



WUJAL WUJAL
Aboriginal Shire Council

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL
MEETING

WEDNESDAY

15 JUNE 2022



WWASC COUNCILLORS

Councillor Bradley Creek, Mayor
Councillor Vincent Tayley, Deputy Mayor
Councillor Robert Bloomfield
Councillor Regan Kulka
Councillor Vanessa Tayley

Staff in attendance

CEO – Steve Wilton

Director of Works and Building Services – Victor Mills

Manager of Corporate and Commercial Services – Joanne Gowans

Council Advisor – Brett de Chastel

Financial Controller BDO – Tali Mackay



ORDER OF BUSINESS

(Note that the meeting opened at 10.00am due to a community ceremony held at the Post Office which was attended by the Mayor and all Councillors.)

1 WELCOME / MEETING OPENED

The meeting was opened by Mayor Bradley Creek at 10am.

2 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

All Councillors were in attendance and there were no apologies.

3 CONDOLENCES / CONGRATULATIONS

CONDOLENCES

Creek Family Mossman / Wujal Wujal

Talbot/Sibley families

Ransom / Beard family

Taitypata Family

CONGRATULATIONS

Wujal Wujal Football Team

Bloomfield School Football Team

Mayor Creek's daughter on her attendance at the AFL Sunshine Coast event

Torres Strait on the 30 year flag celebration

Cr Vanessa Tayley's nephew Aiden on selection in the Peninsular Touch team and also Ivy for her selection.

4 COUNCILLOR OBLIGATIONS/DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mayor Creek invited those present to use this opportunity to make public any Conflict of Interest declarations in respect of items in the Agenda.

4.1 Declaration of Prescribed Conflict of Interest on any item of business

Pursuant to Section 175C of the Local Government Act 2009, no declarations of prescribed conflicts of interest were made during this meeting.

4.2 Declaration of Declarable Conflict of Interest on any item of business

Pursuant to Section 175E of the Local Government Act 2009, no declarations of conflict of interests were made during this meeting.



4.3 Register of Interests – Councillors must notify changes within 30 days of the change

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Resolution:	That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 April 2022 be confirmed.	
Moved:	Cr Vincent Tayley	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Regan Kulka	
Decision No:	0115062022	

Bloomfield Lodge

Mr Ben Morely (Mt Louis Station Manager) attended the meeting to brief the Council on their owner’s plans for the potential sale of Bloomfield Lodge (including the wharf) and associated opportunities with the Bloomfield airport. Mr Morely advised that the owner had some offers pending for the sale of the Lodge but wished to contact the local Council to give the community an opportunity to be engaged in that sale process.

The Council Advisor indicated that Council didn’t have the funds for any such purchase but it may be something that we can discuss with the State government to see if they are interested and whether there may be employment opportunities for our local community or future income streams for the Council.

Follow up action:- Mr Morely will arrange for a proposal to be provided in writing to the Council outlining what opportunities there might be for Council to engage in the current sale process. Council will then consider this and undertake discussions with the State government.

6 REPORTS

6.1 Mayor’s Report

The Mayor provided an update on meetings he has attended on behalf of Council including Pama Futures in Cairns.

Resolution:	That Council endorses the Mayor’s monthly report for June 2022	
Moved:	Cr Bradley Creek	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Vincent Tayley	
Decision No:	0215062022	

6.2 Chief Executive Officer’s Report (deferred to later in the meeting)



6.4 Manager of Corporate and Commercial Services Report

The Councillors provided positive feedback to staff on the new format of finance reporting and that using graphical formats made the financial report easier to understand. It was also noted that the Council has some short-term cash flow issues and that it needs to source revenue due from GST returns, building invoices and the joint venture.

The Financial Controller also attended the meeting online and encouraged Council to stick to good budget processes, seek proper approvals and manage its finances in a responsible way. This may be the last meeting attended by the Financial Controller and they passed on thanks to Council staff for their support and assistance during their tenure.

The Council was provided with an update on an issue with funding for the current building plug-in project. Due to confusion regarding whether the original grant included GST or not, this project may come in over budget by between \$150,000 and \$160,000. Council have funds from other sources to fund this overspend and this will need to be the subject of a Council authorisation which will be done at the time of the budget adoption.

Council was also provided an update by the CEO on the recent break-in at the Council run Post Office agency. Approximately \$70,000 was taken and police are still investigating. If the loss was as a result of a break-in, under the license agreement that loss will be borne by Australia Post. If the loss was not as a result of a break-in, the loss would be borne by Council and the CEO will advise Council’s insurers. Councillors raised concerns about holding such significant amounts of cash and the need for the CEO to look at having a Council policy to better manage risk associated with cash management.

Resolution:	That Council endorses the MC&CS monthly report for June 2022	
Moved:	Cr Regan Kulka	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Vanessa Tayley	
Decision No:	0315062022	

6.1 CEO Report

The CEO advised Council about a range of issues in his report including an update on Covid 19, the proposed visit from the Queensland governor and the upcoming Cooktown Discovery event.

The Council considered the recommendation from the CEO to write off an amount owing by the Wujal Wujal Justice group for rental arrears. After consideration of the issue, the Council passed the following resolution.

Resolution:	That Council write off the debt of \$14,299.92 owed by the Wujal Wujal Justice Group for rental of the Men's Centre subject to the Wujal Wujal Justice Group signing the new lease with Council.	
Moved:	Cr Bradley Creek	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Vincent Tayley	
Decision No:	0415062022	

Resolution:	That Council endorses the CEO monthly report for June 2022	
Moved:	Cr Regan Kulka	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Vanessa Tayley	
Decision No:	0515062022	

Director of Works and Building Services Report

Resolution:	That Council endorses the DW&BS monthly report for June 2022	
Moved:	Cr Bradley Creek	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	
Decision No:	0615062022	

7 CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with S,254J(3)(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council closed the meeting to the public to discuss the recruitment process on selection criteria for the new Chief Executive Officer.

Procedural Motion: That Council move into closed session

Moved: Cr Robert Bloomfield

Seconded: Cr Regan Kulka

Carried 5/5

The Council met (online) with representatives from Peak Services (LGAQ) who are undertaking the recruitment process for the new CEO. The Councillors provided feedback on the recruitment process and key recruitment criteria as part of that process.

Procedural Motion: That Council move out of closed session

Moved: Cr Vanessa Tayley

Seconded: Cr Regan Kulka

Carried 5/5



8 GENERAL BUSINESS/LATE ITEMS

The CEO advised Council that the employment contract of this to Victor Mills was due for renewal. He recommended to Council that Mr Mills be offered a new three-year contract with a 5% increase in remuneration.

Resolution:	That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to offer a further three-year contract to Mr Victor Mills for the Director of Works and Building Services position in accordance with the recommendation made by the CEO.	
Moved:	Cr Bradley Creek	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Vincent Tayley	
Decision No:	0705062022	



Mayor Creek	Councillor shirts	To be included in upcoming budget
Cr Vincent Tayley	Nil	
Cr Kulka	Road into Wujal Wujal in poor condition Community break ins – Community meeting with all stakeholders Uniforms for Councillors	Douglas Shire responsible and CEO will visit us in early July. May be opportunity to do this work for them. Will arrange with stakeholders To be included in upcoming budget
Cr Vanessa Tayley	Nil	
Cr Bloomfield	Selling shirts from the Art Gallery	Vicki at Art Centre can assist

Also as part of General Business, the Council Advisor provided the Council with a presentation on what makes a good Council and a good Councillor.

Meeting Closed 3.27pm