Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council

October Special Council Meeting Minutes

12 October 2026, 10:13 AM – 2:38 PM

Kowanyama Council Chambers and Cairns Boardroom

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Present

Kowanyama Chambers	Cr. Territa Dick (Mayor) Cr. Teddy Bernard (Deputy Mayor) Cr. Charmaine Lawrence Cr. Coralie Lawrence Cr. Richard Stafford Mark Crawley –Interim Chief Executive Officer Malcolm France –Executive Manager Roads, Infrastructure and Essential Services
Cairns Boardroom	Joe Cristaldi – Executive Manager Corporate and Financial Services Danae Maltby –Governance Officer

1. Opening/Welcome

Meeting commenced at 10:13am.

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

2. Conflicts of Interest

Councillors advise that there are no conflict of interests to be declared

Apologies

No apologies received.

3. Minutes

RESOLUTION: Minutes (August Special Ordinary Meeting 2026)

Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting 31st August 2026 to be adopted as true and accurate.

Moved: Cr. Charmaine Lawrence
Seconded: Cr. Teddy Bernard

CARRIED

4. Reports

4.1 Chief Executive Officer Agenda Report - Housing

RESOLUTION: That council does not allocate 29 Chapman Road residence to the Kowanyama Community Support Association or agree to a lease transfer as requested and return 524 Kowanyama Street residence recently vacated by the Kowanyama Community Enterprise Co-operative to the staff housing pool for allocation as staff housing and provide a review of the other commercial lease arrangements of council houses and present a report to council. Council also acknowledges houses are required for One-Tree and the PBC under previous arrangements and advise Golden Fern Services NDIS that it does not have sufficient housing to grant their request for housing.

Moved: Cr. Teddy Bernard
Seconded: Cr. Richard Stafford

CARRIED

Action: ICEO to keep Councillors informed as to the progress on providing a house to the PBC.

4.2 EMRIES Agenda Report – Unsealed Roads Reconstruction

Cr. Teddy Bernard left the meeting at 11:08am. Cr. Teddy Bernard returned to the meeting at 11:13am.

Cr. Territa Dick left the meeting at 11:17am. Cr. Territa Dick returned to the meeting at 11:19am.

RESOLUTION: Meeting to be adjourned to receive further pertinent information to the tender for the further consideration.

Moved: Cr. Teddy Bernard
Seconded: Cr. Coralie Lawrence

CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned from 11:22am pm to 12:08pm

The Mayor re-opened the meeting 12:08pm following the adjournment to consider the additional information not previously included in the evaluation summary and requested by the councillors.

Councillors were provided additional information and details in relation to the Indigenous Employment and Business Plans submitted by the tenderers

Cr. Teddy Bernard left the meeting at 12:38pm. Cr. Teddy Bernard returned to the meeting at 12:41pm

RESOLUTION: That the report lay on the table while the Interim CEO confers with Council solicitors.

Moved: Cr. Teddy Bernard
Seconded: Cr. Charmaine Lawrence

CARRIED

Meeting Break from 12:56pm to 2:06pm

The meeting resumed at 2:06pm following the meeting break and information sought by Interim CEO.

Lee Perkins from Lackon attended the meeting via Teams at 2:20pm to provide additional input from the evaluation of all tenders for the benefit of Councillors and provided Council with the opportunity for additional questions and clarification.

RESOLUTION: That Council resolves to award Durack Civil ABN: 35 633 665 380 as the preferred contractor for Separable Portion A and Separable Portion B for Tender KASC-2026-054 Unsealed Roads Reconstruction and to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to do all things necessary to enter into the contract (including contract negotiations prior to award), approve variations, and pay invoices under the contract as and when due.

For note: Councillors noted the importance of maximising local economic and community benefits through the delivery of the works and requested that, during any post-award contract negotiations, consideration be given to incorporating commitments consistent with the successful tenderer's submission regarding the engagement of local contractors, suppliers and workforce opportunities, where practicable and in accordance with the contract and procurement requirements.

Moved: Cr. Teddy Bernard
Seconded: Cr. Richard Stafford

4 in favour. Cr. Stafford against

CARRIED

Meeting closed: 2:38pm