

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL
COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE KATHERINE
ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 2015 AT 8:41AM

1. PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

Mayor, Tony Jack
Deputy Mayor, Judy MacFarlane
Councillor, Annabelle Daylight
Councillor, Timothy Baker
Councillor, Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi
Councillor, John Dalywater
Councillor, Don Garner
Councillor, Daniel Mulholland
Councillor, Daphne Daniels
Councillor Eric Roberts

1.2 Staff

Michael Berto, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Greg Arnott, Director Corporate Governance (DCG)
Sharron Hillen, Director Council Services and Infrastructure (DCSI)
Catherine Proctor, Director Community Services (DCS)
Marc Gardner, Director Contracts and Technical Services (DCTS)
Jyoti Pudasaini, Manager Governance
Lokesh Anand, Manager Finance
Raju Koirala, Financial Accountant
Stephen Roper, Governance Communications Officer
Hilary Sinfield, Governance Officer (Minute taker)
Darcie Boon, Governance Officer
Jo Nicol, Local Authority Coordination Officer

1.3 Guests

Nathanael Knapp, Department Local Government and Community Services
Mike Flett, Visitor
Jodie Locke, Bess Price MLA Office
Hege Burns, NT Police
Reece Kershaw, NT Police
Bruce Porter, NT Police

2. MEETING OPENED

Meeting opened at 8.41am.

3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Mayor Tony Jack welcomed all to the meeting. The pledge was read.

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

99/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts)

Carried

- (a) **That Council accept the apologies of Councillor Anne Marie Lee and Councillor Selina Ashley.**

A late apology was received from Councillor Selina Ashley. It was advised that Councillor Selina Ashley may need to take a sick child to Darwin and will be unable to attend.

Councillor Daphne Daniels will excuse herself from the meeting from 11.00am to approx. 1.00pm.

Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi will be absent for the first part of this meeting.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

100/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Daniel Mulholland)

Carried

- (a) **That Council approve the minutes to be a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 30th April 2015.**

6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

101/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Annabelle Daylight)

Carried

- (a) **That Council approve the minutes to be a true and accurate record of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 27th May 2015.**

7. CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Mayor Tony Jack's request for leave of absence – Mayor Tony Jack
- Remote Indigenous internet access program – DCS
- Brief on Regional Economic Infrastructure and Strategic Local Roads Infrastructure Projects 2015 – DCSI
- Update of Roper Bar Bridge – Councillor Daniels
- Indigenous ABA Funding – CEO
- Funding Variation for RJCP – CEO
- NGA Conference Feedback – Councillor Mulholland

- Council Boundaries – Councillor Roberts
- Youth Voice Committee Review – CEO.
- Grants – Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements – Cyclone LAM – Department of Local Government and Community Services - DCG
- Grants – Indigenous Advancement Strategy Grants 2015 - 2018 – Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet - DCS
- Ngukurr Transit Facility – CEO
- Grants – Community Night Patrol 2014-15 Variation – Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet - DCG
- Binjarri Corporation’s RJCP Subcontractor – CEO
- Compliance Review Report – CEO
- Update on buffalos and dogs in Beswick and Barunga – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane
- Meeting with NLC update – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane
- An update on the recruitment process – Councillor John Dalywater
- Fuel costs Numbulwar – Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Update of Chardon Street Depot Project - DCTS
- Numbulwar Airport Road upgrade project – DCTS
- Update on JCAC Leases – Councillor Daylight

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

9. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Mayor Tony Jack declared an interest in item 17.1

10. SWEARING IN CEREMONY - NEW COUNCILLOR

Nil.

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

11.1 ACTION LIST

102/2015 **RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Annabelle Daylight)** **Carried**

- (a) **That Council receive and note the Action List.**

12. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

103/2015 **RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Daphne Daniels)** **Carried**

- (a) **That Council accept the Incoming Correspondence.**

13. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

104/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/John Dalywater) **Carried**

- (a) That Council accept the Outgoing correspondence.

ACTION: CEO to investigate the power costs of bore pump at Mulgga and report back to September OCM.

Cr Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi joined the meeting, the time being 09:21 am

14. WARD REPORTS

14.1 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

105/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts) **Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note South West Gulf Ward report.

14.2 NEVER NEVER WARD

106/2015 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Timothy Baker Jr.) **Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the Never Never Ward Report.
(b) That Council accept the recommendation that Aaron Holtze be removed from the Jilkmingga Local Authority.

ACTION: Write letter to the Minister for Housing regarding ongoing housing issues in all Roper Gulf towns. List as many specific samples of disrepair as possible.

ACTION: CEO to send letter to JCAC regarding the demolition of two old houses relating to the environmental health and community safety issues (Lots 5 and 6).

14.3 NYIRRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

107/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts) **Carried**

- (a) That Council receive and note the Nyirranggulung Ward Report.

Councillor John Dalywater raised concerns for the amount of dead cars in and around Bulman and Weemol.

DCSI provided a verbal update on the actions Council is taking to remove the cars.

Mayor Tony Jack advised there is also many dead cars in Borroloola.

DCSI provided a verbal update on the current waste management strategy and plans including an update on the waste management facility in Mataranka. DCSI advised that there is an opportunity for Council to raise revenue from the waste as a resource.

Councillor Daniel Mulholland advised there is business interest in the unwanted dead cars. Further, CEO advised other Councils are utilising the dead cars to develop RJCP programs.

14.4 NUMBULWAR NUMBIRINDI WARD

108/2015 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Daniel Mulholland)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report.

Mayor Tony Jack advised that there is ongoing discussions about the boundary of East Arnhem and the possibility of including Numbulwar in East Arnhem Regional Council. Discussions are arising from the recent Electoral Review. The process of community consultation is currently underway.

Local Authority Coordination Officer, Jo Nicol advised that she has been in contact with the Department of Local Government and Community Services so there is ample time for public consultation to gauge the interests of the community.

Several Roper Gulf Regional Council Councillors advised they do not want Numbulwar to fall under East Arnhem Boundary.

Break for work health and safety presentation, the time being 10.00 am

Meeting recommenced, the time being 10.24 am

Break for morning tea, the time being 10.25 am

Meeting recommenced, the time being 10.46 am

Cr Daphne Daniels left the meeting, the time being 10:47 am

14.5 YUGUL MANGI WARD

109/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Yugul Mangi Ward Report.

Mayor Tony Jack advised he attended the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting. The Ngukurr Local Authority Members also expressed they did not want Numbulwar to be moved under another Council's boundary.

ACTION: Advise the Ngukurr Local Authority that the Yellow Water recreational area is out of Council's service delivery area.

15. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

15.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

110/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Judy MacFarlane)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Mayor's Report.

Mayor Tony Jack advised there is a LGANT General Meeting in November and would like Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane to attend.

Mayor Tony Jack advised he would like the progress of Manyallaluk Local Authority tracked and requested the Elected Members of the Ward to assist with promoting attendance at this Local Authority meeting.

The NGA in Canberra was a successful trip with Cr. Mulholland and Cr. Roberts in attendance.

ACTION: Mayor and CEO to attend the Bulman Local Authority Meeting on 19th August 15.

15.2 CEO REPORT

111/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Daniel Mulholland)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the CEO's Report.

16. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

16.1 AMENDMENT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

112/2015 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Timothy Baker Jr.)

Carried

- (a) That Council approve the amendment to the Audit Committee Terms of Reference

16.2 GRANTS - RGRC COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2015-16

113/2015 RESOLVED (Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi/Daniel Mulholland)

Carried

- (a) That Council approve \$50,000 for the 2015-16 Community Grants Program with Round 1 running from 10th August – 18th September 2015.
- (b) That Council select Mayor Tony Jack, Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane, Councillor Eric Roberts and Councillor Annabelle Daylight to form the Community Grants Committee.

16.3 GRANTS - DISABILITY IN HOME SUPPORT 2015-2016 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

114/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Donald Garner)

Carried

- (a) That Council accept the agreement for 2015-16 Disability in Home Support Programs from Department of Health by 3 signatures, dating and affixing the Common seal to both copies of the Core Agreement; and CEO signature and dating both copies of the Service Plan.

16.4 GRANTS - CENTRELINK AGENT AND ACCESS POINT SERVICES 2015-16 - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

115/2015 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)

Carried

- (a) That Council accept the contract offer for 2015-16 Centrelink Agent and Access Point Services from the Department of Human Services by 2 signatures and dating both copies of the contract.

16.5 GRANTS - SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANTS AND CLOSING THE GAP FUNDING ACQUITTALS 2014-15 - DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

116/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts)

Carried

- (a) That Council accept the following 2014-15 acquittals for funding from Department of Local Government and Community Services by signing and dating each acquittal:

1. SPG Cemetery Management Plan 2011/03214
2. SPG Weemol Sewage Truck 2011/08716
3. SPG Solar Street Light Project 20112/04110

4. SPG Bulman Visitor Accommodation 2013/01660
5. SPG Ngukurr Contractor Quarters Upgrade LGR2013/00024
6. SPG Civil Works Depot LGR2015/00029
7. CTG Retransmission Site at Numbulwar 2011/03214
8. CTG Retransmission Site at Numbulwar Stage 2 2011/08716
9. CTG Beswick Sport & Rec Amenities 2013/01660
10. CTG Governance Local Authority Training 2013/01660

16.6 FINANCE - RGRC FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2015

117/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Donald Garner)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note financial reports as at 31st May 2015.

DCG and Manager Finance provided a verbal report accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation.

Cr. Daphne Daniels returned to the meeting, the time being 12:01 pm

16.7 FINANCE - RGRC REGISTER OF FEES & CHARGES 2015-16

118/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts)

Carried

- (a) That Council approve the attached Draft Fees and Charges Schedule for 2015-16 with the following amendments:

**12M Grader
\$315/hr (wet)**

This is based on the following:

- Dry Hire: \$140/hr
- Depreciation: \$17/hr
- Oils etc: \$10/hr
- Fuel: 200L tank per 8 hr day @ \$2.70L = \$68/hr fuel
- Labour/operator: \$80/hr
- *Doesn't include float/mobilisation

**Hino Concrete Truck
\$150/hr (wet)**

This is based on the following:

- Dry Hire: \$30/hr
- Depreciation: \$3/hr
- Oils etc: \$10/hr
- Fuel: 80L tank per 8 hr day @ \$2.70L = \$27/hr fuel
- Labour/operator: \$80/hr
- *Doesn't include float/mobilisation or concrete

Manager Finance provided a verbal report accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation.

Councillor Don Garner questioned why some rates are to decrease in the 2015-16 year. DCTS advised that the workshop is hoping to compete publicly with the other local mechanical workshops thus trying to provide a competitive rate.

DCSI advised that while the burial rate has increased, the amount of \$720.00 does not cover the full cost of conducting a burial.

16.8 FINANCE - RGRC RATES DECLARATION 2015-16

119/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) Carried

- (a) That Council approves the attached Draft Rates Declaration for 2015-16.
- (b) That Council approve the publishing of the Draft Rates Declaration in accordance with s158 of the Local Government Act for public consultation.

Manager Finance provided a verbal update on the RGRC rates declaration 2015-16.

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane enquired about commercial garbage collection services. DCG and DCSI advised investigations into the cost and risk associated with delivering this service were currently underway.

*Break for lunch, the time being 12.25 pm
Recommence meeting after lunch, the time being 12.53 pm*

16.9 FINANCE - RGRC ANNUAL BUDGET 2015-16

120/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Timothy Baker Jr.) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the attached reports, and approve the 2015-16 draft budget.

Manager Finance provided a verbal report accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation.

ACTION: CEO to develop plans around the cost of pool operations, employee expenses and depreciation.

ACTION: Regional Plan and budget to take priority in July Briefing Day.

16.10 ELECTED MEMBER'S ALLOWANCE 2015-2016

121/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Daniel Mulholland) Carried

- (a) That Council approve the Councillor Allowances as per the maximum schedule supplied by the Department of Local Government.
- (b) That Council approve extra meeting allowance to remain \$125.00 per meeting.

16.11 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN 2015-2016

122/2015 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Annabelle Daylight) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note draft Roper Gulf Regional Council Regional Plan 2015-2016.
- (b) That Council allow the draft Regional Plan 2015-2016 to be distributed for public comment.

Mayor Tony Jack left the meeting, the time being 02:11 pm

17. COUNCIL SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS

17.1 VARIATION OF CONDITIONS OF PERMIT - DP11/0806A LOT 768 TOWN OFF BORROLOOLA

123/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the approved change of permit condition for DP11/0806A Lot 768 Town Off Borroloola.

Mayor Tony Jack returned to the meeting, the time being 02:14 pm

18. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

18.1 REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF COUNCIL'S SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES

124/2015 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Donald Garner) Carried

- (a) That Council approve retaining the following assets:
- Beswick Room 3 of Lot 5
 - Bulman Lot 69
 - Manyallaluk Lot 36
 - Jilkminggan Lot 77
 - Borroloola Lot 644
- (b) That Council approve retaining Barunga Lot 199, Ngukurr Lot 439b and Numbulwar Lot 97 pending community consultation with the Local Authorities of those towns and an investigation of alternative options for ownership.

DCS provided an update outlining that some of the Sport and Recreation buildings leased by Council are not required in order to deliver the Sport and Recreation programs; activities can be provided and delivered without a building.

DCS explained that a community consultation could occur should Council wish if they choose to dispose of buildings.

ACTION: DCS to provide the report on financial viability of Council's Sport and Recreation facilities to each Local Authority to gauge the Community's perspective.

19. CONTRACTS & TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

19.1 EMPLOYEE PROVIDED ACCOMODATION POLICY

125/2015 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Daphne Daniels) Carried

- (a) That Council accepts the Employer Provided Accommodation Policy

20. DEPUTATIONS & PETITIONS

Nil.

21. GENERAL BUSINESS

*Break for afternoon Tea, the time being 3.00 pm.
Meeting recommenced, the time being 3.05 pm.
Cr Eric Roberts left the meeting, the time being 03:09 PM*

21.1 MAYOR TONY JACK'S REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Mayor Tony Jack

126/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Daniel Mulholland) Carried

- (a) That Council approve Mayor Tony Jack's leave from Monday 29th June 2015 to Friday 24th July 2015, returning to work on Monday 27th July 2015.

21.2 GRANTS - BBF COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME 2015-16 - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES - DCG

127/2015 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) That Council accept the funding offer for 2015-16 BBF Community Support Programme from the Department of Social Services by 2 Councillor signatures and a witness signature and dating both copies of the agreement.

21.3 BRIEF ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND STRATEGIC LOCAL ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS 2015-2016 - DCSI

128/2015 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the verbal report

CEO provided a verbal report on the projects totalling \$2.1 million in approved funding.

Cr Eric Roberts returned to the meeting, the time being 03:14 PM

21.4 UPDATE OF ROPER BAR BRIDGE - Councillor Daphne Daniels

129/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the verbal report.

Department of Local Government and Community Services provided a verbal report advising that the tender for the Roper River and Wilton River Bridges construction is currently open.

21.5 UPDATE ON ABA FUNDING APPLICATION - CEO

130/2015 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Annabelle Daylight) Carried.

- (a) That Council receive and note the verbal report.

CEO advised that the ABA funding application was not approved for the purchase of four buses and a troop carrier.

21.6 FUNDING VARIATION FOR RJCP - CEO

131/2015 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Donald Garner)

Carried

- (a) That Council approve and sign the funding variation for Remote Jobs and Communities Program.

21.7 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY - CONFERENCE FEEDBACK - Councillor Daniel Mulholland

132/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Timothy Baker Jr.)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on the National General Assembly.

Councillor Daniel Mulholland advised the conference provided the opportunity to understand how other Councils operate. Opportunities were available to discuss strategies for service delivery in areas of disadvantage.

Councillor Eric Roberts advised the conference was a good opportunity to advocate for the communities in the Roper Gulf Region. The conference also provided the opportunity for other Councils to understand the challenges facing Local Government in the NT.

21.8 COUNCIL BOUNDARIES - Councillor Eric Roberts

133/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Daniel Mulholland)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on the Council Boundaries.

A verbal report was provided on the Electoral Review proposed by the East Arnhem Regional Council in respect to boundary changes of the EARC to incorporate Numbulwar and surrounding areas into the EARC Local Government Area due to feedback they received from EARC residents.

Community consultation is required by EARC in Ngukurr and Numbulwar in conjunction with RGRC in respect to the submissions received by EARC as part of their Electoral Review process.

21.9 YOUTH VOICE COMMITTEE REVIEW - CEO

134/2015 RESOLVED (Daphne Daniels/Donald Garner)

Carried

- (a) That Council note the discussion on the performance of Youth Voice Committees and direct the CEO to undertake a review of the Youth Voice Committees.

ACTION: CEO to review the purpose and function of Youth Voice Committees and report back to the September OCM.

21.10 GRANTS - NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY ARRANGEMENTS - CYCLONE LAM - DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

135/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts)

Carried

- (a) That Council accept the funding offer for 2015-16 Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements – Cyclone LAM from the Department of Local Government and Community Services by CEO and Councilor signatures, dating and affixing the Common Seal to both copies of the agreement.

21.11 GRANTS - INDIGENOUS ADVANCEMENT STRATEGY GRANTS 2015 - 2018 - DEPARTMENT OF PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

136/2015 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Annabelle Daylight)

Carried

- a) That Council accepts the funding offer for Indigenous Grants from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet by initialing each page, two signatures, dating and affixing the Common Seal to both copies of the Head Agreement.
- b) That Council accept the funding offer for Indigenous Grants from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet by two signatures, dating and affixing the Common Seal to both copies of the Project Schedule – Culture and Capability Programme.
- c) That Council accept the funding offer for Indigenous Grants from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet by two signatures, dating and affixing the Common Seal to both copies of the Project Schedule – Children and Schooling Programme.
- d) That Council accept the funding offer for Indigenous Grants from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet by two signatures, dating and affixing the Common Seal to both copies of the Project Schedule – Safety and Wellbeing Programme.

DCS provided a verbal report on the programs that would be funded under this agreement.

DCS advised there would be a deficit created as the funding provided does not entirely cover the running cost of one of the programs include in this agreement should Council accept this funding.

ACTION: DCS to approach the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet seeking further funding, funding that is sufficient to ensure RGRC is not left in deficit. Should this not be possible, explore options to reduce the cost of operating this program.

21.12 NGUKURR TRANSIT FACILITY - DCTS

137/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Daphne Daniels)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on the Ngukurr Transit Facility.
- (b) That Council approve the CEO to correspond with Yugul Mangi Aboriginal Corporation regarding the Ngukurr Transit Facility.

DCTS provided a verbal update advising Council that feasibility studies have been conducted on RGRC's accommodation properties and advised that the Ngukurr Transit Facility (Lot 370) is currently under utilised.

21.13 GRANTS - COMMUNITY NIGHT PATROL 2014-15 VARIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

138/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Annabelle Daylight)

Carried

- (a) That Council accept the variation to the Community Night Patrol agreement from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet by initialing each page, two signatures, dating and affixing the Common Seal to both copies of the variation.

21.14 BINJARRI CORPORATION'S RJCP SUBCONTRACTOR - CEO

139/2015 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Daniel Mulholland)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on Binjarri Corporation's RJCP Subcontractor.

CEO advised incoming correspondence was received advising that the Binjarri Corporation wished to withdrawn as the RJCP subcontractor in Binjarri.

As of next week, RGRC will be delivering RJCP services in Binjarri.

21.15 COMPLIANCE REVIEW REPORT - CEO

140/2015 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Donald Garner)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on the compliance review report.
(b) That Council direct the CEO to respond to the Department of Local Government seeking to down grade the severity rating of the first issue identified as a high priority.

DCG verbally provided the results of the Compliance Review and advised the Council of the methods put in place to rectify the issues.

21.16 UPDATE ON BUFFALOS AND DOGS IN BESWICK AND BARUNGA – Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane

141/2015 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Daniel Mulholland)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on the buffalos and dogs in Beswick and Barunga.

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane advised of instances where residents felt threatened by the dogs and buffalos.

CEO advised that extensive advocacy has occurred around this issue.

ACTION: CEO to continue advocating to the NLC about the dogs and buffalo in Roper Gulf Regional Council towns.

21.17 BUSES

142/2015 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/John Dalywater)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the discussions on the buses and the future requirements for Council.
- (b) That Council approve the disposal of four buses:
 - Two Toyota coaster buses
 - Two Mitsubishi Rosa buses

21.18AN UPDATE ON THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS - Councillor John Dalywater

143/2015 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Donald Garner)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on RGRC's recruitment process.

CEO provided a verbal update on the issues that occur that may delay the recruitment process.

CEO advised there is currently actions being taken to assist with reducing recruitment time.

21.19 FUEL COSTS NUMBULWAR - Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi

144/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on the price of fuel in Numbulwar.

21.20 REMOTE INDIGENOUS INTERNET ACCESS PROGRAM

145/2015 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Timothy Baker Jr.)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the verbal update on the remote Indigenous Internet Access Program.

DCS advised that the free wifi program provided at NT libraries has ceased a year early.

ACTION: CEO to advocate to Minister Nigel Scullion to have the free wifi services continued in the libraries.

21.21 THIRD QUARTER BUDGET

146/2015 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Donald Garner)

Carried

- (a) That Council accept that there was no changes to the budget in the third quarter.

22. CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

147/2015 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Eric Roberts)

Carried

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 2008 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

22.1 Power and Water Corporation - Deed of Variation to Contract - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) (cii) (ciii) (e) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person; AND information provided to the council on condition that it be keep confidential.*

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

148/2015 RESOLVED (Daphne Daniels/Donald Garner)

Carried

That the decisions of Closed Session be noted as follows:-

22. CLOSED SESSION

22.1 POWER AND WATER CORPORATION - DEED OF VARIATION TO CONTRACT

149/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts)

Carried

That Council:

- (a) Accepts the Deed of Variation for the Power Water Contract for the provision of essential services at Jilkminggan and Manyalluluk; and**
- (b) Approves the use of the Common Seal for the execution of the Variation.**

GENERAL BUSINESS OF THE CLOSED SESSION

22.2 UPDATE OF CHARDON STREET DEPOT PROJECT

150/2015 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi)

Carried

That Council:

- (a) Note the report in relation to the Chardon Street Depot Project;**
- (b) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, Director Contracts and Technical Services, Director Council Services and Infrastructure and Director Corporate Governance to form a tender assessment panel and award the project contract in consultation with the Mayor (or Acting Mayor) and Councillor Don Garner.**

22.3 NUMBULWAR AIRPORT ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT

151/2015 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Eric Roberts) Carried

- (a) **That Council acknowledge the awarding of the contract for the Numbulwar Airport Road Upgrade Project as per report.**

22.4 UPDATE ON JCAC LEASES - *Councillor Annabelle Daylight*


152/2015 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Annabelle Daylight) Carried

- (a) **That Council receive and note the verbal report on the JCAC leases.**

23. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 4.47 pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 15 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 2015 AND CONFIRMED WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 2015.


Acting Mayor Judy MacFarlane