



**MINUTES**  
**of**  
**ORDINARY MEETING**

*Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022*

*10.00 am*

*Council Offices, Doomadgee*

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## **Item 1 - Declaration of Opening**

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 10.15 am

## **Item 2 - Condolences**

A Minutes silence was held for departed Community Members.

### ***Went out of Order into Visitors and Presentations***

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

### **7.1 NIDA ASGAR, DON, DOOMADGEE HOSPITAL – REPORT ON COVID**

Nida advised and updated Council on positive COVID cases in the Community. Currently cases in the Community are isolating.

Troy (CEO) advised that if there are any positive results he needs to know immediately. There is a lot of false information floating around Doomadgee and Troy wants to kill it so needs to know the exact information. He needs the information before it goes on the stats. Troy will talk to Cam Pope and get back to Nida about him receiving the information ASAP.

Nida advised that lockdown at the hospital is not for children or hospital patients. She also advised that the first case was not even from a hotspot. It is spreading because people are not having any symptoms so they do not know to do anything about COVID.

The Government are sending out kits for the RAT Testing.

### **7.2 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ROD CURTIN, FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY COMMISSION (FRC)**

In a document that was sent out in late November 2021 FRC advised that they had held:

503 Conferences – 83% by local commissioners, 63% by agreement

359 Community members have been case managed – Most have been by agreement with FRC to help the families and children.

In 2019 there were 81 referrals to service providers.

1920-1921 there were 94 referrals. The numbers are increasing. People are asking for income management.

Need to improve the level and capacity of service providers. FRC really wants to work with those services providers but need to make sure they are carrying out the services that they are paid to do. Want to increase the dealings with youth services for the kids. Need to get the kids off the streets.

Deputy Commissioner Rod advised that there are only two triggers in Doomadgee. Aurukun has five triggers.

At the moment any youth that are caught doing something wrong go to Court and get a caution – the FRC would like to work with the kids – helping them get a trade, returning to school, joining the army etc – something to give their life value.

Rod asked that if Council agreed with extending the triggers for Doomadgee that we send a letter to them to include:

Youth Justice;  
Housing; and  
Domestic Violence Orders and Breaches.

Troy raised certain matters with Bob Gee, Government Champion for Doomadgee and he advised that as long as we work with FRC on the ground things were OK. Bob also sits on the Family Responsibility Board.

Rod advised that the FRC want to do their job under their Act. They are not trying to erode Council's authority in any way at all.

The FRC started in Doomadgee in 2014. They are not agents for any Government Department. The FRC can work with clients so that kids are not removed from their houses, they can help improve their circumstances and Child Safety in not involved in these matters. FRC is funded by the Federal and State Governments as an Independent body. If Housing was one of Doomadgee's triggers FRC would be able to get involved with the clients and organise a repayment plan with housing which they cannot do at the moment.

Clients/Community members are going themselves to FRC and asking for help, and also voluntarily to the Service Providers which they were not doing earlier on.

Rod asked if Council was still happy for himself and Brenden Joinbee to come into Community to work. All Councillors said that they were very happy and wanted the work to continue.

When the kids are sent to Youth Justice and Correctional Services people there is a lot of red tape involved. FRC would like to be involved and engage with the kids in the Community and suggested that they would be able to carry out meaningful work.

Rod hopes to be back in Doomadgee around 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

Jason thanked Rod for all his support in getting rid of the Basic Card and supplying people with their credit cards.

Rod advised that Tammy Williams (the Commissioner of FRC) is desperate to come into Community and talk to everyone.

Rod thanked Council for their time and passed on his best wishes to all in the meeting together with their families.

### Item 3 - Record of Attendance and Leave of Absence

#### **Elected Members**

Mayor Jason Ned  
Cr. Antoinette Diamond  
Cr. Elijah Douglas  
Cr. Athol Walden

#### **Staff**

Troy Fraser – Chief Executive Officer  
John Hughes – Director of Corporate Services (for presentation of his report)  
Troy Fraser - CEO for presentation of report of Director of Engineering  
Marilou McKay – Finance Manager (call in if required)  
Pam Danaher – PA to CEO/Minute Taker

#### **Apologies**

Cr. Myron Johnny  
Craig Oxlade – Director Economic & Community Development in South Australia due to the passing of his father.

**Resolution No 1 – 1/22** That Leave of Absence be granted to Cr. Myron Johnny for the Ordinary Meeting held today 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 as per the form completed by Cr. Johnny and lodged with the CEO.

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

### 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 TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

Cr. Athol Walden left the meeting at 11.39 am.

**Resolution No 2 – 1/22** That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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

## Item 6 – Business Arising from Minutes Previous Meeting

Cr. Athol Walden returned to the meeting at 11.45 am.

### 6.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021

Questions were raised about the financial reports – questions were asked about staff costs, fuel and plant costs. Would like to know what plant is being used and what the costs are actually up to.

Troy suggested that they ask all these questions of John when he presents the financial report.

Councillors advised that the kids had broken into the new houses – need to get the tenants into the houses as soon as possible.

Want to invite Waanyi PBC Board Chair and Gangalidda/Garawa Chair, Murrandoo Yanner to a meeting regarding the Native Title and also the street across the back of the football field.

*Presentations were carried out at the beginning of the Meeting out of Order.*

## Item 7 - Visitors and Presentations

## Item 8 - Reports

## 8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

### 8.1.1 OUTSIDE MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Nil due to Christmas New Year Break following the last Council Meeting.

### 8.1.2 WESTERN QUEENSLAND ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS (WQAC) ASSEMBLY 2022

**Resolution No 3 - 1/22** That Council nominate all Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer to attend the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) Assembly 2022 on 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> March.

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

Cr. Elijah Douglas left the meeting at 11.53 am.

### 8.1.3 SAVANNAH WAY ART TRAIL

**Resolution No 4 - 1/22** That Council agree that Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 9.00 am be the date set down to carry out the Meeting with Glen and Kathy Manning, Councillors and local artists, regarding ideas and specifications for the proposed artwork for the Savannah Way Art Trail.

Cr. Elijah Douglas returned to the meeting at 12 noon.

Cr. Antoinette Diamond left the meeting at 12.14 pm.  
Cr. Antoinette Diamond returned to the meeting at 12.19 pm.

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

## Lunch Break - 12.24 pm

A luncheon break was called at 12.24 pm.

Council Meeting resumed at 12.48 pm.

#### **8.1.4 DOOMADGEE COMMUNITY CONTROLLED ORGANISATION**

CEO updated Council on the Community controlled project. He also suggested that Council attend an organised introduction with the Management Team. Dates to be confirmed.

Mayor Jason Ned left the meeting at 1.16 pm.

**For Council's Information.**

**Resolution No 5 - 1/22** That Council receive and take note of the Chief Executive Officers report for January 2022.

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



## **8.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

### **8.2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PROVIDED BY FINANCE MANAGER – MARILOU MCKAY**

Troy Fraser left the meeting at 1.18 pm.

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 December 2021.

Mayor Jason Ned returned to the meeting at 1.24 pm.

Troy Fraser returned to the meeting at 1.25 pm.

**Resolution No 6 - 1/22** That the Financial Statements attached to the report of the Director of Corporate Services Report for January 2022 be received and noted.

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

**Resolution No 7 - 1/22** That Council receive and take note of the Director of Corporate Services Report for January 2022.

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

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

#### **8.3.1 COVID WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND (W4Q) 2021-2024**

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

For Council's Information.

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

Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs

Pam Danaher left the meeting at 2.10 pm.

For Council's Information.

#### **8.3.3 REMOTE AIRSTRIP UPGRADE PROGRAM (RAUP)**

Department Industry Science Energy and Resources

Jason Ned left the meeting at 2.13 pm.

Pam Danaher returned to the meeting at 2.14 pm.

For Council's Information.

#### **8.3.4 REMOTE HOUSING PROGRAM 2019 - 2023 (DPW)**

Department Housing and Public Works

**\$40M Queensland Government Investment Program 2020 – 2021**

**Doomadgee Portion - Social Houses at New Estate Road, Doomadgee**

For Council's Information.

#### **8.3.5 \$105M COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENT PROGRAM 2021 - 2023 DOOMADGEE PORTION - \$6,962,951 SOCIAL HOUSES AND SUBDIVISION AT MARRADGEE ROAD, DOOMADGEE**

For Council's Information.

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

Mayor Jason Ned returned to the meeting at 2.19 pm.

For Council's Information.

Troy Fraser left the meeting at 2.19 pm.

Troy Fraser returned to the meeting at 2.21 pm.

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

For Council's Information.

#### **8.3.8 SECURITY FENCING – WTP AND PCYC**

For Council's Information.

#### **8.3.9 TRAINING**

For Council's Information.

#### **8.3.10 WORKS CREWS**

**For Council's Information.**

**Resolution No 8 - 1/22**      That Council receive and take note of the Engineering Report presented by the Chief Executive Officer for January 2022.

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

## **8.4 DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

### **8.4.1 MEETINGS AND TRAINING ATTENDED**

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**

Sai has been driving the vaccination nurses around house to house and making sure that people know they are outside to carry out vaccinations and boosters. This is on top of the radio work he is carrying out.

For Council's information.

### **8.4.5 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENT & BIO SECURITY**

Shane has been very busy with all the animal work and spraying. Council needs to advertise for an assistant for him.

For Council's information.

### **8.4.6 CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

For Council's information.

### **8.4.7 OTHER**

Lots of kids have been attending the swimming pool. Sometimes there is between 50 and 70 people there.

For Council's information.

**Resolution No 9 - 1/22** That Council receive and take note of the Director Economic & Community Development Report presented by the Chief Executive Officer for January 2022.

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

## **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**

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**Item 13 - Next Meeting**

Next Meeting will be Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**ITEM 14 - Meeting Closed**

Meeting closed at 2.43 pm.

**Jason Ned  
Mayor  
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council**