PALM ISLAND
Aboriginal Shire Council

PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Name: Ordinary Council Meeting
Meeting Date: 30th July 2025
Meeting Time: 11:00am
Location: Council Chambers, 1 Main Street, Palm Island Qld 4816
Chairperson: Mayor Alfred Lacey
Minute Taker: Jessie-Mae Laczik

Record of Attendance			
Present	**Name**	**Title**	**Attendance**
COUNCILLORS	Cr Alf Lacey	Mayor	*In-person*
	Cr Mersane Oui	Deputy Mayor	*In-person*
	Cr Telstan Sibley	Councillor	*In-person*
	Cr Ebanese Oui	Councillor	*In-person*
	Cr Germaine Bulsey	Councillor	*In-person*
OFFICERS	Stephen Martin	Acting Chief Executive Officer	*In-person*
	Rebecca Baguley	Chief Finance Officer	*In-person*
	Rani Sam-Johnson	Executive Assistant	*In-person*
	Jessie-Mae Laczik	Governance Officer	*Via Teams*
GUESTS	Martine Care	Preston Law	*Via Teams*
	Kim Driver	Local Government Association of QLD (LGAQ)	*Via Teams*
OBSERVERS	*None*		

1. **Opening of Meeting**
   Cr. Lacey declared the meeting open at 11:11am

2. **Acknowledgments**
   The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners, the Manbarra People, upon whose land the meeting is held, and the Bwgcolman People of Palm Island.

3. **Apologies**
   Nil.

4. **Condolences**

   - Walter Starlight and their extended families
   - Doreen Morton and their extended families
   - Gordon Henry and their extended families
   - Jennifer Geia and their extended families

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 sections 150EG and 150EN of the *Local Government Act 2009.*

Councillor	PCOI/DCOI	Meeting Items	*Action taken by Council pursuant to Chapter 5B of Local Government Act 2009*
Cr Lacey			
Cr M Oui			
Cr Sibley	DCOI: Family member	10.4 Water and Sewer Report	Councillor left the room prior to discussion and decision of item.
Cr E Oui			
Cr Bulsey	PCOI	10.6 Sports and Community Events Report	Councillor left the room prior to discussion and decision of item.

Moved: Cr. M. Oui
Seconded: Cr. T. Sibley
Carried

6. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Item 6.1 Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolution 2025.465

That the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19th June 2025 were confirmed.

Moved: Cr. T. Sibley
Seconded: Cr. G. Bulsey
Carried

Item 6.2 Special Meeting

Resolution 2025.466

That the minutes of Special Meeting presented by Martine Care held on 25th July were confirmed.

Moved: Cr. T. Sibley
Seconded: Cr. M. Oui
Carried

7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Resolution 2025.450

Council received an update on the action item relating to the Indigenous Art and Cultural Installation. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) presented the proposed concept drawings to Councillors for consideration. Council approved the presentation under resolution 2025.470 as recorded in Item 9.5 of this meeting.

8. Business arising from Previous Meeting Resolution

There were no additional matters arising from previous resolutions discussed at this meeting.

9. For Decision by Council

Meeting paused for lunch at 11:30am
Meeting resumed at 12:59pm

Item 9.1 Insurance Premiums 2025/2026

Resolution 2025.467

Resolved that Council notes the Insurance Premiums 2025/2026 from JLT are $827,000, with half to be paid from the Land Trust budget and half from Council Operations budget.

Moved: Cr. M. Oui
Seconded: Cr. T. Sibley
Carried

Item 9.2 Community Betterment Fund

Resolution 2025.468

That Council approves:

a. The Community Betterment Fund Policy and application forms; and
b. an increase in the community grant amounts up to $150,000, being made up of $30,000 for funerals and $120,000 for community grants.

Moved: Cr. G. Bulsey
Seconded: Cr. M. Oui
Carried

Item 9.3 Indigenous Art Cultural Walk Design

Resolution 2025.469

That Council:

a. Accepts the Indigenous Art Cultural Walk report.
b. Approves $1.5M budget to complete the first stage of the design.

Action Item:

CEO to seek additional funding to enable the completion of the remaining project.

Moved: Cr. T. Sibley
Seconded: Cr. G. Bulsey
Carried

Item 9.4 Adoption of Revised Budget 2025/2026

Resolution 2025.470

1. That Council resolves to:

Adopt the revised budget for the 2025/2026 financial year, in accordance with section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, comprising the following documents:

a. The Statement of Estimated Financial Position for 2024/2025, as incorporated in the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Annual Budget 2025/2026, prepared in accordance with section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*;

b. The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Annual Budget 2025/2026, including:

i. The Debt Policy 2025/2026, prepared in accordance with section 192;
ii. The Investment Policy 2025/2026, prepared in accordance with section 191;
iii. The Revenue Policy 2025/2026, prepared in accordance with section 193;
iv. The Revenue Statement 2025/2026, prepared in accordance with section 172;
v. The Statement of Income and Expenditure 2026–2036, prepared in accordance with section 169;
vi. The Statement of Cash Flows 2025/2026, prepared in accordance with section 169;
vii. The Statement of Changes in Equity 2025/2026, prepared in accordance with sections 169 and 171;
viii. The Statement of Financial Position 2025–2036, prepared in accordance with sections 169 and 171;
ix. The Long-Term Financial Forecast, prepared in accordance with sections 169 and 171;
x. The Ten-Year Financial Sustainability Ratios Forecast, prepared in accordance with section 169.

c. Note that all documents referenced above are incorporated in the agenda papers dated 30 July 2025 and form part of the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Annual Budget 2025/2026.

Moved: Cr. T. Sibley
Seconded: Cr. E. Oui
Carried

Item 9.5 Centre of Excellence Precinct Planning Funding

Resolution 2025.471

Council notes the Centre of Excellence Precinct Plan.
Matter will be deferred to future Ordinary Council Meeting.

Moved: Cr. M. Oui
Seconded: Cr. T. Sibley
Carried

Item 9.6 Organisational Chart

Resolution 2025.472

Council noted the report regarding the organisational chart. Further discussions are to be held during the upcoming Strategic Visioning Workshop.
The matter is deferred to the November Ordinary Council Meeting.

Action Item:
Council members are to participate in a Strategic Visioning Workshop following the arrival of the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Moved: Cr. E. Oui
Seconded: Cr. G. Bulsey
Carried

Item 9.7 Delegations Register

<u>Resolution 2025.473</u>

Council resolved to defer the matter to the next Ordinary Council Meeting to allow for further consideration.

Action Item:
Council members are to attend a workshop to gain a clearer understanding of the legislative framework underpinning the Delegations Register prior to making a formal decision.

Moved: Cr. M. Oui
Seconded: Cr. G. Bulsey
Carried

Item 9.8 Angel Paws Proposal

<u>Resolution 2025.474</u>

Council resolved to accept the proposal submitted by Angel Paws and to proceed with Solution 3, at a total annual cost of $71,760.

Solution 3 Overview:
Provision of veterinary services on Palm Island through monthly two-day clinics, utilising existing surgical infrastructure.

Key Components:

- Engagement of an Angel Paws veterinarian and veterinary nurse for monthly two-day clinics on Palm Island.
- Annual service cost: $71,760.
- Services to include desexing, worming, and vaccinations.

Moved: Cr. G. Bulsey
Seconded: Cr. E. Oui
Carried

Item 9.9 Park & Shelter Signs

<u>Resolution 2025.475</u>

Council resolved to accept the recommendations outlined in the report on Place Names, with the following amendment:
Rather than naming the shade shelter in Sapper Park after Billy Coolburra, Council agreed that the entire park be renamed Billy Coolburra Park.

Moved: Cr. G. Bulsey
Seconded: Cr. T. Sibley
Carried

Item 9.10 CEQ Retail Planning

Resolution 2025.476

Council accepts proposal from CEQ for a Community Home Hardware Store.

Action Item:
CEO to start negotiations with CEQ.

Moved: Cr. G. Bulsey
Seconded: Cr. M. Oui
Carried

Item 9.11 Mary McKillop Child Care Centre

Resolution 2025.477

Report is noted by Council.

Moved: Cr. T. Sibley
Seconded: Cr. E. Oui
Carried

Item 9.12 Governance Policies

Resolution 2025.478

Council resolved to defer the matter concerning the adoption of policies and guidelines.

Action Item:
Council members are to attend a dedicated workshop aimed at providing insight into the Governance Framework and the legislative requirements associated with policy development and adoption. This will be included in the strategic visioning workshop after newly appointed CEO arrives.

Moved: Cr. T. Sibley
Seconded: Cr. E. Oui
Carried

Item 9.13 Amendment to Resolution: Durack Civil

Resolution 2025.479

Council resolves to:

a. Note that there was an administrative error in resolution number 2025.396 (2) in the figure reported.
b. Amend resolution number 2025.396 (2) by revoking the figure $764,928.67 (ex GST) and replacing the figure with $741,867.52 (ex GST).

Moved: Cr. T. Sibley
Seconded: Cr. G. Bulsey
Carried

Item 9.14 Correction of Councillor Discretionary Fund Allocations (2024–25)

Resolution 2025.506

Council resolves to:

That Council resolves to:

1. Note that discrepancies were identified in the recording of individual Councillor discretionary fund allocations for the 2024–25 financial year, due to administrative oversight.
2. Endorse the corrected allocations as presented in the attached table, which accurately reflects the amounts allocated by each Councillor to eligible capital projects and community purposes.
3. Request the Chief Executive Officer to update Council's public records and notify the Finance Department of the corrected allocations, in accordance with Section 201B(4) and Section 202 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*.
4. Confirm that this resolution does not rescind any previous decisions and is intended to clarify and correct the public record for transparency and financial accuracy.

Moved: Cr. T. Sibley
Seconded: Cr. G. Bulsey
Carried

10. Reports

Item 10.1 Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Report

Resolution 2025.480

Council accepts CEO report.

Moved: Cr. T. Sibley
Seconded: Cr. E. Oui
Carried

Item 10.2 Deputy Chief Executive Officer (DCEO) Report

Resolution 2025.481

Council accepts Deputy CEO report.

Action Item:
Council to develop standard booking system process for the Palm Island Motel.

Moved: Cr. M. Oui
Seconded: Cr. G. Bulsey
Carried

Item 10.3 Chief Finance Officer (CFO) Report

Resolution 2025.482

Council accepts CFO report.

Moved: Cr. T. Sibley
Seconded: Cr. E. Oui
Carried

Cr. T. Sibley left the room at 2:25pm

Item 10.4 Water and Sewer Report

Resolution 2025.483

Council accepts Water and Sewer report.

Moved: Cr. G. Bulsey
Seconded: Cr. E. Oui
Carried

Cr. T. Sibley returned at 2:30pm

Item 10.5 Fleet & Mechanics Report

Resolution 2025.484

Council accepts Fleet and Mechanics report.

Moved: Cr. M. Oui
Seconded: Cr. T. Sibley
Carried

Cr. G. Bulsey left the room at 2:30pm

Item 10.6 Sports and Community Events Report

Resolution 2025.485

Council accepts Sport and Events report.

Action Item 1:
Defer Spring festival to 26th / 27th September 2025
Action Item 2:
CEO to engage an Events Organiser to assist with organisation of the Spring Festival

Moved: Cr. E. Oui
Seconded: Cr. T. Sibley
Carried

Cr. G. Bulsey returned at 2:35pm

11. Correspondence Received

Item 11.1 Indigenous Councils Funding Program 2025-2026

From Hon Ann Leahy, Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers – re: Indigenous Councils Funding Program allocation.

12. Closed Meeting Reports

Nil.

13. Other Business

Item 13.1 Confirmation of Aboriginality and or Torres Strait Islander

Resolution 2025.486

Application for Aboriginality – Cruize Ashley Derek Sansbury – Approved

Moved: Cr. E. Oui
Seconded: Cr. G. Bulsey
Carried

14. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held 27th August 2025.

15. Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 2:55pm