



**Council Ordinary Meeting held:
December 11, 2018**

Council Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
held in the Council Chambers

Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council
Meeting Minutes: 11 December 2018
Meeting Held: MASC Council Chambers

11th December 2018

Attendance

Mayor	Aileen Addo
Councillor	Pauline Smith
Councillor	Peter Guivarra
Councillor	Brendon Brown
Councillor	Margaret Mara

Apologies

Nil	
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Staff

CEO	Naseem Chetty
Corporate Services Manager	Dave Ferguson
Works Manager	Tom Smith
L&S Manager	Chris Hannocks
Cultural Heritage Officer	Jason Jia

Visitors

Labour candidate Leichhardt	Elida Faith
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9:09am Meeting opened and welcome

Mayor welcomed the Councillors and staff to the December meeting of 2018. She reminded everyone about their roles and responsibilities as an elected official and particularly to their obligations to declare their interest (material or personal) on matters presented today – that may have a perceived or real conflict of interest.

Councillors agree that all matters presented at this meeting will be administered on the principle of fair and equitable treatment. Mayor acknowledged that we each bring our own views to the table and on all matters unresolved, councillors rights to agree and disagree is respected.

Councillors reminded to fulfil their administrative requirements and sign the attendance sheet for the monthly remuneration associated with this meeting.

Mayor thanked all present for their attendance and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Acknowledgements made to members not present and respect was paid to the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, to the elders past and present, to the councillors and employees present for the meeting. Councillor's observed a minute's silence in memory of community members who have passed.

One-minute silence.

Mayor reminded Councillors and requested any interest to be declared.
Response: nil.

Confirmation of Minutes

CEO noted the minutes to review for this meeting – Ordinary meeting:

- Ordinary Meeting 19th November 2018

Resolution 01. 11/12/18	The council resolve to endorse the minutes of the meeting as true and correct: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinary Meeting – 19 November 2018 	
Motion	Proposed: Councillor Guivarra Seconded: Councillor Mara	Motion Carried

Matters arising from previous Minutes
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Ordinary Meeting – 19 November 2018

Cr. Brown: Is this code of conduct only for councillors?

CEO Chetty: Yes, these policies and procedures were passed at the November meeting.

Cr. Brown: And what about bylaws?

CEO Chetty: Council have bylaws and will be starting to enforce them as early as next year.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Officer</i>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Smith requested edit to previous meeting minute to read 'Councillor Smith as OMAC Director' 	CSM

General Business

Mayors Report

Mayors report.

Meetings attended:

- Health summit - Cairns, discussion around employment of an indigenous health officer to look after this region, deal with dialysis and other health issues, more indigenous employment required in nursing. Recently there were 15 indigenous nursing graduates, none of them were offered employment. Indigenous nurses require experience in smaller remote hospitals;
- Meeting with Director General: The control of health programs was never going to be given to communities, it will take years for this to become reality;
- Wild cape café: Opening;
- OMAC AGM;
- School awards: 60 kids attending Mapoon school;
- Disaster management meeting x 2;
- RFDS;
- WCCCA Christmas party: Mari Pitt is the new chair of the main trust, Florrie Charger is the chair for the coordinating committee and Edna Mark is the Chair for the Northern region;
- Health Action Team;
- Community Consultation meeting;
- Community Christmas tree party;
- Police summit.

9.24am Cr. Guivarra departed the meeting,

9.29am Cr. Guivarra re-joined the meeting.

Councillor Reports

Cr. Brown:

- WCCCA meeting: discussed the code of conduct. Bruce Gibson is the deputy chair for the Northern trust, David Grego is the deputy chair for the coordinating committee, Corrine Matasia is the deputy for the coordinating committee;
- Mapoon Community meeting;
- Christmas tree party.

Cr. Mara:

- Absent from community.

Cr. Smith:

- Black Coffee business Network;
- OMAC AGM;

- ELY coordinating committee;
- Community meeting;
- ELY trust.

Cr Guivarra:

- ELY meetings, AGM;
- Community meeting;
- Wild Cape Café opening.

Resolution 02. 11/12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council endorse the Mayor and Councillor reports for the December 2018 meeting. 	
Motion	Proposed: Councillor Guivarra Seconded: Councillor Brown	Motion Carried

Confidential Reports

- Nil

Operational Reports

OR – CEO

CEO Chetty invited to speak on her report for December: Christmas party was a success, approx.. 150 people attended, Santa brought presents for the kids, (admin staff purchased presents from Cairns). Justin Wellington provided the musical entertainment and was well received, some people brought alcoholic drinks, there were no issues, community was very happy. Will continue to provide entertainment and future events throughout the year. Admin staff assisted with set up of the rec hall.

Community meeting – everybody was happy with the meeting. Positive feedback, each table gave feedback on the masterplan and other projects. Approx. 70 people attended. All feedback has been positive,

- Weipa police were also invited, office space has been allocated for a police liaison officer based in Mapoon. Council will not charge for this office space.
- Request for lighting in all streets as well as Blanco park.
- Something needs to be done about the dogs in community.
- Request for shade over Blanco Park. Dome for the play equipment.
- Church design: meet again to talk about it.
- New Cemetery location not culturally significant. Constructive feedback. Council to design something for the new church.

- Police presence from Antoni Lesic, Liaison to be based in Mapoon. We can have a community patrol officer. Council can decide whether to employ somebody.

ELY trust – manager Michael Neal. There is a Council resolution from 2016, certain people sit on certain boards, Council nominate a shareholder not a Director. If Council wish to change, they will need to write to ELY.

Landfill SBMP: OMAC have provided feedback, 22A cert to DNRME, cannot start work until SBMP is passed by the dept. cultural heritage 22ka notice has been served to Mokwiri.

Visitor accommodation name: PAANJA lodge is the front runner.

10:12am: CEO departed the meeting.

Cr. Smith: We should vote on the name now, it is the democratic way.

Put to the vote, name for accommodation: PAANJA Lodge, unanimous.

Resolution 03. 11/12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council resolve to endorse the name of the visitor accommodation in Mapoon as 'PAANJA LODGE'	
Motion	Proposed: Councillor Guivarra Seconded: Councillor Brown	Motion Carried

10:20am: CEO returned to the meeting.

New Aged Care Centre project: block has been cleared.

Water project: Black and More. Purchasing equipment. Project officer being recruited.

Church meeting with 4 church delegates.

Traditional owner money needs to stay in the community.

Janey creek: met with occupants. Have requested Council delay the removal of the infrastructure. We have started the dismantle. Our first priority is the GEH house, second Priority is removal of the equipment. Should be all out by 19th December. Police will be coming out. Recommendation to either have an auction or put it to open tender. Everything has been put in writing and checked with Councils legal team.

Housing letters wrote to Qld government. Wrote to housing regarding the allocation of houses is taking too long, up to 13 months properties remain vacant. People living in Weipa should not be utilising the houses here in Mapoon.

Cr. Smith: Is there a clause saying they have to reside in the houses?

CEO Chetty: Housing Staff in Weipa are not doing the right thing, waiting for BAS to scope properties.

10:40am morning tea.

10:40am	Morning Tea - Meeting adjourned for morning tea
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11:07am: meeting resumed.

Mayor Addo: regarding the ELY trust: when we pass a resolution it becomes law. What can we do?

We need to go back to the resolution from 2016. Either people step down or we rescind the motion. Who ever moved and seconded the motion need to be the ones who rescind the resolution.

Cr. Guivarra: I sat on the Western Cape Trust and ELY Trust, I was only elected for 2 years, we wanted Councillor Brown to be on one of those Trusts to gain experience. We voted for Councillor Brown to take my place on the ELY trust. I fully supported it, since then there are changes, I stood down and re-nominated Cr Brown to take over the portfolio. The intention was for Councillor Brown to replace me on the Western Cape Trust and ELY Trust.

Mayor Addo: you said that you were there for life.

CEO Chetty: You are nominated as the shareholder appointed outside of Council. Councillor Smith is the Council representative. Councillor Guivarra is appointed by the shareholders. Council has 1 position. We cannot nominate Cr. Brown as a director.

Cr. Guivarra: I request the motion be rescinded and that I remain the delegate.

Mayor Addo: If we rescind the motion, we have to have a vote. If the majority says no the resolution stands.

CEO Chetty: if this happens we have to change the resolution, it does not effect your position. Directors are not appointed by Council. Councillor Guivarra sits on the board elected by the members of the trust.

Councillor Smith: Councillor Guivarra as the director for life, Mayor Addo requested Councillor Brown replace Councillor Guivarra to gain more knowledge. Moved by CR. Guivarra and Cr. Smith.

Mayor Addo: I wanted Brendon to become the rep to gain exposure, my recommendation was that Brendon becomes the Council rep but they told me there is only one rep from Council.

Cr. Smith: I presumed that because I had the portfolio I automatically became the rep.

11:11am: Executive managers Chris Hannocks and Tom Smith joined the meeting.

Resolution 04. 11/12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council resolve to rescind resolution 05 moved on the 12th April 2016 by Cr Guivarra, seconded by Cr. Smith: <p><i>Cr Brown: Sport and recreation, youth, Alcan Ely bauxite trust (Director).</i></p> <p>Council make this decision due to being mis-informed in the nomination of Cr. Brown as a Director of the ELY trust instead of the nominated Shareholder to represent Council.</p>	
Motion	Proposed: Councillor: Guivarra Seconded: Councillor Smith	Motion Carried

Resolution 05. 11/12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council resolve to agree for Cr. Smith to continue to represent Council on the ELY Trust as the nominated representative. 	
Motion	Proposed: Councillor: Mara Seconded: Councillor Brown	Motion Carried

Cr. Guivarra: Just on the masterplan tabled yesterday, where did the sewerage plan come from?

CEO Chetty: Through community consultation, and from a strategic point of view it was the logical location.

Mayor Addo: Question is where to put it?

Cr. Guivarra: What about at the back of town?

CEO Chetty: That is option 4.

Tom Smith: The tender that we put in for is only for the high-rise side of the community and future development.

CEO Chetty: One suggestion in one of the masterplan options is to locate it on the other side of the airstrip. It is not financially viable to use this location due to the extra costs associated.

Mayor Addo: Works manager to research cost to relocate sewerage ponds at the Mapoon airstrip.

Cr. Guivarra: The cemetery, who suggested this location?

CEO Chetty: Through community consultation, feedback from yesterdays meeting suggested proposed sight is not ideal.

CEO Chetty: Council asked for a register of graves.

11:20am: Jason Jia joined the meeting.

Jason Jia: Request for registry of the cemetery. Tabled handouts to Council. Cards for each individual grave. Signage and mapping. Yellow lines on spreadsheet are unmarked.

CEO Chetty: We are trying to identify unmarked graves through GPS coordinates.

Cr. Guivarra: If we do it now, we may still be able to identify these sights.

Chris Hannocks: Do we have any people who served in Australian defence force buried in Mapoon. War records are very good and may be good support if we are trying to research burial records.

12:00pm Jason Jia departed the meeting.

Resolution 06. 11/12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That Council resolve to accept the CEO report for December 2018 	
Motion	Proposed: Councillor Mara Seconded: Councillor Guivarra	Motion Carried

Finance - Accountant report

Council invited the CEO to speak on behalf of the Accountant's report for December.

\$2.5 million profit for YTD;

\$3.56 million in untied funds;

Store profit \$44k for financial year.

Resolution 07. 11/12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council approve the Accountants report for December 2018 	
Motion	Proposed: Councillor Guivarra Seconded: Councillor Mara	Motion Carried

OR – Works Manager

Council invited Mr. Tom Smith: Works Manager to speak on his report for November.

Mayor Addo: What has been completed?

Tom Smith: 5 new houses, fuel upgrade, mixing tank installed, dog pound, SES shed, Accommodation, 10kva generator, S&R hall, fitness centre completed by the end of January.

Mayor Addo: what about privacy screens for the new toilets and BBQ's at Cullen point?

Mayor Addo: Janie Creek: There is concern for people getting injured and the cost to maintain the facility if it remains at Janey Creek.

CEO Chetty: we talked with OMAC to see if they wish to take over ownership of the facility.

Mayor Addo: We already passed the resolution to remove everything from Janey Creek. We should just do it.

CEO Chetty: Everything needs to come out before the 19th December.

Mayor Addo: Rangers are to assist with the removal of infrastructure from Janey Creek.

Cr. Brown: Garden beds, how far are we into that job?

Chris Hannocks: About half way.

Mayor Addo: We need shade cloth for the playground.

Tom Smith: I am working with NQCEC to see what we can do.

Mayor Addo: there is a meeting on the 18th to do with the Splashpark David Faulkner 11 – 12.

Resolution 08.		
11/12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council approve the Works Managers report for December 2018 	
Motion	Proposed: Councillor Mara Seconded: Councillor Smith	Motion Carried

OR – EHW/AMO

- Nil

OR – Land & Sea Rangers

Manager Chris Hannocks invited to speak on the L&S report for December.

- We have secured program funding for the next 3 years, \$3.3m. Steady staff retention, Senior ranger retired.
- Ranger Coordinator is doing well and should be an easy transition as the next Ranger manager.

Mayor Addo: Has he done any managerial training?

Chris Hannocks: We are working towards this and he is managing staff on the ground. Doing very well. Just last week we finished the cert 3 conservation natural resource management.

- Shot 1400 pigs since May. Monitored 630 turtles from Flinders beach.
- There is a situation with attendance. If you are a repeat offender CEO has the authority to request a med cert after one day absence.

CEO Chetty: Interestingly, the admin dept. has the highest amount of absenteeism.

Cr. Brown: Pig shooting, what happens to them?

Chris Hannocks: They lay where they fall.

Cr. Brown: Concern is that pig carcasses pollute the swamps.

Chris Hannocks: It could be a concern in a built-up area or if there was disease, we shoot in areas that are dry and not in the wet lands. Only last 3-4 days before other wildlife takes care of it.

Cr. Brown: What about a new senior ranger?

Chris Hannocks: We will be advertising in the new year locally.

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Resolution 09. 11/12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council approve the L&S Managers report for December 2018	
Motion	Proposed: Councillor Brown Seconded: Councillor Guivarra	Motion Carried

12:42pm Lunch - Meeting adjourned for lunch

12:42pm: Lunch

13:34pm: meeting resumed

Housing Report

- Nil

CSM tabled email from Housing Officer requesting Council approval for applicants.

Resolution 10. 11/12/18	<p>Council resolve to endorse the following names to be added to the list of social housing in Mapoon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walter Gamia and Eriva Makie currently residing at 174 Parry Street• Jessica Addo• Tianne Gilbert• Herbert Asai – wishing to list for own housing• Anthony (Jack) Manantan• Erin Charger	
Motion	Proposed: Councillor Guivarra Seconded: Councillor Smith	Motion Carried

2:22pm: Meeting adjourned to meet with local members.

3:35pm: meeting reconvened.

Priority Correspondence –

Complaints are to be added to the Council website.

Any Other Business

CEO Chetty: CSM to liaise with Aged Care Coordinator and provide menu to next Council meeting.

Mayor Addo: Security CCTV for Mapoon.

CSM: Part of the security upgrade for Mapoon delivery due by June 30th and also Safer Communities funding available.

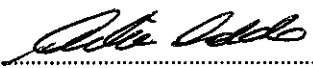
Mayor Addo: Old records from corporation days deteriorating in container, this needs to be addressed.

Next Council Meeting

15th January 2019.

15:58pm Meeting Closed

Mayor declared the meeting closed at 15:58pm


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Aileen Addo, Mayor


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Chief Executive Officer

