



# **MINUTES**

**Special Council Meeting**

**7 April 2017**

**MINUTES OF COOK SHIRE COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 10 FURNEAUX STREET, COOKTOWN  
ON FRIDAY, 7 APRIL 2017 AT 1.00PM**

**1 ATTENDANCE**

**Cr Peter Scott, Cr Kaz Price, Cr Alan Wilson, Cr Robyn Holmes, Cr John Dessmann, Cr John Giese, Cr Larissa Hale**

**Invitees** – Tim Fynes-Clinton (King & Co.) and Lee Wilson (Wilson Partners Law)

**2 MEETING OPENED**

1.25pm

**3 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cr Kaz Price – I declare I may have a perceived conflict of interest in item 5.1 (as defined in section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*) due to my position of CEO of Cooktown and District Community Centre. I have determined that this personal interest is of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. I will best perform my responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of Council's area by excluding myself from the discussion and the voting on this matter.

Cr Robyn Holmes - I declare I have a material personal interest in item 5.1 ( as defined in section 172 of the *Local Government Act 2009*) due to engaging Lee Wilson to provide legal advice in respect of my role as a Board Member of the Cooktown and District Community Centre. I propose to exclude myself from the meeting while the vote is taken as will Lee Wilson.

**5 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Act 2009:

**5.1 Councillor Committee Representative Review**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 275(h) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

At 1.30 pm, Cr Kaz Price left the meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2017/51**

Moved: Cr Alan Wilson

Seconded: Cr John Dessmann

That Council moves into Closed Council.

**RESOLUTION 2017/52**

Moved: Cr Alan Wilson

Seconded: Cr John Dessmann

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

At 1.50 pm, Cr Robyn Holmes and Lee Wilson left the meeting.

**5.1 COUNCILLOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REVIEW****RESOLUTION 2017/53**

Moved: Cr John Dessmann

Seconded: Cr John Giese

That Cook Shire Council formally rescinds resolution 2016.1, withdrawing its nomination of Cr Robyn Holmes as a Director of Cooktown District Community Centre.

Council notes Councillor Holmes resignation as a Director of CDCC and accepts her resignation.

Cook Shire Council resolved not to nominate a Local Government Director to the Board of CDCC at this time.

Council covers the legal costs (including travel costs) of Lee Wilson in advising Cr Holmes in respect of CDCC matters.

**CARRIED**

At 1.55 pm, Cr Kaz Price returned to the meeting.

At 1.55pm, Cr Robyn Holmes and Lee Wilson returned to the meeting.

**The Meeting closed at 2.00pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Cook Shire Council held on 24 April 2017.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**