



MINUTES
of
ORDINARY MEETING

Tuesday 28th February 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. Elijah Douglas
Cr. Myron Johnny – late attendance at 10.30 am
Cr. Athol Walden

Staff

Troy Fraser – Chief Executive Officer
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

Marilou McKay – absent - sick

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.

There was a discussion between Councillors on the Visitors attending today's Council Meeting and Child Safety not looking after the indigenous children of Doomadgee. CEO suggested that these matters be raised with Massinno Zaini when he carries out his presentation.

Item 5 – Confirmation of Minutes

Cr. Myron Johnny arrived at the Meeting at 10.30 am

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th JANUARY 2023

Resolution No 1 – 2/23 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 25th January, 2023 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

6.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th JANUARY 2023

Need to follow up Eric Brace re the handing over the First Language Program to Council to see where it is up to.

CEO to follow up standalone phones which could be used on the outstations or even along the road sides for emergencies.

Martin Camilleri – CEO (Australian Private Networks (apn) with discussion on Wi Fi for all homes in Doomadgee to see how it could work. Council endorsed CEO Troy Fraser to go ahead and ring Martin today. Kyle Yanner from Mornington Island is going ahead with the plan.

CEO wants to hold a Special Meeting for Council and invite Mornington Island Council to attend Doomadgee and then Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council to attend Mornington Island so that each Council can showcase their area and what they are trying to achieve. Both Mornington and Doomadgee have been missing out on other funding and things that towns in other areas have been receiving. The Gulf Academy has Council's pulling out of it – especially Mornington and Doomadgee as the Company was no benefit to either.

Need to prove that Doomadgee and Mornington Island can do things for themselves, for ever the Communities have missed out on things through other organisations.

Need to plant heaps of trees along the riverbank to build it up for flooding in future years.

Cr. Athol Walden left the Meeting at 11.10 am

Need to follow up with Fareshare – Meals for the Mob regarding the 3,000 meals a month. Check with Jason Mollenhauer regarding the sourcing of microwaves for every house in Doomadgee.

Cr. Athol Walden returned to the Meeting at 11.15 am

Item 7 - Visitors and Presentations

7.1 MASSIMO ZAINI – CONSULTANT RE TRANSITION OF THE DOOMADGEE SAFE HOUSE TO COMMUNITY CONTROL and BARRY WALDEN, CHAIRPERSON GOONAWOONA JUNGAI – 11.30 AM

Barry Walden thanked Council for inviting them along from Goonawoona Jungai. He advised that there would be a presentation in the afternoon at the Sport and Recreation area.

Massimo Zaini introduced himself. He was born and raised in Innisfail. Barry and himself have worked together for the last six years. They are taking the Doomadgee Safe House back to the Community. Kieran Smith set up the Doomadgee Safe House in 2010. At that time there was a Reference Group set up to stop children being taken away from their families. That Reference Group now needs to have Waanyi, Garawa and Ganggalidda people on that Group as full representatives of the Doomadgee Community. The Cape Communities have Reference Groups that manage the areas. These Reference Groups are very discrete, they will sometimes go to extended families with suggestions and help rather than the direct family if there are problems.

Historically Child Safety have removed children from the Safe Houses and put them out to families (not necessarily in Doomadgee could be anywhere else) and haven't cared and have left the children with those families – not caring about what effect it is having on the children.

Delegated Authority will be coming to the Doomadgee body. Child Safety will be delegating all their authority for the indigenous children to the indigenous body. The Director General will be rolling this in shortly. Doomadgee will be the first of 6 Communities in Australia for a placed based partnership with the Government. At present there is no-one in Doomadgee to recognise the problems the children face and no-one to help them or provide them with what they need.

Goonawoona Jungai will be up and running very shortly and the body will put someone in to run the Safe House. Cultural laws will be in place. At present there are young Child Safety Workers in place and they tend to look at things very differently to what Doomadgee sees things and do not believe that things are being done properly.

Child Safety are not using the funding that they receive properly. Once the Delegated Authority is in place everyone in the Community will be able to make the decisions for the kids not the Child Safety Group, nor the Government. The funding will be given back to the Community .

Goonawoona Jungai will manage and run the Safe House.

Massimo stated that Act for Kids actually want to support the kids going "Out on Country" but the Government pulls them back.

We need to look after our Mob and give them Community support.

Cr. Elijah Douglas left the Meeting at 12.05 pm

*Cr. Elijah Douglas returned to the Meeting at 12.07 pm
Cr. Myron Johnny left the Meeting at 12.07 pm*

Need responsibility for our Community. Everyone will get to have a say.

The lawyers for Goonawoona Jungai are formulating the agreement for the Placed Based Partnership. They are now up to the 3rd Draft. Doomadgee will be the first in the Country to have a placed based partnership and the Agreement will be heavily worded in Doomadgee's favour.

At present Doomadgee is not getting any value from Act for Kids.

*Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the Meeting at 12.15 pm
Cr. Antoinette Diamond left the Meeting at 12.19 pm*

At present any grandparents that are trying to find or locate where their grandchildren have been housed by Act for Kids cannot find out any information. In future under the placed based partnership grandparents will be able to locate their children.

Cr. Antoinette Diamond returned to the Meeting at 12.23 pm

There are many different models that could have been used for community control. The most favourable method appears to be the Auspice Model.

Many service providers are attending Doomadgee and are not providing the service for which they have been paid. They do not have to answer to any locals so the fund providers do not know any of the problems. There is no one to complain to.

*Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 12.30 pm
Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 12.31 pm*

The Safe House at Doomadgee has vacancies for 6 children. There needs to be additional accommodation provided for house parents.

Again we need to tell the services how we want everything to run in Doomadgee.

*Cr. Myron Johnny left the Meeting at 1.05 pm
Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the Meeting at 1.09 pm*

LUNCH BREAK - 1.11 pm

A luncheon break was called at 1.11 pm.

Council Meeting resumed at 1.45 pm.

Item 8 - Reports

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Went out of order in Director Economic and Community Developments Report

Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 1.46 pm

8.4 DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

8.4.1 MEETINGS NETWORKING AND TRAINING ATTENDED

Trying to find someone who can operate the equipment in the Music Youth Hub so that the locals can learn.

Karaoke went really well when Dale Mallet from Mufassa Music was in Doomadgee recently.

Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 1.55 pm

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

Sport and Recreation Hall – want to revamp the kitchen - have applied for a 1.7 m infrastructure grant. Recruiting for the Youth Hub Staff with a broader perspective – following up on healthy relationships etc. Sport and Recreation is up and running now with the younger kids. Youth Hub will be back to 15 – 25 year olds. Have cut back the accessible hours for the Wi Fi and Data at the Sport and Recreation so the kids do not seem to be hanging around and getting into trouble.

Need to build fences on the oval to keep the horses off.

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

Cultural Awareness Courses seem to be going really well. Hope to be billing out \$18,000 for the courses – only \$5,000 billed at present. Carried out Training in Mt isa recently with up to 35 people over a couple of days. The feedback received was really good.

For Council's information.

8.4.7 COMMUNITY SERVICES

Applied for a grant for \$16,500.00 for NAIDOC although the funding is only between \$3, and \$5,000.00.

Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 2.28 pm

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Discussions regrading the Council bus, considering selling to Ngooderi JV to run a bus service in Doomadgee.

Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 2.29 pm

For Council's information.

8.4.7 OTHER

For Council's information.

Resolution No 2 - 2/23 That Council receive and take note of the Director Economic & Community Development Report for February 2023.

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

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8.3 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT

Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 3.05 pm

8.3.1 COVID WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND (W4Q) 2021-2024

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

Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 3.06 pm

Cr. Myron Johnny left the Meeting at 3.06 pm

For Council's Information.

8.3.2 INDIGENOUS COUNCILS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ICCIP)

Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs update

Suggestion that Council find out how the tip at Normanton has been set up and set out.

For Council's Information.

8.3.3 DOOMADGEE AIRSTRIP

For Council's Information.

Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the Meeting at 3.16 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

Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 3.25 pm

Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 3.26 pm

Extra Training will be coming up very soon:

First Aid, Plant Operators training, Bob Cat and Forklift.

For Council's Information.

8.3.9 WORKS CREWS

For Council's Information.

8.3.10 RIVERSIDE SHARED CYCLEWAY

For Council's Information.

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8.3.11 CEMETERY PROJECTS

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 3 - 2/23 That Council receive and take note of the Director of Engineering Report for February 2023.

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

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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	23.1.2023	Zoom Meeting	Ben Faith	Emergency Disaster Management
2	27.1.2023	Doomadgee State School	Greg Brand – Principal	Re school update
3	2.2.2023	Zoom Meeting	CEO, DCS, Brett McKay and Altitus	Internal Audit with auditors
4	2.2.2023	Zoom and Council Chambers	Ngooderi JV Board Meeting	Quarterly Meeting
5	3.2.2023	Zoom Meeting	NWQROC Meeting	ROC Monthly Meeting
6	7.2.2023	Doomadgee State School	Regional Director, Dept of Education	2023 School Year update

8.1.2 & 8.1.6 Discussions with the Principal about opening up the school and getting more use from the School. The Arts and Computer Rooms are not used. Trying to see if they can be opened up for the Community – open after hours. The Acting Principal, Greg, will be leaving at the end of the term. See if Council can have some sort of Agreement similar to the Pool Agreement put in place for the Arts and Computer Rooms.

8.1.3 Looking at planning for the current year. Will be targeting stores – especially the carpentry section.

8.1.5 Housing – a very big on-going topic.

For Council’s Information.

8.1.2 2023 NGA – OUR COMMUNITIES OUR FUTURE

Put forward a motion to the NGA Convention that Indigenous Councils be able to carry out roadworks and charge for same.

Put back on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting, Motions to be lodged by 11.59 pm 24th March, 2023.

For Council’s Information.

8.1.3 GULF REGIONAL ECONOMIC ABORIGINAL TRUST (“GREAT”)

CEO to look further into “GREA” and report further back to Council at the next meeting.

Mayor Jason to chase up ADBT information regarding the Commercial Hub-

1. Industrial
2. Social and Recreation.
3. Commercial – Motel, Caravan Park, Shop Front, Arts Space (Tourist Hub)

RILIPO to provide a Plan to Council to assist in seeking funding from ADBT for Doomadgee.

For Council’s Information.

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Resolution No 4 - 2/23 That Council receive and take note of the Chief Executive Officers report for February 2023.

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

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8.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

8.2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PROVIDED BY MARILOU MCKAY

There is no report provided for the February Meeting due to the Director of Corporate Services being ill and not at work.

The information for February will be provided at the next Council Meeting in March 2023.

8.5 COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORTS

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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

11.1 LETTER FROM ATSILS - LAWYERS

Letter from Atsils Lawyers, [attached](#), requesting information relating to certain dates for a Court case in March.

As records had been destroyed in a storm which ripped the roof from the Council Building there was discussion regarding the dates of the PCYC as to if it was there at a certain date together with a shed which was on the riverside opposite the Safe House.

Information was noted that the Councillors provided and then checked with staff who were around in the years requested and a letter in reply was sent to Atsils.

For Council's Information.

Resolution No 5

- 2/23

That Council receive and take note of the Late Items presented for the February 2023 Council Meeting.

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

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Item 12 - Confidential Session

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12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

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12.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

NIL

12.3 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

NIL

12.4 DIRECTOR ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

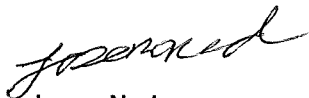
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Item 13 - Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be Thursday 16th March 2023.

ITEM 14 - Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 4.27 pm.



**Jason Ned
Mayor
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council**

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