



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Thursday, 17 September 2026

**MINUTES OF MAPOON ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE MAPOON ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 10AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Colin Wakefield (Executive Manager Finance), Chad King (Chief Executive Officer), Mala Guivarra (Executive Support Officer).

1 OPEN MEETING

Mayor opened meeting at 10:45am.

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.

Mayor has declared his Conflict Of Interest in the final report – Council Sponsorship of the Dance Troupe to Aurukun Community.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mayor and Councillors confirmation of minutes report – October Minutes.

Moved: Mayor Guivarra

Seconded: Councillor Ling

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**6 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS****TO CLOSE AND ENTER THE PUBLIC TO CONFIDENTIAL MEETING**

MOVED: CR. SHEREE JIA

SECONDED: CR. LINDA MCLACHLAN

RECOMMENDATION

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 Access to the Housing Register

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section s254J 3 - f 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 matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals;.

6.2 Re-Allocation of Social Housing Property

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section s254J 3 - f 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 matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals;.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

7 MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Mayor had gone through his report of Meetings for the Month.

Meeting had been noted by the Deputy Mayor and Councillors.

Deputy Mayor expressed her interest into attending TCICA Meetings as Deputy Mayor.

8 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**8.1 AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide Council an update on its financial performance.

RESOLUTION C067/26

Moved: Cr Ronaldo Guivarra

Seconded: Cr Janelle Ling

RESOLUTION

Colin Wakefield, Executive Manager Financial Services has provided the Mayor and Councillors with the financial report for August.

Key Points Discussed and Raised:

- Fuel Excise
- Parks and Garden – Staff Wages, Budget identifies need for more staff
- Play Group Staffing,
- Water and Sanitation – EM for Financial Services expressed the Job Coding Operational System.

Mayor and Councillors have approved.

CARRIED

8.2 MAPOON HOUSING DESIGN PRINCIPLES**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek Councils adoption of the Mapoon Housing Design Principles.

RESOLUTION C068/26

Moved: Cr Ronaldo Guivarra

Seconded: Cr Justina Reid

RESOLUTION:

Mayor and Councillors have discussed and endorsed the adoption of the Mapoon Housing Design Principles.

Mayor and Councillors have noted their involvement from the beginning of the Mapoon Housing Design Principle Process.

CARRIED

8.3 RELOCATION OF PORTABLE BUILDING

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Council consent to relocate a transportable building from the hall to the Mapoon Church.

RESOLUTION C069/26

Moved: Cr Ronaldo Guivarra

Seconded: Cr Janelle Ling

That Council approve the relocation of the transportable building from the sport and rec hall to Lot 155 on SP3133344 and delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the required regulatory consents and approvals.

AND approve a budget variation of up to \$5,000 to support the relocation of the building.

RESOLUTION

Mayor and Councillors had discussed the Budget of the Church, where the relocated building is proposed to be.

Mayor and Councillors expressed the Church family.

CARRIED

8.4 COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP - AAK NGAMPARAM DAY

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Aurukun Council have invited dance troupes from across Cape York to participate in the Aak Ngamparam Day an anniversary celebration of the Wik decision. The N'Druili Dance Troupe from Mapoon is seeking Council support to coordinate attendance.

RESOLUTION C070/26

Moved: Cr Linda McLachlan
Seconded: Cr Sheree Jia

RESOLUTION:

Deputy Mayor and Councillors discussed the day and the report.

Deputy Mayor has expressed the cultural importance of the day. Deputy Mayor and Councillors

CARRIED

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – DEPUTY MAYOR MCLACHLAN

HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORK

PROPOSAL – I MOVE THAT COUNCIL WRITE TO THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS SAM OCONNOR MP AND SEEK CONFIRMATION WHEN THE DEPARTMENT WILL REINSTATE MAINTENANCE OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING.

MOVED: CR. SHEREE JIA

SECONDED: CR. JUSTINA REID

MOTION HAS BEEN CARRIED AND RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Motion without Notice – Deputy Mayor McLachlan

Motion - has raised an Aged Care Idea to discuss with Council – Far North Connect.

Proposal – Would Council be interested to invest into partnerships, attend meetings.

Actioned – CEO and ESO to book in the meetings and

Motion without Notice – Cr. Janelle Ling

Motion – Discussing the Public Health Sector, Clinic, Staff and Health Work Professionals

Proposal – No Proposal, purely discussion based.

10 CORRESPONDENCE IN

Nil

11 CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Nil

12 NEXT MEETING DATE

Proposed date for next meeting: 15 October 2026

13 CLOSE MEETING

The Meeting closed at

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 October 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON