



MINUTES
of
ORDINARY MEETING

Wednesday 22nd September 2021

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. Elijah Douglas
Cr. Myron Johnny
Cr. Athol Walden

Staff

Troy Fraser – Chief Executive Officer
Craig Oxlade – Director Economic & Community Development (for presentation of his report)
Pam Danaher – PA to CEO/Minute Taker

Apologies

Richard McKeown – Director of Engineering – hospital attendance
Marilou McKay – Finance Manager tied up with internal auditors

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 19th AUGUST 2021

Resolution No 1 – 9/21 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 19th August 2021 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 THURSDAY 19th AUGUST 2021

Had a meeting with QBuild, will be reporting every fortnight to Council.

Emergency or urgent works sometimes cannot wait for Housing to be contacted or QBuild, especially on the weekends. The call centre calls the CEO and Director of Engineering on the weekends but do not leave messages on their phones so they do not know of the emergency. It is suggested that the Call Centre leaves a message at the very least to enable calls to be returned.

Townsville Public Health Unit – the Forum has been cancelled due to COVID. CEO had advised that Council was not happy with the results of Doomadgee being available at the Forum.

Naming of the new Streets in Doomadgee. Councillors to give serious consideration to the names.

Went out of order to the CEO Report as Housing Representatives not able to attend and Mt. Isa Youth Justice not due until 1.00 pm.

Item 8 - Reports

8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Report 8.1.2 taken out of order.

8.1.2 FUNERAL POLICY AND SORRY BUSINESS DAYS

CEO Troy Fraser to draft a report to the next Council Meeting re Funeral Policy and Sorry Business Days.

8.1.1 OUTSIDE MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE LAST REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING

Human Rights training was attended by CEO and Directors. They will carry out training with the Councillors as they were not able to attend due to Sorry Business.

Gidgee Healing - The Health Council to chase up and see what is actually happening in Doomadgee in relation to Gidgee Services. If there is no success CEO to arrange for a meeting with Gidgee Executives, Doomadgee Health Council and Doomadgee Council to see what is actually happening.

Ngooderi JV – meeting was held yesterday. There has been a little more profit to enable more projects to be carried out. Cr. Douglas wants to plant Mango trees from the shoots into pots and hand back to the locals to look after. CEO advised that if anyone had any ideas for the JV to let him know. Need to promote Ngooderi as nobody in the Community knows what it is and what it hopes to achieve. Director of Environment Community Development and Michael Johnson to see if Ngooderi JV can partner with a mechanical firm to work from the old workshop – needs it to be started and then that firm phased out so that the locals are able to take over.

Department of State Development have a new act – Strong and Sustainable Resources Community Act 2017 (SSRC) if a mine is in vicinity (less than 125ks) with more than 200 people Community can benefit from the Act. Doomadgee is the only Community that meets the requirements. A request has been received for the SSRC to include Burketown, Normanton and Karumba. Council did not support request as per CEO's response and that all opportunities be exhausted before other communities are included. Mayor to arrange for Shane Goodwin from New Century to attend a Meeting together with Waanyi JV, CEO to invite Karen Oakley, Director to attend.

Cr. Antoinette Diamond left the Meeting at 11.36 am.

Gulf Academy – CEO updated on discussions around the Gulf Academy.

Cr. Antoinette Diamond returned to the Meeting at 11.39 am.

Preston Campbell Foundation – CEO updated Council on discussions with the Preston Campbell Foundation and the Doomadgee Action Group

Meeting with Mark Moran re Evaluation of the Local Justice Group.

My Pathway – Language Program – have lots of opportunity and lots of Community involvement to make things work.

Ministerial Champion and Government Champion visits – Discussed upgrading the footy field, conflict of interest, Water quantity and housing. CEO to follow up on more information.

Cr. Elijah Douglas left the Meeting at 11.59 am.

For Council's Information.

Cr. Elijah Douglas returned to the Meeting at 12.02 pm

Lunch Break - 12.05 pm

A luncheon break was called at 12.05 pm.

Council Meeting resumed at 12.50 pm.

Continued with the CEO's Report

8.1.3 125th LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Resolution No 2 - 9/21 That Council arrange for the CEO and Councillors to travel to Mt. Isa and then fly to Mackay on Sunday 24th October to attend the Local Government Annual Conference together with attendance at the Gala Dinner.

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

On arrival of Robyn Irwin, went out of Order for Presentation

Item 7 - Visitors and Presentations

7.1 HOUSING REPRESENTATIVES WERE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING

7.2 ROBYN IRWIN, MANAGER - MT ISA YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE, INTRODUCING HERSELF TO COUNCIL AND TALKING ON WHAT IS INVOLVED WITH PEOPLE ON ORDERS

Robyn advised that she has replaced Bulla who used to attend Doomadgee from Brisbane. Robyn is coming to Doomadgee from Mt. Isa.

There are only 2 young people on Orders in Doomadgee. They will be serviced once a fortnight. Orders are considerably down and the Magistrates and Police are very happy.

Robyn advised that they need a better structure for activities with Orders:

Getting back to community service

Programs

Do not want the kids becoming repeat offenders

Wants to put something in place on how the crime that they have committed actually affects the Community itself.

Need to have discussions on how programs can be structured

Juvenile offenders can still be on the books when they reach 18 and 19 years old. Youth Justice will still work with them and then they will work with Probation and Parole.

Advised that most of the offenders around the Doomadgee area want station work if on orders, so they need resumes and basic skills.

Youth Justice do not want any orders stopping the kids from changing their lives for the better.

They need to maintain regular contact when the kids are on Orders. They will be able to help (within reason) if they are looking for work and provide basic essentials, eg – swags etc.

Council advised that once kids are out of the Juvenile System and if they have to go away to the City for work, they are left to themselves to cope on their own.

How can we get rid of the red tape – need to look outside the box and maybe turn a blind eye – sometimes.

Robyn advised that she will support the Community the best she can, she needs to know where the child on orders is and what is happening, she realises that kids will learn best in the Community and would like to run in conjunction with Elders and short term options with Country focus for Doomadgee. Focus is on the kids that are starting to drop out and get into trouble and are a worry to the parents. She will raise Council's concerns with Child Safety but fears she doesn't have much influence in that regard. Soon there will be a permanent case worker and also youth workers for the Doomadgee area.

Council advised that if there happened to be a pilot program to be started they would like Doomadgee on the list.

Robyn thanked Council for allowing her to attend and introduce herself.

Continued with the CEO's Report 8.1.4

8.1.4 REVIEW OF PROCUREMENT POLICY

Resolution No 3 - 9/21 That Council adopt the Procurement Policy with the amendments as attached to the Chief Executive Officers Report to the September 2021 Council Meeting.

Moved: Mayor Jason Ned

Seconded: Cr. Athol Walden

Carried

8.1.5 GROUND PENETRATING RADAR EXERCISE

Need to get Council to check out the section for the new houses before they start being built.

Need to get all the ground checked for grave sites.

For Council's Information.

8.1.6 HOUSING AND CIVIL TENDERS

Resolution No 4 - 9/21 That Council approve the recommended tender evaluation as discussed and appoint Jason English as the winning tenderer to build the new Community residences at the new Marradgee Road Estate.

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

Resolution No 5 - 9/21 That Council approve the recommended tender evaluation as discussed and appoint CCP & C Pty Ltd as the winning tenderer to carry out the stormwater, drainage and new water mains and tapping bands on the new Community residences at the new Marradgee Road Estate.

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

8.1.7 PCYC – SPORT AND RECREATION PROGRAM

For Council's Information.

8.1.8 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND QBUILD

For Council's Information.

Resolution No 6 - 9/21 That Council receive and take note of the Chief Executive Officers report for September 2021.

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

8.2 FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT

8.2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PROVIDED BY FINANCE MANAGER – MARILOU MCKAY

This monthly report illustrates the financial performance and position of Doomadgee Shire Council compared to its adopted Budget for the 2021-2022 financial year as at the end of August 2021.

Cr. Myron Johnny left the Meeting at 2.32 pm.

Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the Meeting at 2.34 pm.

Resolution No 7 - 9/21 That the Financial Statements attached to the report of the Finance Manager for September 2021 be received and noted.

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

Resolution No 8 - 9/21 That Council receive and take note of the Financial Report for September 2021.

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

8.3 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT

8.3.1 INDIGENOUS COUNCILS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ICCIP)

For Council's information.

Mayor Jason Ned left the Meeting at 2.47 pm.

8.3.2 REMOTE AIRSTRIP UPGRADE PROGRAM (RAUP)

Mayor Jason Ned returned to the Meeting at 2.49 pm.

Department Industry Science Energy and Resources (\$519,893)

For Council's information.

8.3.3 REMOTE HOUSING PROGRAM 2019 - 2023 (DPW)

Department Housing and Public Works

For Council's information.

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 CONCRETE FLOODWAY ON OLD DOOMADGEE ROAD

For Council's information.

8.3.7 FUTURE WATER SECURITY

Cr. Myron Johnny left the Meeting completely after receiving bad news at 2.58 pm.

For Council's information.

8.3.8 TENDERS FOR SUBDIVISION AND 10 NEW HOUSES

For Council's information.

8.3.9 FENCING AROUND 6 HOUSES

For Council's information.

8.3.10 TIDS FORWARD PROGRAM

For Council's information.

8.3.11 BELOW GROUND RADAR

For Council's information.

8.3.12 WORKS CREWS

General Crew

Town Beautification Crew

Road Crew

Airport Crew

Water & Sewerage Crew

Mechanical Workshop

Rubbish Crew

For Council's information.

Resolution No 9 - 9/21 That Council receive and take note of the Director of Engineering Report for September 2021.

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

8.4 DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

8.4.1 MEETINGS AND TRAINING ATTENDED

Cr. Antoinette Diamond left the Meeting at 3.07 pm.

Pam Danaher left the Meeting at 3.10 pm.

Cr. Antoinette Diamond returned to the Meeting at 3.11 pm.

Pam Danaher returned to the Meeting at 3.13 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

Cr. Athol Walden left the Meeting at 3.17 pm.

For Council's information.

Cr. Athol Walden returned to the Meeting at 3.23 pm.

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 OTHER

For Council's information.

Resolution No 11 - 9/21 That Council receive and take note of the Director Economic & Community Development Report for September 2021.

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

8.5 COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORTS

NIL.

Item 9 - Correspondence

- 9.1** Email from Biannka Brannigan, Principal Engagement and Planning Officer from Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DSDSATSIP) enclosing a numbering system used by Housing for Doomadgee properties.

Decided that before anything is worked out the whole of Doomadgee area to be looked at, Council cannot make a decision based on the map that has been provided. Maybe have Biannka attend the next Council Meeting.

Resolution No 12 - 9/21 That Council receive and take note of the Correspondence presented for the September 2021 Council Meeting.

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

Item 10 - General Business

NIL.

ITEM 11 - LATE ITEMS

NIL.

Item 12 - Confidential Session

Resolution No 13 - 9/21 That the Council close the meeting at 4.15 am under section 254J Local Government Regulations 2012:

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

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

12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

12.1.1 STAFFING MATTERS

CEO updated on staff changes.

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 - 9/21 That Council receive and take note of the Confidential Report presented to the September 2021 Council Meeting.

Moved: Cr. Antoinette Diamond
Seconded: Cr. Elijah Douglas
Carried

Resolution No 15 - 9/21 That the meeting be re-opened to the public at 4.24 pm.

Moved: Cr. Antoinette Diamond
Seconded: Cr. Elijah Douglas
Carried

Item 13 - Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be Thursday 21st October 2021.

ITEM 14 - Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 4.25 pm.

Jason Ned
Mayor
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council