Tourism and end of year business
6	17.12.22	Council Chambers	Queensland Police Service	Meeting with Police officials
7	11.1.23	Council Chambers	Local Disaster Management Meeting	Wet /Monsoon planning

8.1.1 Met with Jemma – Bob Gees new PA for introductions and conversations.

8.1.3 TEAMS with Jesse Martin re Youth Hub Community and the Youth Centre.

8.1.6 Mayor and CEO meet with Commissioner. Trying to organise an appointment with a Magistrate that comes to Doomadgee and getting the kids to go out "On Country" rather than being sent away. See if the kids lives can be pulled together and once "On Country" give them respect.

8.1.7 Meeting with stakeholders re food etc. Supplementing school through diesel for buses from the Council Depot.

For Council's Information.

8.1.2 NORTH WEST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE

For Council's Information.

8.1.3 NORTH WEST QUEENSLAND REGIONAL BIOSECURITY PLAN 2022-2027

For Council's Information and Councillors to provide any advice or changes needed to the CEO prior to the adoption of the Biosecurity Plan 2022-2027.

Resolution No 2 - 1/23 That Council receive and take note of the Chief Executive Officers report for January 2023.

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

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8.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

8.2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PROVIDED BY MARILOU MCKAY

This monthly report illustrates the financial performance and position of Doomadgee Shire Council compared to its adopted Budget for the 2022-2023 financial year as at the end of December 2023.

Resolution No 3 - 1/23 That the Financial Statements attached to the report of the Director of Corporate Services Financial Services Report for December 2023 be received and noted.

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

Cr. Myron Johnny left the Meeting at 2.30 pm

Resolution No 4 - 1/23 That Council receive and take note of the Director of Corporate Services Report for January 2023.

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

8.3 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT

8.3.1 COVID WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND (W4Q) 2021-2024

Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs (\$1,430,000)

Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 2.35 pm

For Council's Information.

Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the Meeting at 2.36 pm

8.3.2 INDIGENOUS COUNCILS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ICCIIP)

Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs update

For Council's Information.

Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 2.42 pm

8.3.3 DOOMADGEE AIRSTRIP

For Council's Information.

Cr. Antoinette Diamond left the Meeting at 2.43 pm

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

For Council's Information.

8.3.5 QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (NDRRA)

For Council's Information.

8.3.6 FUTURE WATER SECURITY AND SEWERAGE TREATMENT

For Council's Information.

8.3.7 COMMUNITY HOUSING FENCING PROJECT

For Council's Information.

8.3.8 TRAINING

Cr. Antoinette Diamond returned to the Meeting at 3.05 pm

For Council's Information.

8.3.9 WORKS CREWS

For Council's Information.

8.3.10 RIVERSIDE SHARED CYCLEWAY

For Council's Information.

8.3.11 CEMETERY PROJECTS

Mayor Jason Ned left the Meeting at 3.09 pm

For Council's Information.

8.3.12 SOLAR LIGHTS

For Council's Information.

8.3.13 STREET SIGNS

For Council's Information.

8.3.14 OTHER

For Council's Information.

Resolution No 5 - 1/23 That Council receive and take note of the Director of Engineering Report for January 2023.

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

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8.4 DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

*Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 3.34 pm
Mayor Jason Ned returned to the Meeting at 3.35 pm*

8.4.1 MEETINGS NETWORKING AND TRAINING ATTENDED

For Council's information.

8.4.2 GRANTS AND FUNDING INFORMATION

For Council's information.

8.4.3 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT HUB AND SPORT AND RECREATION

Pam Danaher left the Meeting at 3.56 pm

For Council's information.

Pam Danaher left the Meeting at 4.00 pm

8.4.4 RADIO

For Council's information.

8.4.5 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENT & BIO SECURITY

Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 4.10 pm

For Council's information.

8.4.6 CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 4.14 pm

For Council's information.

8.4.7 COMMUNITY SERVICES

For Council's information.

8.4.7 OTHER

For Council's information.

Resolution No 6 - 1/23 That Council receive and take note of the report prepared for the Director Economic & Community Development Report for January 2023.

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

8.5 COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORTS

NIL

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Item 9 - Correspondence

NIL

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Item 10 - General Business

NIL

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ITEM 11 - LATE ITEMS

Any matters of Late Items will be provided with the Minutes of the Council Meeting.

11.1.1 LGAQ – 2ND REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM WORKSHOP TO BE HELD ON 7th MARCH AT CAIRNS

Simon Booth from LGAQ, Lead Infrastructure, Policy and Regional Communities has forwarded an email ([attached](#)) regarding a Workshop at Cairns Council Civic Rooms.

This is a full day Workshop in which it is hoped to develop a road map for Councils to develop applications on seek information on what should be part of their digital planning process.

Applications for funding from two rounds of the Regional Connectivity Program for mobile and broadband services in regional, rural and First Nations Communities are likely to be in early April and the second quarter next year.

Simon has requested that Councils advise if they are interested in attending.

For Council's discussion and decision.

Resolution No 7 - 1/23 That Council appoint the CEO and Mayor Jason Ned and the Deputy Mayor Myron Johnny to attend the Regional Connectivity Program Workshop to be held at Cairns on 7th March, 2023.

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

11.1.2 TCICA MEETING TO BE HELD 8th MARCH 2023 IN CAIRNS

An email ([attached](#)) from Melinda Eades, Executive Officer advising that the first TCICA Meeting will be held at The Benson Hotel in Cairns on 8th March.

This meeting is in the week where the Mayors Police Summit is to be held, and the Digital Connectivity Workshop. The CEO will also be attending the Indigenous Leaders CEO Forum on 10th March, 2023. Four full on days of meetings in Cairns.

Resolution No 8 - 1/23 That Council authorise the CEO, the Mayor Jason Ned and Deputy Mayor Myron Johnny to attend the TCICA Meeting at The Benson Hotel on 8th March, 2023.

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

11.1.3 INVITE TO MAYORS POLICE SUMMIT TO BE HELD 9th MARCH 2023 IN CAIRNS

Queensland Police Service Invitation to the Mayor and CEO to attend the First Nationals Mayors Summit on Thursday 9th March, 2023 at the Cairns Pullman International 8.30 am – 2.00 pm ([attached](#))

Resolution No 9 - 1/23 That Council authorise the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor to attend the First Nations Mayors Summit on 9th March, 2023 at the Cairns Pullman International.

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

11.1.4 NAIDOC WEEK AWARD NOMINATIONS

The National NAIDOC Week awards have opened and close on 3rd March, 2023 (see [attached](#)).

These Awards allow Council the opportunity to honour and pay respect to people in the Community who are making a change, doing amazing things and working to create a positive impact for the Community.

For Council's information.

11.1.5 GIDGEE HEALTH DEVELOPMENT OF A DOOMADGEE HEALTH PLAN AND A HEALTH SUMMIT

A letter has been received from Cherrie Glasson – CEO, Gidgee Healing ([attached](#)) requesting the development of a Doomadgee Health Plan together with the facilitation of an Annual Health Summit in Doomadgee.

Resolution No 10 - 1/23 That Council develop in conjunction with Gidgee Health a Doomadgee Health Plan as well as an Annual Health Summit to be held in Doomadgee.

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

11.1.6 FARESHARE – MEALS FOR THE MOB PROGRAM

- 11.1.6 (i) Email from Jason Mollenhauer
- 11.1.6 (ii) Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan
- 11.1.6 (iii) Fareshare 2022 Programs Update

Council to discuss and make a decision.

Resolution No 11 - 1/23 That Council support the Meals for the Mob Program to come to Doomadgee with the CEO to organise the commencement of the program.

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

Resolution No 12 - 1/23 That Council receive and take note of the Late Items presented for the January 2023 Council Meeting.

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

Item 12 - Confidential Session

Resolution No 13 - 1/23 That the Council close the meeting at 4.30 pm under section 254J Local Government Regulations 2012:

12.1.1 Confidential – Not for Public Release – Staffing Matters 3(b)

12.1.2 Confidential – Not for Public Release – Matters required to be kept confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or State 3(i).

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

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12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

12.1.1 STAFFING MATTERS

NIL

12.1.2 HOUSING MATTERS

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

Resolution No 14 - 1/23 That the meeting be re-opened to the public at 4.33 pm.

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

Item 13 - Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be moved from Thursday 16th February, 2023 to Tuesday 28th February, 2023.

ITEM 14 - Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 4.34 pm.



Jason Ned
Mayor
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council