



MINUTES
of
ORDINARY MEETING

Tuesday 10th October 2023

10.00 am

Council Offices, Doomadgee

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Item 1 - Declaration of Opening

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 10.07 am

Item 2 - Condolences

A Minutes silence was held for departed Community Members

Item 2A – Swearing in of Newly Elected Member

CEO, Troy Fraser welcomed Carlene Logan to the meeting and advised that if she had any questions or anything that she did not understand to just ask.

2A.1 DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR

Due to the passing of Mayor Ned in July and the voting in of a new Mayor, Myron Johnny and the voting in of Councillor Elijah Douglas as Deputy Mayor there left a vacancy at Council for a new Councillor to be appointed.

At the Council Meeting held on 21st September 2023 Council elected to appoint Carlene Logan from the 12 nominees for the vacancy of Councillor as the newly elected Councillor for Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council. Ms Logan under Section 169 of the Local Government Act 2009 and Section 254 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 is to give her Declaration of Office to the Chief Executive Officer.

Ms Logan will read the Declaration of Office to the CEO at this Council Meeting and she will then be declared as Councillor Carlene Logan for Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council until the Council Elections to be held in March 2024.

Cr. Carlene Logan will be provided with critical information to enable her to be empowered into her newly elected position with Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council consisting of:

- Councillor Code of Conduct – for information and noting;
- Councillor Acceptable Request Guidelines – for information and noting;
- Meeting Procedures Policy – for information and noting;
- Standing Orders Policy – for information and noting;
- Related Party Disclosure Policy – for information and noting
- Related Parties Disclosure Form – for completion and returning to the CEO
- Registered of Interests of a Councillor and their related persons – for completion and returning to the CEO.

Resolution No 1 – 10/23 That Council accept the Declaration of Office declared by Ms Carlene Logan and signed by her and announce her as a Councillor of Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council from 10th October 2023.

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

Cr. Logan thanked all the Councillors for choosing her out of all the nominations for the position of Councillor.

Resolution No 2 – 10/23 That Council acknowledge that Cr. Logan has received the critical information required by all newly elected Members for the carrying out of her duties as a Councillor.

Moved: Cr. Antoinette Diamond

Seconded: Cr. Athol Walden

Carried

Item 3 - Record of Attendance and Leave of Absence

Elected Members

Mayor Myron Johnny

Cr. Antoinette Diamond

Cr. Elijah Douglas

Cr. Athol Walden

Cr. Carlene Logan

Staff

Troy Fraser – Chief Executive Officer

Marilou McKay – for presentation of Director of Corporate Services Report (By ZOOM Meeting

Troy Fraser - presentation of Engineering Report

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

Pam Danaher – Minute Taker (Remote)

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.

Item 5 – Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2023

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Resolution No 3 – 10/23 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 21st September 2023 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 21st September 2023

Had a great meeting with the Health Ombudsman.

Chasing up the Health Summit as need an independent person to facilitate the Summit.

The two projects that Council has with Upendo from Meridian Urban P/L were explained to Cr. Logan so that she was up to speed with what is happening in Doomadgee.

Arts Centre – Visitors Centre and Community Hall project.

Explained where the Centre would be and how there would be the different things built to accommodate all things, café, arts centre, visitors information, etc etc. The Community Hall is to be built to hold between 250 – 300 people and could be used as a refuge, a place for funerals and large meetings.

Council also has another project – the Water Park which is just waiting for funding to come available.

Item 7 - Visitors and Presentations

7.1 QUEENSLAND EDUCATION – 10.30 am

MR PHIL SWEENEY – SCHOOL SUPERVISOR PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS DOOMADGEE

MR LEON PROUD - SCHOOL SUPERVISOR PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS CENTRAL

JOSEBA (JOE) LAZERELL – REGIONAL DIRECTOR – NORTHERN REGION

CEO asked everyone to introduce themselves. He then asked what is going on in Doomadgee around the School, what is on the horizon for 2024 and how can what is happening can be improved.

Joe spoke and advised that Partnership 2024 had teamed up with Queensland Government Department of Education and have identified 41 schools which would benefit from the Partnership Initiative. There are 16 schools in the Council and surrounding areas that they have identified that need teaching and learning ways to be carried out differently to what is happening in other schools. Joe, Phil and Leon are the three people who will be carrying out the investigation and providing a more intense support for these schools.

They have looked at a whole range of options. It is not only about improvements to schools it is about complexity. Inertia – social advantage, study and educational standards. This is a number below a level of students and school that they need to work on. There are 2 things that need to be worked on:

1. High Level of Support.
Additional support will be required by appointing people to work in the Community. Need to listen to stakeholders, Council, workers, etc to see how things can be done differently. There are lots of rules for school. There are ways those rules can be worked around. Need extra resourcing.
2. Schools are prioritised.
Things are fixed and built, staffing and support.

Councillors spoke on the situation and believe that the school is not operating as it should. Need indigenous teachers as they would know what is needed. Need their own people in the schools in the jobs and making the decisions.

CEO advised that it needs to come to the realisation that what is happening is not working in Doomadgee. Need to work round what is being delivered – need different ways to do things. Need to take the school back to that where their culture can show through.

Councillors stated that the school is not up to standard. Want to see the school go to another level – Year 12. Need own people to work at the school – headmasters etc.

CEO requested an inside into Mandy's (Headmaster) role and what will happen with the Partnership Schools. Phil told the meeting that they were flying into Mornington Island tomorrow morning so could not arrange a meeting at this point in time.

Question was asked as to how Principals are appointed to School. Phil advised that there is always a community representative on the panel when interviewing. He advised that Mandy is told how to run the school but needs Community to let her know how it works. She is doing the best that she knows how. There are a lot of locals working at the school now, with aunties and uncles. There is an opportunity of working together, there are lots of different attitudes and different ways. The Department needs to sit back and listen as to how it engages the young people. Mandy understands the curriculum but does not fully understand the culture. She is open to learning.

CEO said this is an opportunity for everyone to get together and look at ways and the issues to build the partnership.

Joe advised that he wanted the same things, wants the kids to be happy and wants them to be connected to their culture.

Doomadgee knows how it needs to work. There are reservations as to what is being pushed out of Brisbane. Big schools in the cities are known for swimming, art, sports. We need a model that works for Doomadgee.

Everyone needs to be sitting around on the same side of the table, talking strategies. Can work with Mandy on getting things moving, surprisingly there is a lot of flexibility, doing things differently in different communities. She really knows there is a need to expand.

CEO suggest that everyone sits down in the New Year and look at what this year has done and try and work out how we achieve what we are going to do with education of the children.

Phil advised that the schools normally start planning at this time of the year for the next year. Maybe there could be a night time meeting planned shortly where things could be worked out without interruption. Need examples of what the Community wants – programs for older people to attend after school – need to look at safety requirements, policies etc. Need to listen to proposals and see where we can get to. Need to share the really good practices that are happening at the School.

The guys have been talking with Kieran Smith and Barry Walden from Gungalunga Jungai.

The three gentlemen thanked Council for the time today and hope that things can be worked out with meetings etc in the near future.

7.2 SENATOR SUSAN McDONALD, SHADOW MINISTER FOR RESOURCES and SHADOW MINISTER FOR NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

Senator McDonald was in Community and asked for a chance to say hello to the Councillors.

In attendance with Senator was Amanda Campbell-Wilson – Policy Advisor and Julian Thomlinson – Media Advisor.

Senator McDonald stated that she liked to come around and visit but that it has been 2 years since her last visit. She asked what has been happening and what does she need to work on for Doomadgee.

She spoke on the visit to Canberra by the CEO and the Mayor from Burke Shire after the floods where they were seeking the upgrade on the bridge crossing for flood access. Senator asked how long was Doomadgee cut off and she was told it was for four months, She stated that anywhere in Australia it would not be possible for a town to be cut off for such a long time.

CEO advised that for a while there was only one plane once a week bringing in food. When not in flood times there is a weekly truck that brings 3 times the amount of food that the planes were flying in. The cost of the plane was between 40 and 50 thousand. If it was possible to raise the bridge work by at least two metres that would most probably ensure that Doomadgee would not be cut off for more than two to three weeks.

There is a problem with Queensland Main Road which will not allow anyone to cross the river at .3. Need Main Roads to be more flexible and agreeable to what the height of the river for the crossing should be.

Nothing has happened since the visit to Canberra as to anything being done about the river crossing or to improve things following the flooding. Senator McDonald advised that things need to be sped up.

DRFA funding. Advised Senator that the Commonwealth change the laws about how local government can use funding. Doomadgee Council has to get special permission to work on our Council roads and then can only charge work at a certain price. Following flooding contractors are able to come in and carry out work charging the normal price.

State Government talks about sustainability – there is no way Council can be sustainable when the Government will not let Council charge out the right rate for work which needs to be done under DRFA funding. Council has the machines as well as the operators but unable to work and make money.

The Senator asked if Council was happy with the school as she had seen the Education people in the meeting. CEO advised that Council will get together before the end of the year and sort out some of the problems.

Councillors advised that the supermarket was far too expensive. Senator asked if it was transport costs. CEO advised that the cost of living was a big problem in Doomadgee.

Amanda Campbell-Wilson advised that when the new Normanton supermarket opened the prices were very low. They left the goods at those prices for around 6 months until they realised that they were not making a profit so had to raise the prices.

Doomadgee is a solution based Council. There are numerous males and females in the prison system and juvie. It costs \$350,000 for one year to look after a child in juvenile detention. If that money is what it takes to look after and support a child why cannot the money be given to Council to put the kids on the On Country program so that they are out of the system. Need a local focus not a juvie/jail to rehabilitate the kids from Doomadgee. Should be able to argue the case with the powers to be, they already have the money allocated for the costs of rehabilitation – move the kids back to Doomadgee and go On Country.

Senator advised that she was very keen to support the idea. Wanted to get the kids back from detention centres. CEO advised that a long term change over the years would be good, Council have the outstations and have the land. Need to develop the outstations, take the young people out of the prison system, take them out working on the outstations and then are able to keep the outstations sustainable.

Advised Senator that Council was recently knocked back on the grant to upgrade the Oval. The Oval is in a terrible state and needs to be brought back up to standard. There is another Grant that closes in November that Council is going for. The Senator advised that she could give a letter of support. She said that all small communities are competing against the large communities for the same grant funding and just seem to miss out, miss out and miss out all the time.

Senator thanked Council for their time and Julian Thomlinson asked for a photo of the Councillors and CEO with the Senator.

Lunch Break - 12.37 pm

A luncheon break was called at 12.37 pm.

Council Meeting resumed at 1.37 pm.



Item 8 - Reports

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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	26/28.9.23	Winton Shire Council	Cr. Elijah Douglas	WQAC Assembly 2023 - Annual Meeting
2	3.10.23	Council Chambers	Ngooderi Joint Venture	September Meeting
3	3.10.23	Council Chambers – TEAMS	Orange Sky	Update meeting
4	3.10.23	Council Chambers – Phone	Fareshare – Jason Mollenhauer	Partnership meeting
5	4.10.23	Council Chambers	QLD Health	Health meeting – RHD, Health Summit, Orange Sky
6	4.10.23	Council Chambers	Peak Services	Community Survey Design Meeting
7	5.10.23	Council Chambers	Meridian Urban, RILIPO	Business Hub Meeting
8	9.10.23	Council Chambers	Orange Sky	Doomadgee Launch

8.1.1.1 There were a lot of discussions that took place, some were relevant to Doomadgee. Rex delegates were in attendance and advised that they are trying to find ways to alleviate the problem with seats on the planes to Doomadgee. They would like Council to provide aviation fuel in Doomadgee and that would allow them not to take 10 seats of the selling list due to the fuel in the wet season. CEO advised that he has requested figures and amounts and the number of days that fuel would be used from Doomadgee before he will contemplate.

A Service Centre in Doomadgee for the Gulf areas was discussed which would be Housing and Telstra. CEO advised that when he is in Brisbane next week will follow up on the discussions.

8.1.1.2 There is a push to incorporate Ngooderi. Ngooderi is a joint venture between Council and My Pathway. Both finance departments need to come together as a matter of priority.

8.1.1.3 Orange Sky will be here next Tuesday at the Shop. Council is carrying out a blitz checking on people and numbers of people in Community who do not have clothes washing and drying facilities.

8.1.1.4 3,000 frozen meals have been sent to Community. These are being handed out to people who are struggling or unable to buy food. CEO advised if you know of anyone who cannot afford food to let them know to see him. Jason from Fareshare is in the process of providing a refrigerated container as the Supermarket where the food is stored needs the space back. Fareshare will be filling the container with toys for the Christmas Party when it comes to Doomadgee. Jason is also in the process of sourcing 300 microwaves for the Community.

8.1.1.5 Trying to find a facilitator to arrange the Health Summit in Doomadgee.

8.1.1.7 RILIPO is a Government agency out of DATSIP sitting in Cairns. It has all the big players, QBuild, Housing, industrial, commercial and economic areas.

Upendo from Meridian will come back to Doomadgee at the end of the month and get Community feedback about the plans for the two Community projects.

CEO to check the PBC line and where it goes in relation to the Arts Centre space.

For Council's Information.

8.1.2 INTERNAL CONTROL ISSUES FROM QUEENSLAND AUDIT OFFICE

Resolution No 4 - 10/23 That Council adopt the Information Backup and Restore Policy as attached to the Chief Executive Officers report to the October 2023 Council Meeting.

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

8.1.3 DOOMADGEE LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP

Resolution No 5 - 10/23 That Council nominate Mayor Myron Johnny as the Chair of the Doomadgee Local Disaster Management Group and the Deputy Mayor Elijah Douglas as the Deputy Chair.

Moved: Cr. Carlene Logan
Seconded: Cr. Antoinette Diamond
Carried

8.1.4 FARESHARE PARTNERSHIP

See 8.1.1.4

For Council's Information and further discussion with Council.

8.1.5 COMMUNITY HEALTH SUMMIT

Resolution No 6 - 10/23 That Council endorse the CEO to progress the Doomadgee Health Summit.

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

8.1.6 DOOMADGEE UNITY PROGRAM

For Council's Information.

Resolution No 7 - 10/23 That Council receive and take note of the Chief Executive Officers report for October 2023.

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



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 2023-2024 financial year as at the end of September 2023. ([Attached](#))

Resolution No 8 - 10/23 That the Financial Statements attached to the report of the Director of Corporate Services Financial Services Report for September 2023 be received and noted.

Moved: Cr. Elijah Douglas
Seconded: Cr. Carlene Logan
Carried

Resolution No 9 - 10/23 That Council receive and take note of the Director of Corporate Services Report for October 2023.

Moved: Cr. Athol Walden
Seconded: Cr. Carlene Logan
Carried

8.3 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT

8.3.1 INDIGENOUS COUNCILS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ICCP)

Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs update

Going along. At the end of October Department of Local Government is coming to Doomadgee.

For Council's Information.

8.3.2 DOOMADGEE AIRSTRIP

Completed.

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

Civil works should be finished. Ergon should be in next week to connect power.

For Council's Information.

8.3.4 QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (NDRRA)

*Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 3.13 pm
Cr. Antoinette Diamond left the Meeting at 3.14 pm
Cr. Carlene Logan left the Meeting at 3.14 pm*

Works being completed on town streets. Doomadgee West Road and Old Doomadgee Road.

*Cr. Antoinette Diamond returned to the Meeting at 3.19 pm
Cr. Carlene Logan returned to the Meeting at 3.19 pm
Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 3.20 pm*

CEO has a meeting with Source Global regarding the extracting of humidity from the air and going into holes to contain the water. He would like to put 2 on every house in Doomadgee which would provide alum and chemical free drinking water. Has requested the Company for Doomadgee to be the first residential trial area. Need to talk to Ergon to see if Council can use the Solar Power to make Water Power.

For Council's Information.

8.3.5 FUTURE WATER SECURITY AND SEWERAGE TREATMENT

*Pam Danaher left the Meeting at 3.31 pm
Pam Danaher returned to the Meeting at 3.33 pm*

For Council's Information.

8.3.6 COMMUNITY HOUSING FENCING PROJECT

For Council's Information.

8.3.7 TRAINING

Another lot of training coming up shortly.

For Council's Information.

8.3.8 WORKS CREWS

The new Street Sweeper is being shared between the two crews. Have been cleaning out the drains and streets and are starting to look a lot cleaner. Next will be organising the cemetery project. Lots of painting work required by QBuild.

For Council's Information.

8.3.9 RIVERSIDE SHARED CYCLEWAY

Kerbing and channeling to be done.

For Council's Information.

8.3.10 CEMETERY PROJECTS

For Council's Information.

8.3.11 SOLAR LIGHTS

There will be some installed out at the Cemetery.

For Council's Information.

8.3.12 STREET SIGNS

80% of signs erected. Need to get new signs for on the highway – Welcome to Doomadgee.

For Council's Information.

8.3.13 OTHER

Nil.

Resolution No 10 - 10/23 That Council receive and take note of the Engineering Report for October 2023.

Moved: Cr. Carlene Logan
Seconded: Cr. Athol Walden
Carried

8.4 DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

8.4.1 MEETINGS NETWORKING AND TRAINING ATTENDED

Very busy time with lots of meetings.

For Council's information.

8.4.2 GRANTS AND FUNDING INFORMATION

Waiting to see if receiving any grant funding. Finalising the grant for the bus.

For Council's information.

8.4.3 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT HUB AND SPORT AND RECREATION

*Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 4.04 pm
Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 4.08 pm*

For Council's information.

8.4.4 RADIO

For Council's information.

8.4.5 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENT & BIO SECURITY

Officer away doing a weeds control course at Karumba. Going to change the poisons that Council uses. They are cheaper to buy and mix with water rather than diesel.

For Council's information.

8.4.6 CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

For Council's information.

8.4.7 COMMUNITY SERVICES

For Council's information.

8.4.7 OTHER

For Council's information.

Resolution No 11 - 10/23 That Council receive and take note of the Director Economic & Community Development Report for October 2023.

Moved: Cr. Elijah Douglas
Seconded: Cr. Carlene Logan
Carried

8.5 COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORTS

NIL

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Item 9 - Correspondence

NIL

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Item 10 - General Business

NIL



ITEM 11 - LATE ITEMS

11.1 CLOSURE OF BANK ACCOUNT

Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council has a bank account styled "Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Lease Account".

This Lease Account has been operating for a long time and there is only one debtor making Lease payments in that account. That payment is receipted to Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council General Account and the money is then transferred to the Lease Account.

The Account is incurring monthly fees of \$5.00 together with the administration time required to receipt, transfer and reconcile this bank account for only one debtor each month.

The Director of Corporate Services has requested that Council agreed to the closure of the Lease Account in Councils name.

Resolution No 12 - 10/23 That Council authorise the Director of Corporate Services to immediately close the bank account titled "Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Lease Account" and put all future lease payments for the debtor to the General Bank Account.

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

Resolution No 13 - 10/23 That Council receives and take note of the Late Items presented to the October 2023 Council Meeting and note that the report is provided in these Minutes.

Moved: Cr. Carlene Logan
Seconded: Cr. Antoinette Diamond
Carried

Item 12 - Confidential Session

NIL

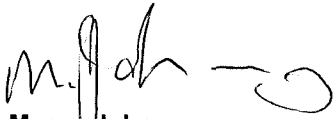
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Item 13 - Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be Thursday 16th November 2023.

ITEM 14 - Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 5.04 pm.



Myron Johnny
Mayor
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council

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