



Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council

January Council Meeting Minutes

28 January 2025, 10:05AM – 11:53AM

Kowanyama Chambers and Cairns Boardroom

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Present

Kowanyama Chambers	Cr. Territa Dick Cr. Teddy Bernard Cr. Charmaine Lawrence Cr. Coralie Lawrence Kevin Bell – Chief Executive Officer Leah Chambers – Executive Manager Community Services and Cultural Heritage
Cairns Boardroom	Joe Cristaldi – Executive Manager Corporate and Financial Services
Remote	Rob Jaggar – A/Executive Manager Roads, Infrastructure and Essential Services Chris McLaughlin – A/ Manager Governance Danae Maltby – Governance Officer

1. Opening/Welcome

Meeting commenced at 10:05AM.

Mayor Territa Dick welcomed the Councillors and Executive Team to the January Council Meeting and paid respects to Traditional Owners and Elders (past and present).

2. Conflicts of Interest

Councillors advise that there is no Conflict of Interest to be declared.

Apologies

RESOLUTION: That Council accepts the apologies of Cr. Richard Stafford

Moved: Cr. Territa Dick

Seconded: Cr. Charmaine Lawrence

CARRIED

3. Previous Minutes / Action Items

a. Previous Minutes

RESOLUTION: Minutes (December Ordinary Council Meeting)

Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting 17 December 2024 to be adopted as true and accurate.

Moved: Cr. Coralie Lawrence

Seconded: Cr. Teddy Bernard

CARRIED

b. Action Items

Action Items register was noted and tabled.

4. Reports

4.1. Mayor, Deputy, and Councillor Updates

- NIL updates reported for this Ordinary Meeting

4.2. Chief Executive Officer

4.2.1. Information Report

Leah Chambers (A/CEO) provided CEO information report to Council. Information report was noted by Council.

4.3. Executive Manager Corporate and Financial Services

4.3.1. Information Report

a. Governance Information Report

Chris McLaughlin (A/Manager Governance) presented the Governance report to Council. Information report was noted by Council.

b. Finance Information Report

Joe Cristaldi (EMCFS) presented the Finance report to Council. Information report was noted by Council

c. HR Information Report

Joe Cristaldi (EMCFS) provided a verbal HR update to Council. Verbal update was noted by Council.

- HR/Payroll System Project – progressing well. Next stage will focus on system data cleanse and data gathering by project team. Post this a comprehensive project plan will be developed.
- Council has five (5) positions currently advertised (administrative based positions and admin traineeship).

4.3.2. Agenda Report

a. End of Year Cattle Report 2024 Season

RESOLUTION: End of Year Cattle Report 2024 Season

That Council resolve to exercise the 1-year contractual option under current Musterer contract with Wheatley Rural Contracting, to extend for the 2025 season.

Moved: Cr. Charmaine Lawrence

Seconded: Cr. Coralie Lawrence

CARRIED

4.4. Executive Manager Roads, Infrastructure and Essential Services

4.4.1. Information Report

Rob Jaggar, (A/EMRIES) presented EMRIES Information report to Council. Information report was noted by Council.

4.5. Executive Manager Community Services and Cultural Heritage

4.5.1. Information Report

Leah Chambers, (A/CEO) presented EMCS&CH information report to Council. Information report was noted by Council.

5. Other Business

Nil

6. Closed Business

Nil

Meeting closed: 11:10am