



MINUTES
of
ORDINARY MEETING

Thursday 16th March 2023

10.00 am

Council Offices, Doomadgee

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Item 1 - Declaration of Opening

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 10.11 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

Staff

Troy Fraser – Chief Executive Officer

Marilou McKay – for presentation of 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

Jaylyn McNamara – PA to CEO/Minute Taker

Apologies

Cr. Athol Walden

Cr. Elijah Douglas

Resolution No 1 – 3/23 That Leave of Absence be granted to Cr. Athol Walden for the Ordinary Meeting held today 16th March, 2023 as per the form completed by Cr. Walden and lodged with the CEO.

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

Resolution No 2 – 3/23 Cr. Elijah Douglas rang with an apology for the Ordinary Meeting held today 16th March, 2023 as he was stuck in Cairns following the First Nations Mayors Summit with no return to Doomadgee until 17th March 2023 due to flights on plane not being available due to the flooding and shortage of aviation fuel.

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

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 TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2023

Resolution No 3 – 3/23 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 28th February 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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

Item 6 – Business Arising from Minutes Previous Meeting

6.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2023

Connectivity to provide Wi Fi mesh for all homes in the Community.

Standalone phones installed along the Old Doomadgee Road 20 km apart need 6 to get to the Coast.

Discussion about Goonawoona Jungai. If Community or Councillors have any concerns to ring the Deputy Director General, DSDSATSIP Kathy Parton who is filling in for Chris Sarra.

The Organisation was set up to be an advocate for every single kid in Doomadgee.

Item 7 - Visitors and Presentations

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	2.3.23	Council Chambers	NWQROC	Monthly Zoom Meeting
2	3.3.23	Council Chambers	Local Disaster Management Group	Flood Watch
3	7.3.23	Cairns	Digital Connectivity Workshop	Funding and opportunities update
4	8.3.23	Cairns	TCICA	Quarterly meeting
5	9.3.23	Cairns	Police and Mayors	2023 First Nations Mayors Summit
6	13.3.23	Cairns	State Library Unit	Meeting regarding Indigenous Libraries Unit
7	13.3.23	Cairns	Department of Housing	Local Housing Plan
8	13.3.23	Cairns	District Disaster Management Group	Flood Response Meeting
9	14/15.3.23	Cairns	Northern Australia IRG	Quarterly Meeting

8.1.1 NWQROC discussing Bio Security Plan. Business as usual - concentrating on the roads.

8.1.2 Transparency to Community needs to be tightened up re advice on flooding especially when the river first starts to rise - Council needs to be ready.

Cleaning all the storm water drainage systems as the water was coming back up the storm water drains. Council had no idea what streets would be affected. Discuss with Government for funding.

Photos have already been taken before, during and after flood events.

Council discussed the need for more flood cameras leading further upstream of the Nicholson River to better predict future flood events. Council advised that Council had received a good response from other agencies in regard to how Council have handled the recent flood events in Community.

District Disaster Management Jeff Magnus and Elliot Dunn were helpful and said, "just do it", "let us know the cost afterwards".

Need to go to Canberra with Normanton, Burke and Doomadgee Shires to get support.

8.1.3 As discussed early on in the meeting. Tower will be installed at the back of the water treatment plant by the end of August.

8.1.4 Spoke about the supermarket and the problems. TCICA prepared to provide assistance with the contract.

Talk about "the Voice". All indigenous Councils from the Cape do not know anything about it. Government trying to arrange a meeting to come to Doomadgee to talk to all the Community. Council should be looking at things like the Treaty and how we address the Youth Problems not "the Voice".

8.1.5 Cr. Douglas was the stand in person for the Mayor and completed a presentation on behalf of Doomadgee. Council is concerned that the Police continue to raise the same issues and no changes in the way they follow up the problems that have been identified. Need to raise with TCICA to see if they can drive the change.

For Council's Information.

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8.1.2 NORTH WEST QUEENSLAND REGIONAL BIOSECURITY PLAN 2022-2027

Resolution No 4 - 3/23 That Council adopt the North West Queensland Regional Biosecurity Plan as presented to Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council and to notify Southern Gulf NRM of its adoption.

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

8.1.3 WESTERN QUEENSLAND ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS (WQAC) – QUEENSLAND HOUSING STRATEGY 2021-2025 – LOCAL HOUSING ACTION PLAN (LHAP)

Cr. Myron Johnny left the Meeting at 11.53 am

Housing is way underfunded. Need a defined direction for things Council wants eg – Social Club etc.

Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the Meeting at 11.55 am

Need to have big discussions about Age Care in Doomadgee. Tenders were put out and a group called Selectability have put in an expression of interest.

Talk of pulling down Hospital - maybe could be used for Age Care as the quote just to fix showers and plumbing is \$300,000.00

Houses in Doomadgee rarely used by DSDSATSIP. Check with Bob Gee what is happening. Council needs to become the Local Housing Action Group.

Resolution No 5 - 3/23 That Council adopt the Local Housing Action Plan as presented to the March 2023 Council Meeting and advise Western Queensland Alliance of Councils of its adoption.

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

8.1.4 2023 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NGA) – OUR COMMUNITIES OUR FUTURE

CEO PA to follow up end of next week for attendees.

8.1.5 QUEENSLAND REGISTERED BIOSECURITY ENTITY (RBE) AND NATIONAL LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (NLIS) SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

Resolution No 6 - 3/23 That Council consider the Queensland Registered Biosecurity Entity (RBE) and National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) Surveillance Program and provide comment on any activities which may occur within the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council area prior to 21st March 2023.

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

Resolution No 7 - 3/23 That Council receive and take note of the Chief Executive Officers report for March 2023.

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

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Went out of order in Director of Engineering Report.

8.3 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT

Director spoke about the storm, depths of the rising river and the rising water through the storm water drains and moving of people from the Nursing Home.

8.3.1 INDIGENOUS COUNCILS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ICCIP)

Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs update

Need to identify a site for the new Tip. Rubbish Tip in a terrible condition at present. Mayor spoke of an area near the cement crossing which would be good. Check with Rex that it is not in their flight path.

For Council's Information.

8.3.2 DOOMADGEE AIRSTRIP

New gates for the airstrip have been lost. Once equipment has been relocated Council will look at installing.

For Council's Information.

8.3.3 \$105M COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENT PROGRAM 2021 - 2023 DOOMADGEE PORTION - \$6,962,951 SOCIAL HOUSES AND SUBDIVISION AT MARRADGEE ROAD, DOOMADGEE

QBuild has a list of defects to be completed on the new houses.

For Council's Information.

8.3.4 QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (NDRRA)

Council is looking at the reconstruction of Old Doomadgee Road. Recent construction was not carried out to standard. Council may need to apply for further funding.

Need an assessment of all the damage done.

See if can claim an extension on work Council is to carry out by 30th June due to the floods.

For Council's Information.

8.3.5 FUTURE WATER SECURITY AND SEWERAGE TREATMENT

Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 1.40 pm

Council are looking at adding "frog flaps" to all the storm water drains in the hope of preventing future flood water bubbling up through the drains.

Discussions around the spillage of sewage. The sewerage ponds need to be cleaned out and then see if we need to raise the levy banks on the ponds to stop sewerage escaping and also keep the kids out of the ponds.

Apply for funding to put in another sewer treatment plant for the new houses that are being built and also another dam to cope with all the extras.

For Council's Information.

8.3.6 COMMUNITY HOUSING FENCING PROJECT

Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 1.43 pm

A lot of fencing material is currently sitting at Normanton.

For Council's Information.

8.3.7 TRAINING

Two new people now employed at the Water Treatment Plant.

More training arranged for the 3rd May 2023

For Council's Information.

8.3.8 WORKS CREWS

Trying to get hot mix into Community.

Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 1.54 pm

For Council's Information.

8.3.9 RIVERSIDE SHARED CYCLEWAY

For Council's Information.

8.3.10 CEMETERY PROJECTS

For Council's Information.

8.3.11 SOLAR LIGHTS

For Council's Information.

8.3.12 STREET SIGNS

For Council's Information.

8.3.13 OTHER

For Council's Information.

Resolution No 8 - 3/23 That Council receive and take note of the Director of Engineering Report for March 2023.

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

Went out of order after Director of Engineering Report

8.4 DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 2.02 pm

8.4.1 MEETINGS NETWORKING AND TRAINING ATTENDED

Council are currently looking into the cost of supermarket prices and comparing costs with an independent group. Council is looking into setting up an advisory group in the hopes of bringing the cost of food down.

When talking to DSDSATSIP ask them for assistance in limiting of prices.

If Community were to have their own supermarket - problems start to arise – no big buying group with power, ensuring people are not helping themselves to till and goods.

Troy Fraser left to the Meeting at 2.30 pm

Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 2.36 pm

Need to find a way for CEQ to give something back to the Community. Speak with Michael Dykes from CEQ and get him to agree that they need to make changes and also need to give back something to the Community.

Get as much information as Council can on prices and on 27th, 28th give to the Councillors to look at and give advice which can be taken to the meeting with Greg Anderson from DSDSATSIP.

For Council's information.

8.4.2 GRANTS AND FUNDING INFORMATION

Council is looking at applying for a \$1.7 Mil grant in order to renovate, the Sport and Recreational being the main focus.

For Council's information.

8.4.3 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT HUB AND SPORT AND RECREATION

Sport and Recreational are doing exceptionally well. Sport and Recreational Officer wants to bring on extra staff.

Closing date for the ad for a Youth Club Manager closes tomorrow.

Paid work experience from My Pathway is about to commence. Hopefully two people may end up with permanent positions with the Council.

Chasing another grant \$290,000 to help cover just operational expenses. Applying for another grant for \$1.7m to extend the gym. Have no leg equipment at present – only upper body. Need to refit the kitchen at Sport and Recreation so the kids can be fed rather than BBQ's all the time.

At present there is a really big focus on Youth Engagement area and also Sport and Recreation.

For Council's information.

8.4.4 RADIO

For Council's information.

8.4.5 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENT & BIO SECURITY

For Council's information.

8.4.6 CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

For Council's information.

8.4.7 COMMUNITY SERVICES

Bus service has been a big hit with the locals. CEQ (the Supermarket) paying 50% towards the cost of the service.

For Council's information.

8.4.7 OTHER

Need to invest money into the Guest House.

For Council's information.

Resolution No 9 - 3/23 That Council receive and take note of the Director Economic & Community Development Report for March 2023.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned
Seconded: Cr. Myron Johnny
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 January and February 2023.

Resolution No 10 - 3/23 That the Financial Statements attached to the report of the Director of Corporate Services Financial Services Report for January and February 2023 be received and noted.

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

Resolution No 11 - 3/23 That Council receive and take note of the Director of Corporate Services Report for March 2023.

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

8.5 COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORTS

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Item 9 - Correspondence

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Item 10 - General Business

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ITEM 11 - LATE ITEMS

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Item 12 - Confidential Session

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12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

NIL

12.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

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12.3 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

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12.4 DIRECTOR ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

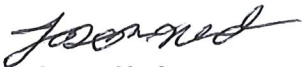
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Item 13 - Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be Thursday 20th April 2023.

ITEM 14 - Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 4:18 pm.



Jason Ned
Mayor
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council