



MINUTES
of
ORDINARY MEETING

Thursday 15th February 2024

10.00 am

Council Offices, Doomadgee

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Item 1 - Declaration of Opening

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 10.03 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 Myron Johnny

Cr. Elijah Douglas – late attendance

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)
Engineering Report (for presentation of Engineering report)

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

Pam Danaher – Minute Taker

Apologies

Cr. Antoinette Diamond

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 18th JANUARY 2024

Resolution No 1 – 2/24 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 18th January 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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

Item 6 – Business Arising from Minutes Previous Meeting

6.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18th JANUARY 2024

To fix up the storm water would be a cost of approximately 1.1 million, to fix up the levy banks would be another ½ million. CEO will be applying for funding.

Arrange meeting with Cr. Logan and see how the Justice Group can be strengthened.

Tenders all have closed with the road contracts

Item 8 - Reports

Went out of order to CEO's Report due to DDMG Teams meeting at 1.00 pm

8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

8.1.1 OUTSIDE MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

	DATE	WHERE	WHO WITH	REGARDING
1	24.1.24	Council Chambers (TEAMS)	Wayde Cheisa – Regional Development Australia	Support for infrastructure grant application and future projects
2	24.1.24	Council Chambers (TEAMS)	Gulf Savannah Development	Meeting
3	29.1.24	Council Chambers	Local Disaster Management Group Meeting	Discuss floods and Cyclone KIRRILLY
4	30.1.24	Council Chambers (TEAMS)	Meridian Urban	Tourism and Art Hub, Community Hall, Heart of Doomadgee Project
5	1.2.24	Council Chambers (TEAMS)	Regional Development Australia	Regional Planning and Infrastructure Plan
6	1.2.24	Council Chambers (TEAMS)	Child Safety, Gunnawunna Jungai	Issues with Child Safety practices in Community
7	5.2.24	Council Chambers (TEAMS)	Heather Hausfield	North West Queensland Livability Project
8	7.2.24	Council Office (TEAMS)	NWQROC	Meeting
9	12.2.24	Council Office	Meridian Urban	Planning Scheme
10	12.2.24	Council Office	Source Global	Water Project

8.1.1.1 Meeting Monday with Wayde Cheisa for future development of Doomadgee. If Councillors have anything to develop need to let the CEO know so that he can bring it up in those meetings.

8.1.1.2 Meetings every month with Gulf Savannah about how to tap into tourism/economic development from Cairns to Doomadgee.

8.1.1.3 Cyclone KIRRILLY – the school, the store, roadhouse and bakery and the nursing home have transported in approximately 11 tonnes of food and goods.

Disaster Management have organised – flying in all the goods – being a total of 11 planes. Most probably will carry out another drop in the next 2 or 3 weeks. The minute Council calls the Disaster Management Group they are there to help us.

The Hospital, School, Guest House and Sport and Recreation Centre are able to open up the doors in a disaster for accommodation and help.

If the banks happened to break if the flood rose the oldies from the Nursing Home would be able to be shifted very quickly to the Hospital. Last year the water rose very quickly and had to move the people immediately.

8.1.1.5 Once the Water Treatment Plant has been sorted – once all the issues have been refined the staff will be able to carry out the jobs that they are meant to be doing instead of sitting around monitoring the aging infrastructure.

Have 2 million with the Government and trying to get the right program going – at the moment only dealing with the surface problems and not the core problems. Have a meeting tomorrow and maybe the Government will actually see what Council needs to have fixed to be able to run it properly.

8.1.1.6 Act for Kids – the current practices with the Officer not doing what he has been employed to do.

8.1.1.7 Live North Queensland – need 2 people from Doomadgee to do a 2 minute video about Doomadgee – will check with Zac to see if he is able to do it.

Jobs North Queensland – all jobs in Doomadgee can be advertised here, so they will get a good following of people looking for work.

8.1.1.8 Normal monthly meeting – conversations centred mainly around housing and roads – building capacity – change designs? Local recovery tourism and livestock.

8.1.1.10 Source Global – have come up with a method to extract water – hydropanels. Maybe a good idea to be able to sustain a small outstation or a home. If this method was used, would not need to dig a bore at any outstations – 8 Mile, Gumhole, Emu Creek – all houses built from funding. CEO wants to do a business case and present to the Government and advise that with this information being provided from Source Global the outstations will not require electricity and water. Source Global will send costs and the estimation of how many panels would be required.

For Council's Information.

8.1.2 UPDATE ON SCHOOL LOCKDOWN

Any lockdowns at the school they need to contact the CEO within 15 mins of it happening so that CEO can then contact the parents and the locals to diffuse the situation. Need to review the procedures in case of lockdowns.

All food deliveries need to be taken to Hawkins for delivery to Doomadgee.

For Council's Information.

8.1.3 HEALTH RELATED MATTER

There are things happening at the Hospital with the new DON and complaints have been made. Some nurses told that they cannot attend funerals nor can they have locals at the housing complex.

Council working through the Director General of Health – Michael Walsh to see what is going on.

For Council's Information.

8.1.4 WET SEASON AND MONSOON PLANNING

Need to get the Manager Glenn from the Roadhouse on line with the ordering of stock. His order is going in once the stock has left for Doomadgee.

For Council's Information.

Resolution No 2 - 2/24 That Council receive and take note of the Chief Executive Officers report for February 2024.

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

Went out of order into Engineering Report

8.3 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT

8.3.1 INDIGENOUS COUNCILS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ICCP)

Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs update

The water treatment plant is still having trouble. There is a lot of slug sitting underneath the water and when the water rushes in and upsets the slug, then when the pumps are turned on at a massive speed it is disastrous and slug is going everywhere.

Need to be able to control the rate of the pump when first switched on to a slower rate so does not cause the slug to rise. Brian from AECOM is going to list the core problems for the water. Slug upsets the turbidity.

Mayor Myron Johnny left the Meeting at 11.14 am

Once the wet season is gone and everything dries up will get all equipment in to fix up the pumps up top and the water treatment plant. At the moment have 2 x 2 megalitre tanks, need 4 megalitre tanks and also need another clarifier.

Mayor Myron Johnny returned to the Meeting at 11.17 am

Every day the water treatment plant works overtime and the only time it makes any water is at night time – during the day it is going out at 12 litres a second and only making 20 litres a second.

For Council's Information.

8.3.2 QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (NDRRA)

Contracts closed on 12th February, 2024. There are stories going around about partnering with contractors. There are three contractors

Want a 5 year plan to grow capacity in the Community.

Recommendations for a Contractor have gone to the CEO but he will give them to other people to choose the contractor so there will be no conflict of interest.

For Council's Information.

8.3.3 FUTURE WATER SECURITY AND SEWERAGE TREATMENT

For Council's Information.

8.3.4 COMMUNITY HOUSING FENCING PROJECT

Slow with the wet season. 50% of fencing contractors wage is supplemented.

For Council's Information.

8.3.5 TRAINING

Training is on going. There is a young lady whose father works for Council who is very keen to work.

Cr. Carlene Logan left the Meeting at 11.26 am

For Council's Information.

8.3.6 WORKS CREWS

Cr. Carlene Logan returned to the Meeting at 11.28 am

All crews working together at the moment cleaning and mowing the grass and tidying up the place.

For Council's Information.

8.3.7 RIVERSIDE SHARED CYCLEWAY

Will continue after the wet season. 200 m to go. Wanting to get confirmation from the Government that will have 5 to 7 years of footpath building.

For Council's Information.

8.3.8 CEMETERY PROJECTS

For Council's Information.

8.3.9 SOLAR LIGHTS

For Council's Information.

8.3.10 STREET SIGNS

Really need street signs. Working with the Roadhouse and CEQ to arrange "Welcome to Doomadgee" signs and splitting the costs.

For Council's Information.

8.3.11 OTHER

Telstra Tower will be starting in April.

Ergon – carrying out job at earthworks.

Negotiated with NBN to provide mesh across the whole of the Community where people can get access to WiFi. There will be 20 sites across Australia and CEO has negotiated for one of them to be at Doomadgee.

For Council's Information.

Resolution No 3 - 2/24 That Council receive and take note of the Engineering Report for February 2024.

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

Lunch Break - 11.49 pm

A luncheon break was called at 11.49 pm.

Went into the District Disaster Management Group Meeting

Item 7 - DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING

7.1 DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING (DDMG)

This was not a visitor presentation. The District Disaster Meeting Management Group Meeting was being held and as Council Meeting was on Doomadgee would not have been able to attend. CEO decided that Council would go into the Zoom Meeting so that all Councillors would be informed of what is happening in the area and also Doomadgee.

Council Meeting resumed at 1.39 pm following the District Disaster Management Group Meeting.

Went out of order into Director Economic and Community Development Report

8.4 DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

8.4.1 MEETINGS NETWORKING AND TRAINING ATTENDED

*Cr. Carlene Logan left the Meeting at 1.40 pm
Cr. Carlene Logan returned to the Meeting at 1.41 pm*

Need to advertise all the services that are coming into town so that people are attending when here and not knowing about their attendance so Community cannot support them.

Chase funding for a TEAMS facility to go into the Church for funerals and also make sure that it is added in the new design specs for the new buildings.

Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 1.48 pm

Meridian Urban still working on designs. Signs had been put out around the new building blocks for consultation but the wet weather has knocked them all down.

For Council's information.

8.4.2 GRANTS AND FUNDING INFORMATION

Waiting for 1.6 m in infrastructure to come through to Council.

Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 2.01 pm

Youth Hub – DECD has yet to submit, Youth Hub – refurbishment, Sport & Recreation Centre refurbishment, Gym extension, add 1 more bed accommodation to the Guest House – need to keep up to the Roadhouse accommodation wise.

For Council's information.

8.4.3 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT HUB AND SPORT AND RECREATION

Not many kids turning up when it is really wet. Have employed another person at the Gym who is designing programs. Cannot offer the gym to under 12 year olds.

Have another person employed who is supervising out on the field at the Sport and Recreation Centre.

Wendy Morotti will be following up with Queensland Health to try and get the swimming pool up and running at the School.

CEO hopes to catch up with the DLG of Education when he is in Brisbane. DECD will be giving CEO a list of things that is needed.

ADBT have money at the roadhouse DECD is going to see if he can use it at the Sport & Recreation Centre for Taekwondo classes to take the kids to Cairns for training and competitions.

For Council's information.

8.4.4 RADIO

For Council's information.

8.4.5 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENT & BIO SECURITY

Vet attended – saw 111 animals, completed 13 surgeries, 3 animals were killed on the owners request. Surgical patients received help.

Doomadgee should be very proud that they can offer this care to all the animals in Doomadgee.

New cat traps and cages.

AMERICK carry out education training at the school for the kids so that they can care for their animals.

For Council's information.

8.4.6 CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There is funding available to Council.

\$185,000 for service enhancement and
\$100,00 for Community Safety Plan.

The Night Markets turned out to be really good. Free clothing was available. CEO has spoken to IT to see if any old laptops can be set up for use by the Community and then sell them off at the Night Markets.

Mayor Johnny left the Meeting at 2.23 pm

There was a fingernail stall held by one of the policeman's wife (Ruby) all the kids loved it.

Mayor Johnny returned to the Meeting at 2.25 pm

For Council's information.

8.4.7 COMMUNITY SERVICES

Has been filling in any gaps with staff.

Orange Sky – has been picking up the operator and dropping off each day after work.

For Council's information.

8.4.7 OTHER

Nil

For Council's information.

Resolution No 4 - 2/24 That Council receive and take note of the Director Economic & Community Development Report for February 2024.

Moved: Cr. Athol Walden
Seconded: Cr. Carlene Logan
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 January 2024. ([Attached](#))

DCS to follow up with Jason English and the Roadhouse regarding payments.

Resolution No 5 - 2/24 That the Financial Statements attached to the report of the Director of Corporate Services Financial Services Report for February 2024 be received and noted.

Moved: Cr. Carlene Logan
Seconded: Mayor Myron Johnny
Carried

Resolution No 6 - 2/24 That Council receive and take note of the Director of Corporate Services Report for February 2024.

Moved: Cr. Carlene Logan
Seconded: Mayor Myron Johnny
Carried

8.5 COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORTS

NIL

Item 9 - Correspondence

NIL

Item 10 - General Business

NIL

ITEM 11 - LATE ITEMS

NIL

Item 12 - Confidential Session

NIL

12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

NIL

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

Item 13 - Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be either March or April 2024 depending on the local government elections to be held on 16th March 2024 and pending results of elections. Council will write to Local Government seeking permission to not hold the March meeting which will mean the Council Meeting will then be held on Thursday 18th April, 2024 if approved.

ITEM 14 - Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 2.58 pm.

Myron Johnny
Mayor
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council