



DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 25 July 2023

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE DOUGLAS SHIRE
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 25 JULY 2023 COMMENCING AT 10:00A.M.**

Mayor Cr Kerr opened the meeting at 10:02am by welcoming everyone to the Ordinary Meeting of the Douglas Shire Council being held on 25 July 2023 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.

**DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING
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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), Ross Higgins (Acting Manager Governance), Paul Hoyer (Manager Environment and Planning), Scott Hahne (Manager Project Office), Peter Logan (Acting Manager Infrastructure), Natalie Crimmins (Senior Governance Officer), Brenda Jang (Executive Assistant), Tarren Woodhams (Digital Communications Officer), Marcus Wilson (Senior Media and Communications Officer).

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST/MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

Nil.

3. DEPUTATIONS

3.1. DEPUTATION - MOSSMAN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES PIG DAMAGE IN SUGARCANE PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL

Mossman Agricultural Services (MAS) presented a deputation updating Council on the challenges and impacts of feral pigs damaging sugar cane.

MAS raised concerns over the increased impacts of feral pigs on Douglas Shire's Sugar Cane Industry.

Over the past few years, pigs have become an increasingly larger problem, with annual cane yield losses resulting from pig damage in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. MAS works directly with growers and hears almost daily reports of pig damage and the inability of growers to control their numbers effectively.

Feral pigs do not pay heed to boundaries, they will travel across multiple properties in search of food, water, and cover. Managing feral pigs is a shared responsibility between all levels of government, communities, industry, and landholders. A collaborative program with all stakeholders working together delivering a locally coordinated and aligned approach would be the most effective.

Cr Kerr thanked Mr Simon Engdahl (Mossman Agricultural Services), and Cane Farmers Mr Raldini and Mr Murday for the presentation to Council.

4. MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

5.1. CONFIRM MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING HELD 27 JUNE 2023

Moved Cr Kerr

Seconded Cr McKeown

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 27 June 2023 be confirmed.

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Scmazzon

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 27 June 2023 be amended by removing the extra details in Item 6.3 (Port Douglas Aquatic Precinct – Report on Engagement Findings), Item 7.1 (Notice of Motion – Daintree Ferry) and Item 7.2 (Notice of Motion – Media Relations Policy), and to include in Item 7.2 the Notice of Motion with the attached draft Media Policy.

For Cr Zammataro, Cr Noli, Cr Scmazzon, Cr McKeown

Against Cr Kerr

Carried

The amended motion became the substantive motion and was put to the vote.

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 27 June 2023 be amended by removing the extra details in Item 6.3 (Port Douglas Aquatic Precinct – Report on Engagement Findings), Item 7.1 (Notice of Motion – Daintree Ferry) and Item 7.2 (Notice of Motion – Media Relations Policy), and to include in Item 7.2 the Notice of Motion with the attached draft Media Policy.

For Cr Zammataro, Cr Noli, Cr Scmazzon, Cr McKeown

Against Cr Kerr

Carried

5.2. CONFIRM MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING HELD 11 JULY 2023

Moved Cr McKeown

Seconded Cr Kerr

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held Tuesday 11 July 2023 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

6. OFFICERS REPORTS

6.1. REVIEW OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FREE POLICY 2023

Moved Cr Scomazzon

Seconded Cr McKeown

That Council adopt the updated Single-Use Plastic Free Policy.

Carried Unanimously

6.2. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT POLICY 2023

Moved Cr McKeown

Seconded Cr Kerr

That Council adopts the Administrative Action Complaints Management Policy.

Carried Unanimously

6.3. REVIEW OF ADVERTISING SPENDING POLICY 2023

Moved Cr McKeown

Seconded Cr Scomazzon

That Council adopts the Advertising Spending General Policy.

Carried Unanimously

6.4. REVIEW OF ACCEPTABLE REQUEST GUIDELINES POLICY 2023

Moved Cr Scomazzon

Seconded Cr McKeown

That Council adopts the Acceptable Request Guidelines Policy.

Carried Unanimously

6.5. ADOPTION OF INVESTIGATION POLICY

Moved Cr McKeown

Seconded Cr Kerr

That Council adopts the Investigation Policy.

For Cr McKeown, Cr Kerr

Against Cr Scomazzon, Cr Noli, Cr Zammataro

Motion Lost

6.6. CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT FOR PERIOD APRIL TO JUNE 2023

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Scomazzon

That Council notes the progress of the Capital Works Program for the period April to June 2023.

Carried Unanimously

6.7. DAINTREE FERRY INFRASTRUCTURE QUARTERLY REPORT ENDING JUNE 2023

Moved Cr Scomazzon

Seconded Cr McKeown

That Council receives the Daintree Ferry Infrastructure Project quarterly report for the period April to June 2023.

Moved Cr Zammataro

Seconded Cr Noli

That Item 6.7 Daintree Ferry Infrastructure Quarterly Report Ending June 2023 be deferred.

Carried Unanimously

6.8. REPORT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR PERIOD APRIL TO JUNE 2023

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr McKeown

That Council notes the Report from the Chief Executive Officer for the period April to June 2023.

Carried Unanimously

6.9. OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2023

Moved Cr Scomazzon

Seconded Cr Zammataro

That Council notes the progress of the implementation of the Operational Plan 2022-2023.

Carried Unanimously

6.10. TOURISM PORT DOUGLAS DAINTREE STRATEGIC PLAN 2024 AND MARKETING STRATEGY 2024

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Kerr

That Council receives and notes the Tourism Port Douglas Daintree Strategic Plan 2024 and Marketing Strategy 2024.

Carried Unanimously

6.11. PARTIAL ROAD CLOSURE OVER UNNAMED ROAD RESERVE, ADJACENT TO LOT129 ON SR454 TOLL GATE ROAD, OAK BEACH

Moved Cr McKeown

Seconded Cr Scmazzon

That Council:

- 1. Advises the Department of Resources (DOR) that Council supports a partial road closure up to 250m² over unnamed road reserve adjoining Lot 129 on SR454, Toll Gate Road, Oak Beach, indicated in the highlighted area of Attachment One.*
- 2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with s 257 of the Local Government Act 2009, to finalise any and all matters associated with the application.*

Carried Unanimously

6.12. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS DEVELOPMENT MANUAL PLANNING SCHEME POLICY

Moved Cr Scmazzon

Seconded Cr Noli

That Council:

- 1. Resolves to amend the Douglas Shire Council's Planning Scheme Policy FNQROC Regional Development Manual; and*
- 2. Resolves to undertake public consultation on the proposed amendments to Douglas Shire Council's Planning Scheme Policy FNQROC Regional Development Manual in accordance with the requirements for a Qualified State Interest Amendments in the Minister's Guidelines and Rules under the Planning Act 2016; and*
- 3. Delegates authority under s 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise any and all matters associated with the preparation of the amendment to, and public consultation of the Douglas Shire Council's Planning Scheme Policy FNQROC Regional Development Manual.*

Carried Unanimously

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1. NOTICE OF MOTION - MEDIA RELATIONS POLICY

Cr Noli gave notice of her intention to move the following motion at the Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 25 July 2023.

"That Council adopts the Media Relations Policy as attached."

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Cr Kerr moved that the Notice of Motion is out of order and would not be debated.

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Moved Cr Kerr

Seconded Cr McKeown

Cr Kerr moved a Motion without Notice that:

- 1. Council staff draft a Media Policy around the recommended Best Practice examples as provided by the Local Government Association of Queensland.*
- 2. The draft Media Policy is presented to a Councillor Workshop prior to being brought to a Council Meeting for adoption.*

For Cr Kerr, Cr McKeown

Against Cr Zammataro, Cr Noli, Cr Scomazzon

Motion Lost

PROCEDURAL MOTION – MOTION OF DISSENT

Cr Noli moved as a Procedural Motion, a Motion of Dissent.

7.2. NOTICE OF MOTION - DAINTREE FERRY

Moved Cr Zammataro

Seconded Cr Scomazzon

Cr Zammataro gave notice of his intention to move the following motion at the Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 25 July 2023.

"That Council resolve to:

- 1. Rescind the motion Item 3.1 Daintree Ferry Crossing Solution from the 9th of August 2022.*
- 2. Invite expressions of interest for the provision of a replacement ferry and the provision of the Daintree River Ferry service under Section 228 (3) of the Local Government Regulations 2012.*

3. *Notes it is in the public interest to invite expressions of interest before inviting written tenders, and*
4. *Continue with associated landside infrastructure upgrades on both riverbanks."*

Carried Unanimously

8. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

9. PETITIONS

Nil.

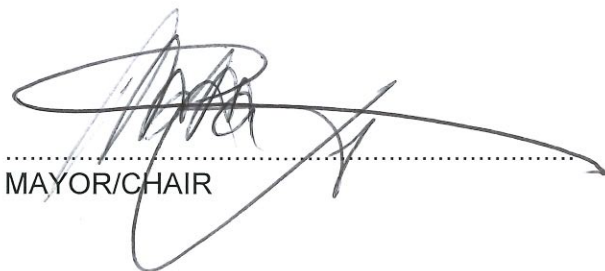
10. CLOSED SESSION

Nil.

11. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 11:30am.

CONFIRMED THIS 29TH DAY OF AUGUST 2023.


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MAYOR/CHAIR