



DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 23 January 2024

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE DOUGLAS SHIRE
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 10:00A.M.**

Mayor Cr Kerr opened the meeting at 10:00am by welcoming everyone to the Ordinary Meeting of the Douglas Shire Council being held on 23 January 2024 at the Mossman Council Chambers.

This Ordinary Meeting of Council is being Live Streamed on Council's Website and will also be available for others to watch at a later time.

Cr Kerr acknowledged the Kuku Yalanji people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which this meeting is being held and paid respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, and extended that respect to other Indigenous Australians who may be listening or watching this morning.

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TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2024
10:00AM
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1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

1.1. PRESENT

Cr Michael Kerr (Mayor), Cr Lisa Scomazzon (Deputy Mayor), Cr Peter McKeown, Cr Abigail Noli, Cr Roy Zammataro

1.2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

1.3. OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Rachel Brophy (Chief Executive Officer), Lisa Golding (Manager People and Community Services), Tara Killeen (Chief Financial Officer), Maria Evans (Acting Manager Governance), Renee Ker (Team Leader Community Development), Joanne Nicholson (Team Leader Financial Accounting), Neil Beck (Team Leader Planning), Daniel Lamond (Planning Officer) Natalie Crimmins (Senior Governance Officer), Marcus Wilson (Senior Media and Communications Officer), Tarren Woodhams (Digital Communications Officer)

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST/MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

Nil

Acknowledgement of Cyclone and Jasper event

Mayor and Councillors took the opportunity to acknowledge Cyclone Jasper and rain event, thanking staff from Douglas Shire Council along with staff from other councils around Queensland who have assisted with disaster management and recovery.

3. DEPUTATIONS

3.1. DEPUTATION - PORT DOUGLAS GRAN FONDO

In 2020 it was proposed by Connect Sports to host an iconic cycling event which would incorporate a festival of cycling events in Port Douglas named the Port Douglas Grand Fondo Festival. The Douglas Shires tourism industry was desperate for economic recovery post the COVID pandemic. Following a Council resolution on 23 February 2021, Council provided a letter of support to Connect Sport to support Connect Sports in obtaining additional funding from Tourism Events Queensland and Tourism Tropical North Queensland. Council entered into a three-year resource and performance agreement with Connect Sports allocating \$50,000 each year in funding as adopted by council resolution on 25 May 2021.

The Port Douglas Gran Fondo has been successful in delivering the last two years festival of events on the weekend of the 9 to 11 September 2022 and weekend of the 8 to 10 September 2023.

The Port Douglas Gran Fondo Festival has been presented as a professional and iconic cycling event in the Douglas Shire, adding to our calendar of events, encouraging multiday visitation, and diversifying our tourism opportunities through sport.

Councillors are invited to understand the economic impact of the Port Douglas Grand Fondo through this presentation.

Cr Kerr thanked Port Douglas Gran Fondo representative for the presentation to Council.

4. MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

5.1. CONFIRM MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING HELD 12 DECEMBER 2023

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Scomazzon

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 12 December 2023 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

6. OFFICERS REPORTS

6.1. FINANCIAL REPORTS DECEMBER 2023

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr McKeown

That Council notes the Statement of Comprehensive Income and the Statement of Financial Position for December 2023.

Carried Unanimously

6.2. CYCLONE JASPER FINANCIAL RELIEF MEASURES YEAR END 30 JUNE 2024

Moved Cr Scomazzon

Seconded Cr Zammataro

- 1. Council resolves to endorse the proposed Cyclone Jasper financial relief provisions for the year ended 30 June 2024;*
- 2. Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to administer such financial relief provisions.*

Carried Unanimously

6.3. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR RECONFIGURING A LOT (1 INTO 4) AT 291 MOWBRAY RIVER ROAD

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Zammataro

That Council refuses the development application for Reconfiguring a Lot (One lot into four lots) over land described as Lot 34 on SP331786, on the following grounds:

- 1. The development creates lots which are not of an appropriate size and configuration to retain and sustain the utility and productive capacity of the land for rural purposes. The proposed development will fragment rural land, in particular good quality agricultural land that is identified as Class A Agricultural Land Classification. The development is incapable of being conditioned to achieve compliance with the required codes;*
- 2. The development is inconsistent with the 2018 Douglas Shire Planning Scheme version 1.0 with regard to the Rural Zone Code and the Reconfiguring A Lot Code. The development is incapable of being conditioned to achieve compliance with the required codes;*
- 3. The fragmentation of agricultural land and the size and configuration of the proposed lots is development that is inconsistent with the Far North Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031, the State Planning Policy 2017 and the Planning Scheme. There is no identified need for the smaller lots in the rural area in order to achieve the outcomes of: the State Planning Policy 2017, the Far North Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031 or the 2018 Douglas Shire Planning Scheme version 1.0;*

Findings on material questions of fact:

- 1. The application was properly lodged to the Douglas Shire Council on 5 September 2023 under s 51 of the Planning Act 2016 and included a planning report.*

Evidence or other material on which findings were based:

- 1. Council undertook an investigation of assessment of the development, against the State Development Requirements and the 2018 Douglas Shire Planning Scheme in making its assessment manager decision; and*
- 2. Council undertook an assessment in accordance with the provisions of section 60 of the Planning Act 2016.*

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Scomazzon

That Item 6.3 (Development Application for Reconfiguring a Lot (1 into 4) at 291 Mowbray River Road) be deferred to be further discussed and brought back to a Special Council Meeting.

For Cr Kerr, Cr Scomazzon, Cr McKeown, Cr Noli
Against Cr Zammataro

Carried

6.4. MOSSMAN SPLASH PAD FEES AND CHARGES

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr McKeown

That Council implements a one-year trial of an honour system allowing free entry to the Mossman Pool venue for families committing to utilise only the splash pad.

Carried Unanimously

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – URGENT WATER MATTER

Moved Cr Kerr

Seconded Cr McKeown

Cr Kerr gave notice of his intention to move the following motion at the Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 23 January 2024.

“That:

- 1. The council requests the CEO to urgently facilitate a meeting with the key stakeholders of the relevant State Government departments to coordinate the urgent repairs required to ensure a constant water supply to our communities.*

BACKGROUND

The severe weather that came from the Cyclone Jasper event has created an ongoing issue with the water supply for Douglas Shire.

This must be considered a priority for the residents and businesses of the Douglas Shire and a solution to prevent ongoing water stoppages needs to be established as quickly as possible.

Whilst much of the background work is already occurring it is a priority that this work happens as quickly as possible.

Carried Unanimously

8. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

9. PETITIONS

Nil

10. CLOSED SESSION

Nil

11. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 10:45am.

CONFIRMED THIS 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

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MAYOR/CHAIR

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