



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

*Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023*

*10.00 am*

*Council Offices, Doomadgee*

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## Item 1 - Declaration of Opening

As there was not a full Council assembly the CEO adjourned the meeting at 10.15 am for 30 minutes.

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 10.36 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 - by ZOOM Meeting from Brisbane where attending 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)

Pam Danaher – PA to CEO/Minute Taker

### **Apologies**

Craig Oxlade – Director Economic & Community Development

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023

**Resolution No 1 – 5/23** That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 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

### 6.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023

Bob Gee will be here on 31<sup>st</sup> May for a meeting and will have a Senior Officer with him. Please Councillors could you all attend the meeting.

Troy the CEO thanked Pam for all her work and Mayor Jason and Cr. Athol Walden spoke on her efforts and thanked her. Troy also advised that Paul de Launay the Engineer was also leaving.

Engineers should come to Doomadgee with all the knowledge and should know exactly what they need to do. There has been too much chopping and changing with Engineers for a long time in Doomadgee. Need to see a process put in place to know that they are professional before being employed. Mayor wanted to see things going back to the way they were about 3 Engineers ago when grants were being applied for and Council Reports provided all the necessary information to the Councillors. Cr. Walden felt that the new road should have been built around the house at the bottom end before they were built and there would be no hold ups like we have now. He believes that once Council finishes this term the people will not want them back in the Chair again as the people and Community believe the Council has done nothing for them. CEO advised that was wrong and he would put something together on what has been achieved over the last 4 years. It can then be put on facebook. The streets have not been cleaned – need to employ more people to get that done.

Cr Walden advised that they Councillors needed to get their portfolios back so that they can follow up the particular matters that they are involved in. CEO had thought it was the responsibility of all Councillors to be up to speed on all matters. He is happy to put them back into the portfolios if that is what they want.

Need rights back so our children will learn and know about their Community. Kids need to get back to “On Country” and away from the trouble.

CEO advised that he had spoken to NIAA and has asked that someone come out and talk to our Community about the VOICE. No-one seems to understand anything about it and will most probably vote YES without

knowing why. Cr. Walden believes that it will divide the indigenous from the white society and it will go back to where it was years ago.

## **Item 8 - Reports**

*Went out of Order into the CEO's Report as the Visitor had not arrived as yet.*

## 8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

### 8.1.1 OUTSIDE MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

	DATE	WHERE	WHO WITH	REGARDING
1	21.4.2023	Council Office	Clayton Abreau	Support and funding for Waste Management Facility
2	24.4.2023	TEAMS Meeting	Ben Faith	Doomadgee West and Town Street Tender docs
3	26.4.2023	TEAMS Meeting	Nicki Tiel, Department of Community, Housing and Digital Economy	Housing and outstation housing
4	26.4.2023	Council Office	Arlene McKie – My Pathway	Aquaponics
5	27.4.2023	Council Office	Ian Wanchap, Delta 51 <sup>st</sup> Battalion and other Army personnel	Local Liaison Officer, Youth issues, recruitment
6	27.4.2023	Council Office	NIAA – Henry Enschoong	CEDP changes , real jobs, Voice and Uluru Statement
7	3.5.2023	Office of Northern Australia	Indigenous Reference Group	Meeting
8	10.5.2023	Council Office	Peter Hillcoat; QRA	Event-specific Recovery Plan Development
9	10.5.2023	Council Office	BDS Mechanical	Future planning of BDS in Doomadgee
10	11.5.2023	Council Office	RILIPO , Council Staff (Toni Fraser and Kelly Barclay)	Visionary workshop and planning
11	11.5.2023	Council Office	Michael Dykes CEQ and Senior Staff CEQ	CEQ's business in Doomadgee
12	12.5.2023	Council Office	Zoe Dark, Toni Fraser, Kelly Barclay	Funding meeting
13	15.5.2023	Council Office	Department of Emergency Services, Carpentaria Land Council	Fire Management Meeting
14	16.5.2023	Council Office	Ngooderi JV (TEAMS)	Meeting
15	17.5.2023	Council Office	Minister Crawford, Don Wilson, Robbie Katter, Ian Mackie	Cost of living and CEQ Store

8.1.1.1 Have been talking regarding obtaining stand alone equipment solely for the dump. Procedures need to be put in place regarding plant and equipment and operating of the Waste Management Facility.

8.1.1.2 Tenders have finished for Doomadgee West restoration works and town streets. Have approved the purchase of a street sweeper to keep the streets clean and to stop the dirt and rubbish entering the drains. Council have been given \$1m for emergency work and CEO would like to use to clean out drains and then put on capping to stop the kids from climbing into the drains.

8.1.1.3 Nicki is working on outstation housing to see if those house can be put on the register. Need to invest back into those houses, 3 - Gumhole, 2 - Emu Creek, 8 mile and also 6 mile. If people pay rent then they can be fixed. Need to work out how power and water will be added. Conversations are on going. Find the 40 year lease agreement.

8.1.1.4 Aquaponics has a new employee now that John has left. Want to now the garden space near the Airport up to Aquaponics and work on the market garden.

8.1.1.5 Army personell attended meeting with CEO and Mayor and advised that they wish to attend Council more often about recruiting young people from Doomadgee.

*Cr. Myron Johnny left the Meeting at 11.45 am  
Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the Meeting at 11.46 am*

- 8.1.1.6 NIAA – Henry Enschoing attended office and talked on training that leads to more jobs and how they can support it on the ground. Hopefully will see some changes in the operations.
- 8.1.1.8 QRA – Recovery development, how can we tie in the Indigenous knowledge of backburning in with getting ready for Disaster Recovery.
- 8.1.1.9 BDS is coming up to being in Doomadgee for 12 months. How do we grow it so that BDA supports the Community and get them involved in the Community. They want to put an office near the plumbers shed and also close off the workshop to comply with WH&S. There were complaints about charging full price for after market parts then they are not genuine parts. Apprentices are getting charged out a full time workers rates. The Council truck has been used by BDS when the floods were on for getting parts into Doomadgee. Whilst bring their own parts in they were also carrying freight for Council which we could not access due to the floods.
- 8.1.1.10 RILIPO meeting with 2 consultants as well as Lauren and Gerhardt from DATSIP. There were discussions on an Industrial area, developing the foreshore from the town to the waterfall, commercial space right on the highway near the roadhouse, visitors information centre opposite the roadhouse, with maybe nature walks and similar. The consultants went away from the meeting to continue their planning and will come back to Council for endorsement.
- If endorsed by Council will then take it to the Community for further endorsement. TMR and Department of Arts having funding for signs. Positive signs will need to be installed starting 3 ks away and going down to 600 m – eg visitors centre. Funding will be available for the Consultants through DATSIP. The Caravan Park that has been talked about would be low impact with only a toilet there and the park would grow as the usage is increased.
- 8.1.1.11 Meeting with Michael Dykes from CEQ and some of his senior staff talking about prices at Doomadgee and seeking the reduction in prices. Need to start planning for the wet season well in advance – at least September – don't wait until the wet season arrives.
- 8.1.1.12 Need a feasibility study to cover youth funding and planning.
- 8.1.1.15 Meeting with Minister and others regarding the cost of living in Doomadgee together with the CEQ Store.

**For Council's Information.**

**8.1.2 HOLIDAYS FOR DOOMADGEE 2024**

**Resolution No 2 - 5/23** That Council advise the Office of Industrial Relations that the following days be nominated as a Bank/Show Holidays for the Doomadgee Local Government Area for 2024:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Day</u>	<u>Show/Bank Holiday</u>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Mabo Day	Bank Holiday
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	NAIDOC Day	Show Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	Doomadgee Day	Bank Holiday

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

**8.1.3 QUEENSLAND HOUSING STRATEGY 2021-2025 LOCAL HOUSING ACTION PLAN (DRAFT)**

**Resolution No 3 - 5/23** That Council endorse the Local Housing Action Plan as presented to this Council meeting and advise Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) of its endorsement.

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



**Lunch Break - 12.42 pm**

A luncheon break was called at 12.42 pm.

Council Meeting resumed at 1.23 pm.

**8.1.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND (LGAQ) – ALISON SMITH – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

For Council's Information.

**8.1.5 VISIONARY PLANNING WORKSHOP - RILIPO**

For Council's Information.

**Resolution No 4 - 5/23** That Council receive and take note of the Chief Executive Officers report for May 2023.

Moved: Cr. Myron Johnny

Seconded: Mayor Jason Ned

Carried

*Went out of Order into the DECS's Report as Visitor not yet in attendance.*

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

### **8.4.1 MEETINGS NETWORKING 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**

Still damages at the Youth Hub so all activities at the Sport and Recreation Centre. A new position has been advertised and will see if anyone applies and will be able to fit in with what Council intends doing. Need someone that has respect and will be there for the kids. The Sport and Recreation Centre has been very active, mothers have been coming down to watch their kids train.

For Council's information.

### **8.4.4 RADIO**

For Council's information.

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

Kevie Anderson from Burketown Carpentaria Council has asked if they can provide any support on the basis of Council's weeds problem.

For Council's information.

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

Cultural Awareness programs are going well. Have been asked to go to Normanaton to carry out the program there.

For Council's information.

### **8.4.7 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

For Council's information.

### **8.4.8 OTHER**

For Council's information.

**Resolution No 5 - 5/23** That Council receive and take note of the Director Economic & Community Development Report for May 2023.

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

*Went out of Order into the Visitors Presentation.*

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

### **7.1 MANDY WHITE, PRINCIPAL, DOOMADGEE STATE SCHOOL**

Mandy White introduced herself to everyone and apologised for not being able to attend the last meeting when scheduled, she stated that there was trouble and it was not possible for her to leave.

She also advised that she had previously injured herself in her last position and she has been travelling to Townsville for treatment which places a large toll on her time away from Doomadgee. She was able to attend Council for the NAIDOC Meeting held last week.

Mandy believes in putting the school children at the fore front and believes that life is a choice not a life of chance. She had been contracted to Doomadgee for three years so intends to help the children in any way she can. Just recently the school paid for Birth Certificates that were required when Birth Deaths and Marriages were in town. They will be taking the kids from years 9 and 10 for a transmission camp to Cairns which the School will be paying for, to open their eyes and broaden their horizons. She also advised that she came here for an express purpose so that the children from Doomadgee will be given the same opportunities as those in the South East.

CEO enquired about the sharing of facilities with the Community. He advised that in 2011 and 2012 the Government agreed and then the next Government said no.

*Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 2.18 pm*

Kindergarten to Year 12 need to start back at the beginning. Need to teach the Australian curriculum when the children first start at the school so they are prepared and ready when they leave to go to boarding school.

*Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 2.21 pm*

Mandy advised that the Manual Arts Room had been mothballed, as they could not get a staff member to come to Doomadgee. She advised that she has had experience in removing barriers and advised that we need to work together and trust each other.

*Cr. Myron Johnny left the Meeting at 2.24 pm*

Mandy said she was not here in her position to make anyone happy, she is only here to get the kids through. There will be many tough conversations if we are not passionate in what we are doing.

She thanked Council for having her along to the meeting and advised that she was looking forward to working with Council.

*Cr. Myron Johnny returned to the Meeting at 2.31 pm*

## **8.3 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT**

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

Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs update

*Cr. Antoinette Diamond left the Meeting at 2.39 pm*

*Cr. Elijah Douglas left the Meeting at 2.39 pm*

Need to stabilise the location and go up Old Doomadgee Road and seal that part to make it all weather access.

Burke Shire will be here for a water meeting in a week and maybe will talk about the Waste Station then.

*Cr. Elijah Douglas returned to the Meeting at 2.45 pm*

*Pam Danaher left the Meeting at 2.48 pm*

**For Council's Information.**

*Cr. Antoinette Diamond returned to the Meeting at 2.50 pm*

### **8.3.2 DOOMADGEE AIRSTRIP**

**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**

*Pam Danaher returned to the Meeting at 2.52 pm*

Slowing the vandalism at the new houses. Surveyor has completed the jobs in the new subdivision, drainage and kerbing is still on going. By the end of June the people should all be in the new houses.

**For Council's Information.**

*Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 2.55 pm*

*Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 2.56pm*

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

**For Council's Information.**

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

**For Council's Information.**

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

Fencing materials are now in.

½ of the order for the carpentry workers are also in.

**For Council's Information.**

### **8.3.7 TRAINING**

47 people have attended training – supervisory skills, forklift, backhoe and bobcat.

**For Council's Information.**

### **8.3.8 WORKS CREWS**

For Council's Information.

### **8.3.9 RIVERSIDE SHARED CYCLEWAY**

Need to access more funding for the cycleway so that it can be continued towards the roadhouse.

*Mayor Jason Ned left the Meeting at 3.00 pm*

For Council's Information.

*Troy Fraser left the Meeting at 3.13 pm*

### **8.3.10 CEMETERY PROJECTS**

For Council's Information.

### **8.3.11 SOLAR LIGHTS**

For Council's Information.

### **8.3.12 STREET SIGNS**

Need to replace the street signs that have been knocked over.

For Council's Information.

### **8.3.13 OTHER**

*Troy Fraser returned to the Meeting at 3.17 pm*

Need to make a list of all the things that need to be discussed with Burke Shire when they are here. There may be water at a reasonable depth, need to do one or two bore holes. Need to identify all leaks around the town.

For Council's Information.

Paul advised that he had resigned from Council and he would be leaving the end of next week.

**Resolution No 6 - 5/23** That Council receive and take note of the Director of Engineering Report for May 2023.

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

*Mayor Jason Ned returned to the Meeting at 3.23 pm*

## **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 2022-2023 financial year as at the end of April 2023. ([Attached](#))

Enquiries as to what is happening with payroll deductions and why they are not being credited to the person who holds the house. Check with Nikki Rowe about the position.

Mal Skipworth has been chasing up Leases that need to be finalised especially the Roadhouse and My Pathway.

**Resolution No 7 - 5/23** That the Financial Statements attached to the report of the Director of Corporate Services Financial Services Report for May 2023 be received and noted.

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

**Resolution No 8 - 5/23** That Council receive and take note of the Director of Corporate Services Report for May 2023.

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

**8.5 COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORTS**

**NIL**



## **Item 9 - Correspondence**

**NIL**

**Item 10 - General Business**

**NIL**

## ITEM 11 - LATE ITEMS

### 11.1 EMAIL FROM KATE BORGER

Email from Kate Borger, Principal Adviser, Department of Environment & Science. An invitation to attend the handing back of Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park (Tranche 1) at Queensland Parliament House on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2023. RSVP required by 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.

### 11.2 EMAIL FROM EILEEN HALL

Email from Eileen Hall – Lieutenant Colonel, Larrakeyah Defence Precinct, Larrakeyah Northern Territory. Invitation to a recognition of Little Eva plane crash in 1942. This will be a significant cultural event.

Dancers will be attending from Doomadgee and names have been send to Lieutenant Colonel. Mayor Jason Ned and Cr. Myron Johnny advised that they would like to attend. If Council wishes to attend please advise asap.

**For Council's information.**

**Resolution No 9 - 5/23** That Council receive and take note of the Late Items presented for the May 2023 Council Meeting.

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

## Item 12 - Confidential Session

**Resolution No 10 - 5/23** That the Council close the meeting at 3.48 pm under section 254J Local Government Regulations 2012:

12.1.1 Confidential – Not for Public Release – Staff Matters - 3(b).

12.1.2 Confidential – Not for Public Release – where public discussion would most likely cause prejudice 3(g).

Moved: Cr Elijah Douglas  
Seconded: Mayor Jason Ned  
Carried

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

**12.1.1 STAFFING MATTERS**

CEO advised:

Paul de Launay, Director of Engineering was leaving as he had resigned; and Pam Danaher, PA to CEO was leaving next Monday.

**12.1.2 DOOMADGEE WEST ROAD**

Tenders were sought on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 for the construction of DRFA Road Restoration works on town streets and Wollogarang West Road Doomadgee. Tenders closed 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Two tenders were received being:

Durack Civil Pty Limited; and  
Gulf Civil Pty Limited.

**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 11 - 5/23** That the meeting be re-opened to the public at 3.56 pm.

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

**Resolution No 12 - 5/23** That Council approve Durack Civil Pty Limited as the winning tenderer under Contract No. DASC-23-DRFA-01 in the amount of \$1,172,468.58 ex GST.

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

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

Next Meeting will be Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

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

Meeting closed at 4.00 pm.

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