



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 20 May 2025

**MINUTES OF MAPOON ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE MAPOON ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2025 AT 10 AM**

PRESENT: Cr Linda McLachlan, Deputy Mayor Sheree Jia, Cr Maria Pitt

IN ATTENDANCE: Amanda Ewart (Acting CEO), Kelli Leatham (Executive Manager Environmental Services), Victor Mills (Executive Manager Infrastructure & Services), Tony Walters WH&S Consulting Officer, Trevina Braun(Butler) (Office Manager)

1 OPEN MEETING

The meeting opened at 10:22 AM.

2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND APOLOGIES

Mayor Ronald Guivarra - TCICA

Cr Justina Reid – WCCCA

Councillors raised the issue of Sitting fees to consult the Rules to clarify conflicts of portfolio and OCM dates.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND COUNCILLOR OBLIGATIONS

Chapter 5B of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act) requires Councillors to declare a Cr LM McLachlan declared they have a declarable conflict of interest (as defined by section 150EN of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in matters regarding the conflict with the Infrastructure Mangers Report.

All other Councilors voted on the matter and it was agreed that Cr LM McLachlan removed herself from the voted item.

Cr LM McLachlan is mother of Peter Ahmat Jnr. The business of Peter Ahmat stands to gain a financial benefit depending on the outcome of the matter.

Prescribed or Declarable Conflict of Interest. The Declaration is to be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, before the Ordinary Meeting of Council.

DECLARABLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Pursuant to Sections 150EN - 150ET of the Local Government Act 2009, no Declarable Conflict of Interests were made relating to this meeting.

PRESCRIBED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Pursuant to Sections 150EG - 150EM of the Local Government Act 2009, no Prescribed Conflict of Interest were made relating to this meeting.

REGISTERS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded of their obligation to keep their Registers of Interests and Related Parties Disclosures updated.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 15 APRIL 2025

RESOLUTION C077/25

Moved: Cr Linda McLachlan

Seconded: Cr Sheree Jia

1. That the Minutes of the Council held on 15 April 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted. **CARRIED**

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

NIL

6 CONFIDENTIAL

Rowena Bullio – Consultancy report

MOTION

Moved: Cr Linda McLachlan

Seconded: Cr Sheree Jia

That council Note and accept the findings of the Consultant's report as presented to them herein.

At 10:38 am, Cr Linda McLachlan left the meeting.

At 10:39 am, Cr Linda McLachlan returned to the meeting.

At 10:55 am, Cr Sheree Jia left the meeting.

At 10:57 am, Cr Sheree Jia returned to the meeting.

7 MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORT FOR APRIL 2025

UNCONFIRMED

PURPOSE

The Mayor and Councillors reported on the following meeting/events:

Mayor Ronaldo Guivarra

Details to be provided at the meeting.

Interim Deputy Mayor Sheree Jia

15/04/2025	Ordinary Council Meeting
29-30/04/2025	ILF
06/05/2025	LTC
7-8/05/2025	Weipa Symposium
14/05/2025	18fifty3 - council
17/05/2025	SPECIAL closed meeting
19/05/2025	Pre-meeting
20/05/2025	Ordinary Council Meeting

Cr Linda McLachlan

15/04/2025	Ordinary Council Meeting
25/04/2025	ANZAC Day – Council Rep
28/04/25- 01/05/2025	Indigenous Leaders Forum – Sunshine Coast and Cherbourg
7-8/05/2025	Weipa Future Symposium Business conference
13-16/05/2025	Ely Chair & w/shop
17/05/2025	SPECIAL closed meeting
19/05/2025	Pre-meeting
20/05/2025	Ordinary Council Meeting

Cr Maria Pitt

15/04/2025	Ordinary Council Meeting
29-30/04/2025	ILF
7-8/05/2025	WCFA Symposium
14/05/2025	18fifty3 – council

15/05/2025 Napranum – 50th year's Celebration
17/05/2025 SPECIAL closed meeting
19/05/2025 Pre-meeting
20/05/2025 Ordinary Council Meeting

Cr Justina Reid

Details to be provided at the meeting.

RESOLUTION C078/25

Moved: Cr Sheree Jia

Seconded: Cr Maria Pitt

That the Mayor and Councillor reports be received and noted.

CARRIED

8 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

8.1 CEO MEETINGS FROM APRIL 2025

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To outline the CEO meetings on behalf of or as a representative of Council.

RESOLUTION C079/25

Moved: Cr Linda McLachlan

Seconded: Cr Sheree Jia

That Council receives and notes CEO Meetings Report.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11:12 AM.

Meeting resumed at 11:34 AM.

8.2 GRANTS IN PROGRESS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

Update Council with grant applications for the month of April

RESOLUTION C080/25

Moved: Cr Sheree Jia

Seconded: Cr Maria Pitt

That the Report of the Grants Manager be received and noted.

CARRIED

Robyn Learmouth – Qld Gov Census 11:41am – 12:13pm

Bureau of Statistics – ATSI Census within community, training and engagement.

At 11:53 am, CEO Amanda Ewart left the meeting.

At 11:56 am, CEO Amanda Ewart returned to the meeting.

Item - 8.3 COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR CEO TO PAY INVOICE FROM ENGLISH MARINE AND STEEL CONSTRUCTION - has been moved to another part of the document.

At 12:05 pm, CEO Amanda Ewart left the meeting.

At 12:13 pm, CEO Amanda Ewart returned to the meeting.

8.4 COUNCIL RESOLUTION & SIGNATURE**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

40 year Social Housing Leases for Council's consideration and execution at your next council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the Signing of lease1 for lots (165, 166,167&168) and lease 2 for lot (169) and forward to RILIPO to be signed by all parties and to be lodged and registered ready for occupying.

NOTED: THIS ITEM TO BE MOVED TO THE TRUSTEE MEETING CONFIRMATION AT A LATER DATE.

8.5 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

Present to the Council a report outlining program performance and operational actions for the previous month. This report contains listed activities and points for decisions in Council meeting.

RESOLUTION C081/25

Moved: Cr Sheree Jia

Seconded: Cr Linda McLachlan

That Council endorses the Financial Report for the period April 2025

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned for Lunch at 1 PM.

Meeting resumed at 01:14 PM.

KELLI LEATHAM 1:15PM**8.6 EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LAND & SEA, PARKS & GARDENS****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To present to Council a report of Program and Operational Performance for the previous month

RESOLUTION C082/25

Moved: Cr Linda McLachlan

Seconded: Cr Maria Pitt

That the report of Executive Manager of Environmental Services, Land and Sea and Parks and Gardens be received and noted.

CARRIED**8.7 EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKS REPORT****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

Present to Council a report of program performance and operational actions for the previous month

RESOLUTION C083/25

Moved: Cr Sheree Jia

Seconded: Cr Maria Pitt

That the Report of the Executive Manager of Infrastructure and Works be received and noted.

EOI or offer to Tender MASC advertise for a Deisel Fitter mechanic.

CARRIED

At 1:47 pm, Cr Linda McLachlan left the meeting. During the meeting Victor's proposal concerning Cr McLachlan conflict.

At 1:51 pm, Cr Linda McLachlan returned to the meeting.

8.8 HUMAN RESOURCES – APRIL 2025

PURPOSE OF REPORT

RESOLUTION C084/25

Moved: Cr Maria Pitt

Seconded: Cr Linda McLachlan

That Council notes the Human Resources Report for April 2025.

CARRIED

8.9 WHS, RISK AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE REPORT – APRIL/MAY 2025

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Present to Council Compliance report for the month of April/May 2025

RESOLUTION C085/25

Moved: Cr Sheree Jia

Seconded: Cr Maria Pitt

That the Report of the Workplace health and Safety Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Acting CEO Amanda Ewart Appointed 19/05/2025. In a month by month basis, whilst recruitment is under taken.

RESOLUTION C086/25

Moved: Cr Sheree Jia

Seconded: Cr Linda McLachlan

CARRIED

Cr McLachlan – recommend support for a Woman's Group of Mapoon

10 CORRESPONDENCE IN

Nil

11 CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Nil

12 NEXT MEETING DATE

Proposed date for next meeting: 17 June 2025

13 CLOSE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 2:58pm .

That meeting reconvened on the 21/05/2025 at 10:43am to discuss item 8.3 as per below.

8.3 COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR CEO TO PAY INVOICE FROM ENGLISH MARINE AND STEEL CONSTRUCTION**PURPOSE OF REPORT****RESOLUTION C087/25**

Moved: Cr Linda McLachlan

Seconded: Cr Sheree Jia

That this item was delayed to the 21/05/2025 as the interim CEO needed clarification and required a vote.

That Council Authorise the CEO to pay the outstanding invoice from English Marine and Steel Construction for Manufacture of 14m Barge for \$274,131.00 GST inclusive.

In Favour: Cr Linda McLachlan, Sheree Jia, Maria Pitt and Amanda Ewart

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr Justina Reid

CARRIED 4/0

The Meeting closed at 10:44am .

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 June 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON