



**PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS

DATE: WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL 2024

TIME: 1.30 PM

MEETING ATTENDEES	
COUNCILLORS PRESENT	Cr Alf Lacey – Mayor Cr Mersane Oui – Deputy Mayor Cr Telstan Sibley Cr Ebanese Oui Cr Germaine Bulsey
OFFICERS PRESENT	Michael Bissell - Chief Executive Officer Eva Haines, Deputy CEO - Manager Finance, Governance and Administration - minute taker
OBSERVERS PRESENT	NIL

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Cr Lacey declared the meeting open at 2.12pm

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners, the Manbarra People, upon whose land we hold our meeting and the Bwgcorman people of Palm Island.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. CONDOLENCES

- Lampton family
- Dines family
- Vakatini family
- Fourmile & Blanket family

5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The chairperson invited Councillors present to disclose prescribed conflicts of interest ("PCOI") or declarable conflicts of interest ("DCOI") in respect of any items in the agenda, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Councillor	PCOI/DCOI	Meeting Items	Particulars <i>[Action taken by Councillor/Council pursuant to Chapter 58 of Local Government Act 2009]</i>
Cr Lacey			
Cr M Oui			
Cr Sibley	COI	Deputy CEO report 13.3 13.10 13.12	Butcher Shop Lease Nephew – Kynan Bulsey Niece – Kylie Doomadgee Niece – Shameka Bulsey-Sam
Cr E Oui			

Cr Bulsey	COI	13.3 13.10 13.12	Nephew – Kynan Bulsey Niece – Kylie Doomadgee Niece – Shameka Bulsey-Sam
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Cr M Oui left room at 2.27pm.

6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES 6.1

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 22 January 2024 be adopted.

Resolution 2024.191

Moved: Cr T Sibley
Seconded: Cr G Bulsey Carried

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES 6.2

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on the 29 January 2024 be adopted.

Resolution 2024.192

Moved: Cr E Oui
Seconded: Cr G Bulsey Carried

Cr M Oui returned to the room at 2.28pm.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES 6.3

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on the 4 April 2024 be adopted.

Resolution 2024.193

Moved: Cr M Oui
Seconded: Cr T Sibley Carried

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8. PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS 2023/2024

Nil

9. FOR DECISION BY COUNCIL

9.1 Appointment of Chair of Palm Island LDMG an LDRG

Resolution 2024.194

That the Council appoints Mayor Lacey as the Chair of the Palm Island Local Disaster Management Group and Deputy Mayor Mersane Oui as the Chair of the Palm Island Local Disaster Recovery Group.

Moved: Cr T Sibley
Seconded: Cr G Bulsey Carried

Mayor Lacey left the room at 2.38pm and handed the Chair over to the Deputy Mayor Mersane Oui.

Mayor Lacey returned to the room at 2.43pm.

10. COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS

10.1 CEO Report

Resolution 2024.195

That the Council accept the CEO report.

Moved: Cr M Oui
Seconded: Cr T Sibley Carried

Cr T Sibley left room at 3.07pm.

Cr T Sibley returned to the room at 3.08pm.

10.2 Finance Governance and Administration Report

Resolution 2024.196

That the Council accept the Finance, Governance and Administration report.

Moved: Cr M Oui
Seconded: Cr T Sibley Carried

Cr G Bulsey left room at 3.34pm.

Cr G Bulsey returned to the room at 3.35pm.

10.3 Civil, Open Space & Training Report

Resolution 2024.197

That the Council accept the Civil, Open Space & Training Report.

Moved: Cr T Sibley
Seconded: Cr G Bulsey Carried

10.4 Fleet & Mechanics Report

Resolution 2024.198

That the Council accept the Fleet & Mechanics report.

Moved: Cr E Oui
Seconded: Cr G Bulsey Carried

10.5 ITC Report

Resolution 2024.199

That the Council accept the ITC report.

Moved: Cr T Sibley
Seconded: Cr M Oui

Carried

10.6 Building Services Report

Resolution 2024.200

That the Council accept the Building Services report.

Moved: Cr E Oui
Seconded: Cr T Sibley

Carried

10.7 Water & Sewer Report.

Resolution 2024.201

That the Council accept the Water & Sewer report.

Moved: Cr E Oui
Seconded: Cr T Sibley

Carried

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Letter of congratulations – David Crisafulli MP
- Letter of congratulations – Fiona Simpson MP
- Letter of congratulations – Leeanne Enoch MP
- Letter of congratulations – Professor Simon Biggs
- Letter of congratulations – The Telstra Northern Qld Regional Australia team
- Letter of congratulations – Regional Development Australia
- Letter of congratulations – Ergon Energy

12. CLOSED MEETING REPORTS

Nil

13. OTHER BUSINESS - Proof of Aboriginality

- Coralee Lawrence

Resolution 2024.202

That the Council resolves to confirm Aboriginality and or Torres Strait Islander for Coralee Lawrence.

Moved: Cr T Sibley
Seconded: Cr E Oui

Carried

- Rhiannon Friday

Resolution 2024.203

That the Council resolves to confirm Aboriginality and or Torres Strait Islander for Rhiannon Friday.

Moved: Cr M Oui
Seconded: Cr G Bulsey Carried

Cr Telstan Sibley and Cr Germaine Bulsey left the room at 4.21pm declaring conflict of interest for Kynan Bulsey, Kylie Doomadgee and Shameka Bulsey-Sam. These three were done together and then Councillors returned to the room at 4.22pm.

- Kynan Bulsey

Resolution 2024.204

That the Council resolves to confirm Aboriginality and or Torres Strait Islander for Kynan Bulsey.

Moved: Cr M Oui
Seconded: Cr A Lacey Carried

- Malanee Tanner

Resolution 2024.205

That the Council resolves to confirm Aboriginality and or Torres Strait Islander for Malanee Tanner.

Moved: Cr E Oui
Seconded: Cr G Bulsey Carried

- Jerri Blackley

Resolution 2024.206

That the Council resolves to confirm Aboriginality and or Torres Strait Islander for Jerri Blackley.

Moved: Cr T Sibley
Seconded: Cr M Oui Carried

- Kathleen Haines

Resolution 2024.207

That the Council resolves to confirm Aboriginality and or Torres Strait Islander for Kathleen Haines.

Moved: Cr T Sibley
Seconded: Cr G Bulsey Carried

- Jeriah Coutts

Resolution 2024.208

That the Council resolves to confirm Aboriginality and or Torres Strait Islander for Jeriah Coutts.

Moved: Cr E Oui
Seconded: Cr G Bulsey

Carried

- Gavin Congoo

Resolution 2024.209

That the Council resolves to confirm Aboriginality and or Torres Strait Islander for Gavin Congoo.

Moved: Cr M Oui
Seconded: Cr G Bulsey

Carried

- Margaret Hero

Resolution 2024.210

That the Council resolves to confirm Aboriginality and or Torres Strait Islander for Margaret Hero.

Moved: Cr G Bulsey
Seconded: Cr T Sibley

Carried

- Kylie Doomadgee

Resolution 2024.211

That the Council resolves to confirm Aboriginality and or Torres Strait Islander for Kylie Doomadgee.

Moved: Cr E Oui
Seconded: Cr A Lacey

Carried

- Daryl Haines

Resolution 2024.212

That the Council resolves to confirm Aboriginality and or Torres Strait Islander for Daryl Haines.

Moved: Cr E Oui
Seconded: Cr T Sibley

Carried

- Shameka Bulsey-Sam

Resolution 2024.213

That the Council resolves to confirm Aboriginality and or Torres Strait Islander for Shameka Bulsey-Sam.

Moved: Cr M Oui

Seconded: Cr E Oui

Carried

Matters for follow up for next Council meeting are:

1. Cemetery overview, including:

- Explanation of current arrangements, including costs.
- Exploration of potential community fund to pay for funerals for people/families who can't afford it. Options were just a general fund that people could contribute to, and Council would run or someone else would run.
- Consideration of burial practices, including how we dig graves and associated safety issues, example was provided of good arrangements at Charters Towers.
- Update of project to list all of those buried in the cemetery, Regina and Nina have ongoing responsibility for this and we need to complete initial work.
- Update of future plans for existing cemetery, including naming wall, map identifying lots and available new ones, new shade shelters and toilet block (costs).
- Update on planning and community consultation on location of new cemetery.

2. NAIDOC planning with overview to Council.

3. Developing new 2024-2029 strategic (corporate) and annual business plans.

4. Alternative locations for community engagement days.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th May 2024, at Council Chambers, 1 Main Street, Palm Island, commencing at 1.30 pm.

15. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting closed at 4.35pm.

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