



# **MINUTES**

**of**

# **ORDINARY MEETING**

***Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023***

***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 – late attendance 10.16 am

Cr. Athol Walden – attendance by ZOOM Meeting from Brisbane Hospital

### **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

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

**Resolution No 1 – 4/23** That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Cr.  
Seconded: Cr.  
Carried

## **Item 6 – Business Arising from Minutes Previous Meeting**

### **6.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

Telstra Infrastructure to go to Old Doomadgee and not Point Parker. The recognised movement of people from Mornington Island is Old Doomadgee. What are the corridors – Old Doomadgee. Any discussions to focus on Old Doomadgee only. Old Doomadgee is the focused Corridor.

Training needs to be carried out for Biosecurity. CEO to contact Bob Gee, Government Champion to organise the training,

There is start up money available for fisheries and pastoral businesses. Need to access this and find out the requirements.

## **Item 7 - Visitors and Presentations**

### **7.1 DOOMADGEE STATE SCHOOL – GREG BRAND – RELIEVING PRINCIPAL, AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRINCIPAL - MANDY WHITE**

Due to matters arising at the School neither Greg or Mandy were able to attend today's Meeting and sent their apologies.

## **Item 8 - Reports**

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

Has been a very busy time with lots of meetings. Very informative meeting with Selectability who attended Doomadgee for a meeting with Director and Community Engagement Coordinator. They are looking at Aged Housing in Doomadgee, Mornington Island and Normanton. Gidgee Healing have pulled the pin and need a new body to take over. They were very professional in the way they presented their case. Rob Zillman from Department of Aged Care sat in on the meeting. Selectability is also a registered training organisation and they are prepared to train locals for the positions at the Aged Housing.

Council with the new Managers will be able to put in place triggers to ensure that things are done properly.

*Cr. Myron Johnny left the Meeting at 11.09 am*

Need to nominate two or three Councillors to go to the next Meeting with Selectability, the Director and Community Engagement Coordinator so they can put forward their concerns with the management of previous organisations for the Nursing Home.

*Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the Meeting at 11.12 am*

*Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 11.12 am*

*Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 11.14 am*

With no locals being employed at the Nursing Home and people from overseas working who do not understand the Aboriginal culture and do not know what the residents are talking about.

*Cr. Antoinette Diamond left the Meeting at 11.23 am*

*Cr. Antoinette Diamond returned to the Meeting at 11.25 am*

Nominate Mayor Jason Ned and Cr. Myron Johnny to be on the panel with the Director and the Community Engagement Officer.

CEO and DECD will get together and arrange for some things for a framework so Council can give them the heads up.

*Cr. Elijah Douglas left the Meeting at 11.31 am*

*Cr. Elijah Douglas returned to the Meeting at 11.32 am*

Sport and Recreation Team have carried out a fantastic job with the floods keeping all the families happy.

Vet will be in Doomadgee on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

DECD has been having discussions with people and there are cheaper and better alternatives out there to the current poisons being used and they are more effective, more efficient and cheaper. Want to work on grid mapping the Community and work solidly on certain areas and get everything under control. Will see about putting a spray bar on the Polaris to be better able to manage the mosquito fogging.

Councillors requested that when the Environmental Officer is spraying with chemicals signs need to be put out in advance so that people know that poisons are being used in those areas.

**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**

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**

For Council's information.

#### **8.4.7 OTHER**

For Council's information.

**Resolution No 2 - 4/23** That Council receive and take note of the Director Economic & Community Development Report for April 2023.

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

**Went into a short discussion with Housing and the officers in attendance this week.**

Officers introduced themselves:

Alvina - Senior Housing Officer - She has worked in a few Communities and knows that there is uniqueness in all Communities.

Colleenia - Works for Housing in Cairns – Tenancy Management. Will be helping out until July.

Jason advised the girls that he wanted to put in a complaint about the Blue Phone. When people are putting in complaints and issues that really need fixing up. The complaints are not being followed up.

Alvina advised that when putting in the complaint they should get a reference number and ask for a response time. Response times are:

1 hour -	immediate
4 hour -	urgent
24 hour -	priority
14 days -	14 days

CEO advised that he would be contacting the Property Manager, Allan and trying to work out a solution to the problem.

*Cr. Myron Johnny left the Meeting at 12.20 pm  
Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the Meeting at 12.23 pm*

**Lunch Break - 12.20 pm**

A luncheon break was called at 12.20 pm.

Council Meeting resumed at 1.11 pm.



*Cr. Myron Johnny left the Meeting at 1.12 pm*

### **8.3 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT**

#### **8.3.1 INDIGENOUS COUNCILS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ICCIP)**

Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs update

*Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the Meeting at 1.14 pm*

Need to install cement slab at the rubbish dump for the wet season so the truck doesn't get bogged.

**For Council's Information.**

#### **8.3.2 DOOMADGEE AIRSTRIP**

Gates to be installed. Awaiting for a Variation so Council can purchase a street sweeper which needs to be approved by the Commonwealth Government.

**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**

Cannot get Ergon to connect the new houses as they are not recognised in their data system, no street numbers and no street names. Subdivision will be carried out next week and all other lots will also be subdivided for future lots so that Council will not have this problem again. Road needs to be built at the front of the houses, there is a defect list for the buildings that needs to be completed. There has been no damage to the new houses since they were boarded up and patrols have been carried out.

Seeking a new funding arrangement for future houses that are to be built:

Design Phase and a Construction Phase – monies will be paid at the end of each stage.

**For Council's Information.**

#### **8.3.4 QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (NDRRA)**

*Cr. Elijah Douglas left the Meeting at 2.16 pm*

When the road was completed by Gulf Civil Constructions it was not completed properly, then the flooding rains damaged the road. QRA was in Doomadgee last week looking at how to fix the problem and also how to apportion the damage.

Council is trying to change the Policy so that Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council can hire equipment and carry out the road works themselves.

**For Council's Information.**

*Cr. Elijah Douglas returned to the Meeting at 2.22 pm*

#### **8.3.5 FUTURE WATER SECURITY AND SEWERAGE TREATMENT**

*Mayor Jason Ned left the Meeting at 2.25 pm*

Need to clean out all the drains and fix up the grates so that the kids cannot get into the drains. The drains around Ned and Cantle Streets are blocked and was the cause of some flooding.

Water Treatment Plant needs some updating. With the sewerage ponds the flooding rains caused dilution and filled the ponds up. They need cleaning and taking out the sludge to see if it gives extra room otherwise will need to build extra ponds.

**For Council's Information.**

### **8.3.6 COMMUNITY HOUSING FENCING PROJECT**

*Cr. Elijah Douglas left the Meeting at 2.31 pm*

Council had run out of fencing material. Orders are sitting at Normanton waiting to be delivered. Council has ordered a new vice which is easily carried around for both the Builders and the Plumbers.

**For Council's Information.**

### **8.3.7 TRAINING**

*Mayor Jason Ned returned to the Meeting at 2.32 pm*

*Cr. Elijah Douglas returned to the Meeting at 2.33 pm*

Certificate 3 in Water Treatment training was carried out recently in Mornington Island together with people from Burke Shire. Council now has a back up trained member being the Plumber.

Training will also be carried out in First Aid, Machine Operator, Confined Spaces and Working at Heights. Staff are picking up on the importance of training and seem to be really interested in obtaining their qualifications.

Engineer is interested in an exchange program starting between Burke and Mornington Island Councils in the near future being a week at a time. Believes this will enable people to pass on their knowledge to others.

**For Council's Information.**

### **8.3.8 WORKS CREWS**

**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 3 - 4/23**      That Council receive and take note of the Director of Engineering Report for April 2023.

Moved: Cr. Antoinette Diamond  
Seconded: Cr. Athol Walden  
Carried

## 8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

### 8.1.1 OUTSIDE MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

	DATE	WHERE	WHO WITH	REGARDING
1	20–23.3.23	Canberra	Various Ministers/Chief of Staff	Resilience Projects due to disaster flooding (with Burke Shire Council)
2	29.3.23	Council Chambers – Teams	DATSIP – Greg Anderson	Doomadgee Retail Store/CEQ contract
3	30.3.23	Council Chambers	Department of Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs- Robyn Irvine and Dave Olson	Youth Justice Service Delivery in Doomadgee/Justice Reinvestment
4	31.3.23	Council Chambers – Zoom	NWQROC	Meeting
5	3.3.23	Council Chambers /Doomadgee visit	Leader of the Opposition - David Crisafulli, Robbie Katter – Member for Traeger, Ann Leahy - Member for Warrego , Jim McDonald – Member for Lockyer	Visit to Doomadgee relating to the 2023 floods
6	4.3.23	Council Chambers/ Doomadgee visit	Deputy Premier Steven Miles, Jake Ellwood – CEO QRA, Robbie Katter – Member for Traeger	Visit to Doomadgee relating to the 2023 floods
7	12.3.23	Council Chambers	Tim Woltmann (QRA) Clinton Murray (Burke Shire Council), Paul de Launay	Recent Floods and work relating to flooding 2023
8	13.3.23	Council Chamber	TWG Meeting	Quarterly meeting
9	14.3.23	Council Chambers	Northlakes consulting	DRFA works
10	17.3.23	Council Chambers	Dept of Housing and QBuild	Doomadgee 2023-2024 Upgrade Program

8.1.1 Attended Canberra with Burke Shire speaking to Ministers regarding costs outlaid over \$1 million to 3 million for Burke and Doomadgee Shires.

*Cr. Myron Johnny left the Meeting at 2.55 pm*

Burke and Doomadgee were asked to keep their information and requests to just three points:-

1. Disaster Evacuation Centre which can double as a Community Hall, Library etc.

*Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the Meeting at 2.57pm*

2. Essential Infrastructure – storm water, moving the dump, lifting the sewerage as at present it is pumping uphill, build a new sewerage station down the bottom end of town – 9 million.
3. Outstation Resilience – 5 million.

CEO will send out emails to all Ministers from the above meetings in Canberra and see if anything has happened from the visit by Burke Shire and Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council.

8.1.2 Doomadgee Store is on Council land and have not paid any rent for 30 years. CEO is following up to see if there is some way that something can be gifted back for each of those years to Council.

8.1.3 Still want a partnership with Youth Justice. At present to look after a juvenile offender for 12 months it costs in excess of \$500,000.00. CEO would like to try and rehabilitate 10 to 12 kids on Country and receive funding from Youth Justice for the project.

*Cr. Antoinette Diamond left the Meeting at 3.02 pm*

8.1.5 The CEO of QRA will be in Doomadgee in two weeks time. If Councillors are available will they please attend the meeting.

8.1.8 Talked about the Solar Farm and wanting Doomadgee to be the first Community to be 100% decarbonised.

*Cr. Antoinette Diamond returned to the Meeting at 3.07 pm*

8.1.10 Department of Housing and QBuild – Doomadgee Council will be taking over the painting. Have someone in mind who is a painter and want to take on two new apprentices. There is heaps of work now for QBuild now that Council is able to get stock in. Will need to purchase a vehicle for the painters. 2<sup>nd</sup> May a meeting with Department of Housing in Cairns re cleaning contract. Maybe Council can take over the Contract – it will also involve looking after the plants at the Police Station. Have someone in mind plus employing two young people.

**For Council's Information.**

**8.1.2 CANBERRA VISIT**

As discussed in 8.1.1 above.

**For Council's Information.**

**8.1.3 QUEENSLAND DISASTER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

**Resolution No 4 - 4/23** That Council send the CEO and a representative from the Councillors to attend the Queensland Disaster Management Conference to be held the Brisbane Exhibition Centre from 30<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

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

**8.1.4 LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN GLADSTONE**

PA to contact Councillors to check who will be attending the Local Government Conference in Gladstone in October 2023.

**For Council's Information**

**8.1.5 NIAA VISIT WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> TO Friday 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2023**

**Resolution No 5 - 4/23** That Council approve the dates for the NIAA visit to Doomadgee on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 am to discuss the Community Development Program. If approved for the visit CEO to organise.

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

**8.1.6 UPDATE ON COUNCIL CONSTRUCTION WITH DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND QBUILD**

**For Council's Information**

### **8.1.7 DOOMADGEE STORE**

**For Council's Information.**

#### **8.1.8 TCICA MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> AND 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 IN CAIRNS TOGETHER WITH TCICA'S 3<sup>rd</sup> INDIGENOUS LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISASTER RESILIENCE FORUM**

Discussion on attending the TCICA Meeting in Cairns and also attendance at the ALGA Meeting to be held in Cairns. Following these discussions it was decided to cancel the visits to Canberra for the ALGA (NGA) Conference for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr. Athol Walden and to check with Cr. Antoinette Diamond if she was attending the NGA Conference. Cr. Elijah Douglas and the CEO are attending ALGA (NGA). It was also decided that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor would attend the TCICA Meeting in May at Cairns together with the Disaster Resilience Forum.

**Resolution No 6 - 4/23** That Council authorise the Mayor Jason Ned and the Deputy Mayor Myron Johnny to attend the TCICA Meeting to be held in Cairns on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 together with the Disaster Resilience Forum to also be held in Cairns on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

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

**Resolution No 7 - 4/23** That Council receive and take note of the Chief Executive Officers report for April 2023.

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

## **8.5 COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORTS**

**NIL**

## Item 9 - Correspondence

### 9.1 MEDIA RELEASE – HEATBREAK FOR KATTER AS FIRST “VOICE” TEST FAILS

The [attached](#) Media Release Robbie Katter expresses his deep disappointment that his long running campaign to assist First Australians for the blue card system has failed yet again.

**For Council’s information.**

### 9.2 TANIA PORTER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, EARLY CHILDHOOD, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – EMAIL INVITE TO DISCUSS EARLY CHILDHOOD PRIORITIES

The [attached](#) email has been received from the Deputy Director General, Department of Education seeking an opportunity to discuss Early Childhood priorities in Doomadgee during the week of 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.

**For Council’s information.**

**Resolution No 8 - 4/23**      That Council receive and take note of the Correspondence presented for the April 2023 Council Meeting.

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



## **Item 10 - General Business**

**NIL**

## **ITEM 11 - LATE ITEMS**

**NIL**

## Item 12 - Confidential Session

**Resolution No 9 - 4/23** That the Council close the meeting at 3.38 pm under section 254J Local Government Regulations 2012:

- 12.1.1 Confidential – Not for Public Release – Staffing Matters 3(b)
- 12.1.2 Confidential – Not for Public Release – Commercial Matters 3(g)
- 12.1.3 Confidential – Not for Public Release – A matter required to be kept confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with the State 3(i).

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

**12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S CONFIDENTIAL REPORT**

**12.1.1 STAFFING MATTERS**

**NIL**

**12.1.2 DOOMADGEE BAKERY PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE**

**12.1.3 HOUSING CULTURAL “UMBRELLA” ON SOCIAL HOUSING**

**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 10 - 4/23** That the meeting be re-opened to the public at 3.48 pm.

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

**Resolution No 11 - 4/23** That Council approves the Transfer of the Bakery Lease (Lease 717849248) from Geoffrey Darrach and Leah Mitchell to WR Smith Qld Pty Ltd as Trustee of the WR Smith Family Investment Trust subject to the following conditions:-

1. Completion of a Deed of Personal Covenant and Power of Attorney by Geoffrey Darrach and Leah Mitchell and by WR Smith Qld Pty Ltd as Trustee of the WR Smith Family Investment Trust including the personal guarantee of Wayne Russell Smith.
2. Payment of all outstanding Council service charges.
3. Registration of the Transfer of the Lease.
4. Payment of Council's legal costs by Geoffrey Darrach and Leah Mitchell.
5. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2009* to commence and finalise all matters necessary to complete the Transfer of the Lease.

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

**Resolution No 12 - 4/23** That Council endorse the previous decision around the Cultural Umbrella, be assigned to Lot 193B Robert Street, Doomadgee.

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

Went out of order into Director Corporate Services Report.

## 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 March 2023. ([Attached](#))

**Resolution No 13 - 4/23** That the Financial Statements attached to the report of the Director of Corporate Services Financial Services Report for April 2023 be received and noted.

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

**Resolution No 14 - 4/23** That Council receive and take note of the Director of Corporate Services Report for April 2023.

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

### **Item 13 - Next Meeting**

Next Meeting will be Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

### **ITEM 14 - Meeting Closed**

Meeting closed at 4.13 pm.

**Jason Ned**  
**Mayor**  
**Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council**