



Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council

May Council Meeting Minutes

31 May 2023, 10:08 AM – 12:31 PM

Kowanyama Chambers and Cairns Boardroom

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Present

Councillors

Kowanyama Boardroom Cr. Robbie Sands, Mayor
 Cr. Cameron Josiah, Deputy Mayor
 Cr. David Jack
 Cr. Teddy Bernard
 Cr. Jacob Elroy Josiah

Executive

Cairns Boardroom Joe Cristaldi, Executive Manager Corporate and Financial Services
 Danae Maltby, Governance Officer

Kowanyama Boardroom Kevin Bell, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
 Ani Seruvatu, Executive Manager Community Services and Cultural
 Heritage
 Jacinta Olds, Executive Assistant

Via Teleconference Chris McLaughlin, Acting Manager Governance

Condolences

NIL.

1. Opening/Welcome

Meeting commenced at 10:08 AM.

Mayor Robbie Sands welcomed Councillors and Executive's to the May Council Meeting.

2. Declarable Conflicts of Interest

Councillors advised that there is no Conflict of Interest to be declared.

3. Previous Minutes

RESOLUTION: Minutes (April Ordinary Council Meeting)

Minutes from the April Ordinary Council Meeting 26 April 2023 to be adopted as true and accurate.

Moved: Cr. Robbie Sands

Seconded: Cr. Jacob Elroy Josiah

CARRIED

4. Action Items

Action Items register is still progressing. All items noted.

5. Reports

5.1. Chief Executive Officer

5.1.1. Information Report: Verbal

Kevin Bell, CEO, presented the CEO Information Report to Council. Information Report was noted and tabled by Council.

- Letter from Hon. Mark Ryan – SES Support Grant Program. New vehicle to be purchased for community SES volunteers.
- Department of Housing – Quarterly meeting.
- State Development meeting.
- Child Care services – meeting in Cherbourg. Visits to be organised to Napranum and Cooktown to see the functionality. Child Care to start 2024.
- Ergon renewables – meeting. NIAA meeting. CSP meeting.
- Corporate Plan – Up North won the tender for the Corporate Plan.
- Interviews conducted for the Executive Manager Roads, Infrastructure and Essential Services Manager.
- Council job vacancies advertised.
- Aviation fuel supply has been replenished at the airport.
- Working with TMR for trucks to use on the roads program.
- \$200K works for Carpentaria Shire.
- Positive application for Sly Grog dance program. Two (2) more visits to Kowanyama.
- Working with Community around Sorry Business.
- Aged Care van and Rubbish Truck ready to be transported to Kowanyama.

5.2. Executive Manager Corporate and Financial Services

5.2.1. Information Report: Finance, Governance and Human Resources

Joe Cristaldi, Executive Manager Corporate Services and Finance presented the monthly Finance and Human Resources reports to Council.

5.2.2. Information Report: Governance Report

Chris McLaughlin, Action Manager Governance, presented the Governance Monthly Report to Council.

Information Report was noted and tabled by Council.

Kevin Bell, CEO, left the meeting at 10:33 AM and returned at 10:35 AM.

- Funding for Social Houses – focus will be on the 24 x lots in the new sub-division area.
- Mayor asked if the tenders for the subdivision – can Council be consulted before signing and look at the top two (2) ranking companies. Tenders being assessed by the Panel 19 June, following close 16 June. Recommendations can be discussed in length with Councillors at the June OM (not just the preferred tender).
- Mayor – Plan for Aboriginal / Local workers to be included. Monitor progress throughout contract and hold contractors accountable to time frames.

Cr. Jacob Elroy Josiah left the meeting at 10:49 AM and returned at 10:51 AM.

- Mayor – Cattle Muster – Oriners country still quite wet so Kowanyama land will most likely be the same. Possibly may have to start a bit later if they can't use equipment on the land.
- Mayor – will reach out to the PBC re: Cyclone Vault.
- Chris McLaughlin asked Councillor's to confirm its position that Council would not be seeking further LHA surrenders whilst it had spare lots in the subdivision. Mayor said still open to LHA surrenders to meet future need. Chris McLaughlin said that if we were to accept these, it could not be in exchange for a commitment to build a house on it at some future time as that decision would be subject to available funding, native title approvals, cultural heritage considerations etc. We would need to be very upfront about that to LHA holders to avoid any obligation to construct a house.

5.2.3. Agenda Report: Tenancy Management Cultural Approval

Chris McLaughlin presented the Agenda Report to Council.

RESOLUTION: That Council endorses the suggested change to social housing allocation as requested by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Unit.

- 407A Arwin Amay Street
- 344B Uwelkoril Street
- 440 Pindi Street
- 211 Koltmomun Street
- 165 Kowanyama Street

Exclusions:

- 165 Kowanyama Street – Please remove Maudi Goggeye – not applicable
- 408A Arwin Amay Street – commitments in writing to Charles George

Moved: Cr. Robbie Sands

Seconded: Cr. Cameron Josiah

CARRIED

5.2.4. Agenda Report: Policies and Procedures

Chris McLaughlin presented the Agenda Report to Council.

RESOLUTION: Policies and Procedures

That Council adopts the following Policies:

- Business Continuity Policy
- Public Interest Disclosure Policy

Moved: Cr. Teddy Bernard

Seconded: Cr. David Jack

CARRIED

Danae Maltby left the meeting at 11:02 AM and returned at 11:05 AM

5.3. Executive Manager Roads, Infrastructure and Essential Services

5.3.1. Information Report: Verbal

RESOLUTION: KASC-2023-006

To award contract for KASC-2023-006 for the supply, installation and construction works associated with Essential Service Shed to Keiza Construction Pty. Ltd. to the amount of \$321,000 (excl. GST).

Moved: Cr. Cameron Josiah

Seconded: Cr. Robbie Sands

CARRIED

5.4. Executive Manager Community Services and Cultural Heritage

Ani Seruvatu, EMCSCH, presented the Agenda Report to Council.

Information Report was noted and tabled by Council.

5.4.1. Agenda Report: Sole Supplier – Indigenous Outreach Projects

Ani Seruvatu, EMCSCH, presented Agenda Report to Council.

RESOLUTION: Sole Supplier – Indigenous Outreach Projects

That pursuant to Section 235(A) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (QLD), Council resolved to engage Indigenous Outreach Projects (ABN 67 364 993 529) as supplier to deliver a program of the 'Sly Grog Go Away' project for in the total sum of \$75,000 (excl. GST), as there is only one supplier reasonably able to perform the specialised services.

Moved: Cr. Jacob Elroy Josiah

Seconded: Cr. Teddy Bernard

CARRIED

Kevin Bell left the meeting at 11:34 AM and returned at 11:38 AM.

Action Item: EMCSCH – Palliative Care Packs – Including forms that require to be filled out for the end of life.

Action Item: CEO – Fire Extinguisher issue at CEQ fuel bowser – speak with CEQ Manager re resolution.

6. Other Business

No other business to be discussed.

7. Closed Business

RESOLUTION: Closed Business

Council moved into Closed Business at 11:45am pursuant to section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to discuss rating concession (d) and industrial matters affecting employees (b), and the appointment of CEO (a).

Moved: Cr. Robbie Sands
Seconded: Cr. Jacob Elroy Josiah

CARRIED

7.1. Agenda Report: Kowanyama River House Payment Arrangements

RESOLUTION: Kowanyama River House Payment Arrangements

That Council:

1. Accept a payment plan with waived fees for outstanding rent and levies for Kowanyama River house. and 98 on SP272069.

Moved: Cr. Robbie Sands
Seconded: Cr. Cameron Josiah

CARRIED

- Two (2) Councillors voted against this resolution.
- Councillors noted that this arrangement must be by way of written Deed/Agreement whereby if repayments are not made strictly pursuant thereto, then the whole (uncompromised) debt then unpaid will become due and payable.

7.2. Agenda Report: Rangers Program

Action Item: CEO to prepare a report to Council considering the pros and cons of transition of the Ranger Program to external provider.

7.2.1. Appointment of CEO

Further discussion for Councillors. CEO and Executive Team left a meeting. No actions to record.

Meeting Closed: 12:31 PM