



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Thursday, 19 March 2026

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Warren McEwan (Executive Manager Finance), Kelli Leatham (Executive Manager Environmental Services), Chad King (CEO), Kylie Mills (Executive Officer)

1 OPEN MEETING

10.04am

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.

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 19 FEBRUARY 2026****RESOLUTION C013/26**

Moved: Cr Sheree Jia

Seconded: Cr Justina Reid

1. That the Minutes of the Council held on 19 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

6 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**RESOLUTION C014/26**

Moved: Cr Sheree Jia

Seconded: Cr Janelle Ling

That Council moves out of open meeting into closed meeting.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION C015/26

Moved: Cr Janelle Ling

Seconded: Cr Linda McLachlan

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 Lot 165 to 168 Weipa Road - Cabinetry Purchase

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

RESOLUTION C016/26

Moved: Cr Sheree Jia

Seconded: Cr Linda McLachlan

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED**7 MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Date	Meeting
23/02/2026	Meeting with Blaklash – Mapoon Housing Design
25/02/2026	Regional Roads Advisory Group
26/02/2026	Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Services
03/03/2026	TCICA
05/03/2026	Cairns DDMG
06/03/2026	TWG Pre-Meeting
09/03/2026	Apunipima Suicide Prevention Meeting
10/03/2026	Cairns DDMG
11/03/2026	TWG
11/03/2026	LDMG
12/03/2026	LGAQ DFV Forum
16/03/2026	Accord Meeting
16/03/2026	Apunipima Heart Foundation
16/03/2026	Blaklash – Mapoon Housing Design
16/03/2026	DLGWV Empowering Council Bill
17/03/2026	QDMC
17/03/2026	Cairns DDMG

At 10:17 am, Cr Sheree Jia left the meeting.

At 10:32 am, Cr Sheree Jia returned to the meeting.

At 10:37 am, Cr Sheree Jia left the meeting.

At 10:38 am, Cr Sheree Jia returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION C017/26

Moved: Cr Ronaldo Guivarra

Seconded: Cr Linda McLachlan

That the report of the Mayor be received and noted.

CARRIED

8 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

At 10:47 am Kellie Lathem entered the meeting

At 11:16 am, Cr Sheree Jia left the meeting.

At 11:20 am, Cr Justina Reid left the meeting.

At 11:19 am, Cr Sheree Jia returned to the meeting.

At 11.20 am Kellie Lathem left the meeting

8.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LAND & SEA QUARTERLY REPORT**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

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

RESOLUTION C018/26

Moved: Cr Sheree Jia

Seconded: Cr Linda McLachlan

That the report of Executive Manager of Environmental Services and Land Sea be received and noted

CARRIED

At 11:23 am, Cr Justina Reid returned to the meeting.

At 11:24 am, Cr Linda McLachlan left the meeting.

At 11:27 am, Cr Linda McLachlan returned to the meeting.

8.2 CORPORATE SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report provides an overview of Corporate Services Activities and service delivery from 1 January to the 10 March 2026.

RESOLUTION C019/26

Moved: Cr Linda McLachlan

Seconded: Cr Justina Reid

That the Council receives and accepts the 1 February 2026 – 10 March 2026 Corporate Services Overview Report as presented.

CARRIED

At 11:35 am Warren McEwan entered the meeting

At 11:44 am, Cr Ronaldo Guivarra left the meeting.

At 11:48 am, Cr Ronaldo Guivarra returned to the meeting.

8.3 FINANCE EXECUTIVE REPORT PURPOSE OF REPORT

In accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a financial report summarising the Council's actual performance against budgeted performance must be provided to the Council.

Performance of key areas**Accommodation**

This division is under the projected budget however as the expenses are also below this is not an area of concern, this is largely due to the timing of expenses and income across the tourism period.

Store (Fuel Sales)

Sales of fuel is tracking ahead of budget and expenses are tracking to the projected budget. This division reflects well administered function of Councils operations.

Land and Sea

This division is tracking well to the budgeted income and expenses, some seasonal variation in fee for service income will affect the final year position.

Aged Care Services

The income for this division is well ahead of the budget additional analysis is required to predict the end of year position. Income and expense management within this area is performing well.

Works / Works Contract & Housing Maintenance

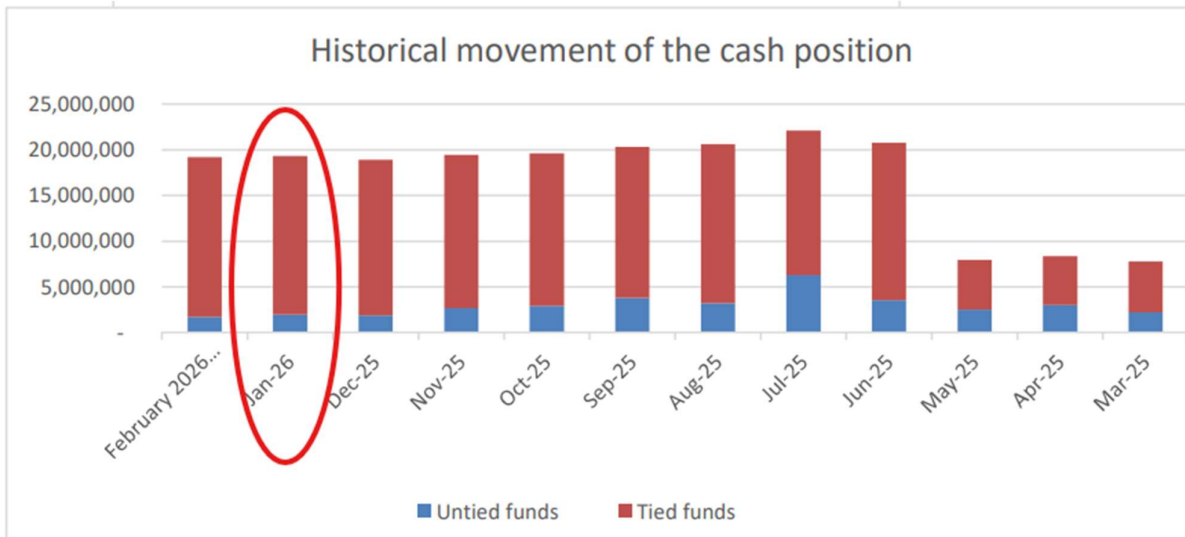
The income for these business units is tracking low, however this will be resolved by year end once the end of financial year reconciliation and capitalisation of assets occurs.

Workshop

The income from the workshop is tracking below the year to date budget, expenses are also tracking below the budget. The internal charging of workshop costs needs to be reviewed in order to predict the end of year position.

Untied Funds

The Council currently holds \$1.744M in untied funds, this reflects the normal movement of cash towards the end of the financial year. It is important to note that the increase in tied funds from June 2025 onwards is due to capital received for Councils housing development program.



RESOLUTION C020/26

Moved: Cr Ronaldo Guivarra

Seconded: Cr Janelle Ling

That Council endorses the March Report for the period February 2026.

CARRIED

At 12:22 pm Warren McEwan left the meeting

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:24 PM.

Meeting resumed at 1:03 PM.

8.4 ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

Council is required by Section 182 of the Local Government Regulations 2012 to prepare and adopt an annual report.

RESOLUTION C021/26

Moved: Cr Sheree Jia

Seconded: Cr Justina Reid

That Council adopt the Annual Report for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and delegate to the CEO to make minor editorial amendments and approve its publication on the Council's website.

CARRIED

8.5 MODUS AUSTRALIA APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TOILET BLOCK**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

In accordance with Council's procurement policy purchases over \$100,000 require a Council resolution. The attached invoice is proposed to be paid subject to Council approval.

RESOLUTION C022/26

Moved: Cr Justina Reid

Seconded: Cr Janelle Ling

Council to approve the purchase of the toilet block from Modus Australia \$159,493.

CARRIED

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**9.1 COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FLEET VEHICLES****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek Council approval for the purchase of replacement fleet vehicles in accordance with Council's asset management and fleet renewal requirements. The proposed purchases aim to improve vehicle reliability, ensure vehicles remain fit for purpose, and support the safety of staff and elected members.

RESOLUTION C023/26

Moved: Cr Linda McLachlan

Seconded: Cr Sheree Jia

That Council:

Amend the 2025 Financial Year budget to create a new capital budget of \$240,000;

AND

Endorse the purchase of the following fleet vehicles:

- Mayor's Vehicle: Toyota Prado
- CEO's Vehicle: Toyota Prado
- Executive Manager Infrastructure Services: Toyota Hilux 4x4 Double Cab

AND

Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the procurement of the new assets;

AND

Authorise the disposal of the following assets:

- Mitsubishi Pajero Sport
- Mahinda Scorpio
- Toyota Hilux

CARRIED

10 CORRESPONDENCE IN

Nil

11 CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Nil

12 NEXT MEETING DATE

Proposed date for next meeting: 16 April 2026

13 CLOSE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 1.47pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 April 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON