



**PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST 2022**

**TIME: 1.30PM**

| <b>MEETING ATTENDEES</b>   |   |
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| <b>COUNCILLORS PRESENT</b> | Cr Derek Haines (Deputy Mayor)<br>Cr Andrew Castors<br>Cr Andrea Kyle-Sailor<br>Cr Deniece Geia |
| <b>COUNCILLOR ABSCENT</b>  | Cr Mislam Sam (Mayor)   |
| <b>OFFICERS PRESENT</b>    | Michael Bissell, Chief Executive Officer<br>Greg Constantine (Minutes)                          |
| <b>OBSERVERS PRESENT</b>   | NIL   |



**1. OPENING OF MEETING**

Cr Haines declared the meeting open at 1:35 pm

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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

**3. APOLOGIES**

Cr Sam

**4. CONDOLENCES**

Hazel Row Row & Raynard Baira Families & Extended Families  
 Johnson, Clumpoint, Doyle, & Clancy Families & Extended Families  
 Kennedy, Sailor Families & 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 the *Local Government Act 2009*.

| <b>Councillor</b> | <b>PCOI/DCOI</b> | <b>Meeting Items</b> | <b>Particulars</b><br><i>[Action taken by Councillor/Council pursuant to Chapter 58 of Local Government Act 2009]</i> |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|---|
| Cr Sam            |                  |                      |   |
| Cr Geia           |                  |                      |   |
| Cr Haines         |                  |                      |   |
| Cr Kyle-Sailor    |                  |                      |   |
| Cr Castors        |                  |                      |   |

**6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES- 27 JULY 2022**

Resolution 2022.83

Moved: Cr Castors

Seconded: Cr Kyle- Sailor

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 JULY 2022 be adopted.

**Carried**

## 7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 8. FOR DECISION BY COUNCIL

#### 8.1 – 2021 REPA contract for Gulf Civil

The Council granted approval subject to the contracts including requirements for contractors to comply with conditions for;

- Respected Palm Island customs and traditions
- Sorry Business
- Palm Island Alcohol Protocols

#### Resolution 2022.84

Moved: Cr Castors

Seconded: Cr Geia

**Carried**

#### 8.2 – Concrete Roads for Gulf Civil

#### Resolution 2022.85

Moved: Cr Castors

Seconded: Cr Geia

**Carried**

### 9. COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS

#### 9.1. CEO Report

Council resolves to note the report.

#### 9.2. Finance Report

Council resolves to note the report.

#### 9.3 Administration, Governance and Finance Report

Council resolves to note the report.

#### 9.4 Civil Open Space and Training

Council resolves to note the report.

#### 9.5 Water & Sewer

Council resolves to note the report.

#### 9.6 Fleet & Mechanics

Council resolves to note the report.

#### 9.7 Assets

Council resolves to note the report.

#### 9.8 Building Services

Council resolves to note the report.

#### 9.9 Sandy Boyd

Council resolves to note the report.

#### 9.10 ITC

Council resolves to note the report.

Council resolves to note all management reports\_

Resolution 2022.086

Moved: Cr Castors

Seconded: Cr Kyle- Sailor

**Carried**

**10. Correspondence Updates**

**11. CLOSED MEETING REPORTS**

Nil considered

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Confirmation of Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander Decent**

**Cr Castors excused at 3.20pm**

**12.1 Gemma Rae Armit**

Resolution 2022. 087

Moved: Cr Geia

Seconded: Cr Kyle-Sailor

**Carried**

**Cr Castors Resumed the meeting 3.23 pm**

**12.2 Tuliana Dabea**

Resolution 2022. 088

Moved: Cr Castors

Seconded: Cr Geia

**Carried**

### 12.3 Family Homes Policy

Raised for discussion by Cr Kyle- Sailor

Discussion included the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy Policy – following a lengthy discussion it was agreed for the need to have tenants made aware of the DCHDE Policy.

- Motion –
1. Council does not provide letters of support community member or organisations housing matters
  2. Any enquires to Council on housing matters will be referred to the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy for resolutions in consultation with other agencies.
  3. Council supports the current Department policy on Palm Island, “minimum 2 year occupancy period”
  4. Council will provide information and updates to community members so that they are aware of Councils position and the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy Policy and can respond accordingly on relevant housing matters.

Resolution 2022. 089

Moved Cr Kyle - Sailor  
Seconded Cr Castors

**Carried**

### 12.4 Cr Geia reference to minutes of the 11 July 2022

That Council amend the minutes of the 11 July to accurately reflect the time I (Cr Geia) was granted leave from the meeting to avoid a potential conflict of interest during items included within the presentation of the CEO’s report. I was granted leave at 2:45 pm and resumed my seat at the Council meeting at 2:56pm

Resolution 2022. 090

Moved Cr Geia  
Seconded Cr Castors

**Carried**

## 13. NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on 28 September 2022 at Council Chambers, 1 Main Street, Palm Island, commencing at 1.30 pm.

## 14. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting closed at 4.01pm.

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**MAYOR**