



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Thursday, 19 February 2026

**MINUTES OF MAPOON ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE MAPOON ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 10AM**

PRESENT: Cr Ronaldo Guivarra, Cr Justina Reid, Cr Linda McLachlan, Cr Sheree Jia Pitt

IN ATTENDANCE: Warren McEwan (Executive Manager Finance), Victor Mills (Executive Manager Infrastructure & Services), Chad King (CEO)

1 OPEN MEETING

Mayor Guivarra opened the meeting at 10.14am

2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND APOLOGIES

Nil

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND COUNCILLOR OBLIGATIONS

Chapter 5B of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act) requires Councillors to declare a 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.

Cnr Linda McLachlan declared a **real/financial conflict of interest** in any matter relating to her son's financial interest in the mechanical workshop.

Cnr Sheree Jia declared that her daughter's partner is employed at the mechanical workshop. She advised that she has no financial or personal interest in the arrangement and, having considered the circumstances, would participate in the discussion and decision on the matter.

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

Minutes of the Council Held on 16 December 2026

RESOLUTION C001/26

Moved: Cr Sheree Jia
Seconded: Cr Linda McLachlan

CARRIED**5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

6 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**Conflict of Interest Declaration:**

Cnr Linda McLachlan declared a real/financial conflict of interest, noting her son has a financial interest in the mechanical workshop.

At 10:28 am, Cr Linda McLachlan left the meeting. Cnr McLachlan left the room and did not participate in discussion or voting.

MOTION**RESOLUTION C002/26**

Moved: Cr Sheree Jia
Seconded: Cr Justina Reid

That Moved to closed meeting.

CARRIED**RESOLUTION C003/26**

Moved: Cr Ronaldo Guivarra
Seconded: Cr Justina Reid

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Act 2012:

6.1 Operation of Mechanical Workshop

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section s254J 3 - g of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;.

CARRIED

At 10.39 am, Cr Linda McLachlan returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION C004/26

Moved: Cr Sheree Jia

Seconded: Cr Justina Reid

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED**7 MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Mayor's Report December 2025 and January 2026

Date	Meeting
02/12/25	QPS Mayors Working Group
03/12/25	MASC Special Council Meeting
04/12/25 05/12/25	– Life Promotion – Suicide Prevention
04/12/25	Preston Law – CEO Contract
09/12/25	Cairns DDMG 2025/2026 Cyclone Season Meeting
10/12/25	Mapoon Technical Working Group
11/12/25	Department of Housing – Capital Delivery in First Nations Local Government Areas
15/12/25	Pre-Council Meeting
16/12/25	Trustee Meeting
16/12/25	Council Meeting
17/12/25	Community Christmas Party
22/12/25	Mapoon Beach Erosion Monitoring Program – DETSI

Date	Meeting
07/01/26	Cairns DDMG BoM Weather Briefing
08/01/26	MASC and Mapoon Justice Group Meeting
15/01/26	Weipa Community Care AGM
19/01/26	Accord Monthly Meeting – Angus Sutherland
21/01/26	Joint Roads and Transport, Economic Functional Recovery and Resilience Group – Ex-Tropical Cyclone Koji and North and North-West Queensland Flooding Event
29/01/26	Mapoon – Strategic Capital Plan – Review/Discussion

RESOLUTION C005/26

Moved: Cr Sheree Jia

Seconded: Cr Linda McLachlan

That reports provided by the Mayor were received and noted.

CARRIED

8 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**8.1 EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES NOVEMBER REPORT****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To present to Council with an update on activity within the Corporate Services directorate.

RESOLUTION C006/26

Moved: Cr Ronaldo Guivarra

Seconded: Cr Sheree Jia

That Council adopt the report for February 2026.

Council received the Executive Manager of Corporate Services Report, discussed and accepted.

CARRIED

At 11:19 am, Cr Ronaldo Guivarra returned to the meeting.

8.2 EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LAND & SEA, PARKS & GARDENS**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide Council with an update on activity within the Environmental Services directorate.

RESOLUTION C007/26

Moved: Cr Justina Reid

Seconded: Cr Ronaldo Guivarra

Council received the Executive Manager of Environmental Services, Land and Sea, Parks and Gardens Report, discussed and accepted.

Carried

At 11:19 am, Victor Mills entered the meeting.

8.3 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COUNCIL REPORT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

RESOLUTION C008/26

Moved: Cr Linda McLachlan

Seconded: Cr Sheree Jia

Council received the Infrastructure Services Council Report, discussed and accepted.

CARRIED

At 11:48 am, Victor Mills left the meeting.

At 11:48 am, Chad King left the meeting 11.48am

At 11:49 am, Warren McEwan entered the meeting.

At 11:53 am, Chad King returned to the meeting.

At 12:19 pm, Cr Sheree Jia left the meeting.

At 12:22 pm, Cr Sheree Jia returned to the meeting.

8.4 EXECUTIVE FINANCE REPORT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Pursuant to meet Council's legislative requirements under section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the finance report must be prepared each month and be presented to Council on its financial performance for the period

RESOLUTION C009/26

Moved: Cr Sheree Jia

Seconded: Cr Linda McLachlan

That Council endorses the Financial Report for the period January 2026

CARRIED

At 12:37 pm, Warren McEwan left the meeting.

8.5 SPECIAL REPORT COUNCIL APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OVER \$100,000**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

Pursuant to Council's Procurement Policy, payment of invoices over \$100,000 require a resolution of Council. As such the following invoice is submitted for payment approval;

1. Queensland Local Government Mutual invoice 091-006108 in the amount of \$287,137.75 (inclusive of \$23,948.10 GST.) Being insurance premium for Council's Property – Renewal Cover 30/06/2025 – 30/06/2026.

RESOLUTION C010/26

Moved: Cr Ronaldo Guivarra

Seconded: Cr Sheree Jia

That Council endorses the disbursement of funds sufficient to pay Queensland Local Government Mutual invoice 091-006108 in the amount of \$287,137.75 (inclusive of \$23,948.10 GST.)

CARRIED**9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS****9.1 DRAFT MAPOON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PLAN 2024-2026****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To review and endorse the Draft Mapoon Environmental Health Plan 2024-2026.

RESOLUTION C011/26

Moved: Cr Ronaldo Guivarra

Seconded: Cr Justina Reid

That Council adopt the Draft Mapoon Environmental Plan 2024-2026 and include in future operational plans to track progress on delivery.

CARRIED**9.2 NATASHA GUIVARRA - CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

For Council to receive confirmation of Aboriginality forms to be received on behalf of Natasha Guivarra.

RESOLUTION C012/26

Moved: Cr Sheree Jia
Seconded: Cr Linda McLachlan
MASC is unable to process this request.

CARRIED

10 CORRESPONDENCE IN

10.1 Remote Communities Laundries Program
Grant application timeframe has expired. No further action to be undertaken.

11 CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Nil

12 NEXT MEETING DATE

Proposed date for next meeting: 19 March 2026

13 CLOSE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 2.16pm .

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 March 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON

Unconfirmed