

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE MATARANKA COMMUNITY HALL ON THURSDAY, 2 MARCH 2017 AT 8:30AM

1. PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

Mayor Tony Jack

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane

Councillor Don Garner

Councillor Eric Roberts

Councillor Selina Ashley

Councillor Annabelle Daylight

Councillor Anne Marie Lee

Councillor John Dalywater

Councillor Daphne Daniels

Councillor Timothy Baker

Councillor Daniel Mulholland

1.2 Staff

Michael Berto, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Greg Arnott, Director Corporate Governance (DCG)

Sharon Hillen, Director Council and Community Services (DCCS)

Lokesh Anand, Manager Finance

Amanda Haigh, Manager Governance and Corporate Planning

Stewart Innes, Governance Officer (Minute Taker)

1.3 Guests

Nathanael Knapp (Department of Housing and Community Development) Leah Niehus (Local Authority Mataranka)

2. MEETING OPENED

Meeting opened at 8:39am and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Mayor Tony Jack welcomed all members, staff and guests to the meeting.

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

33/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Annabelle Daylight)

(a) That Council accept the apologies from Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi for the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 2 March 2017.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES 34/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Selina Ashley) Carried

(a) That Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 14th December 2016.

5.2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

35/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts)

Carried

(a) That Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 8th February 2017.

6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 36/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Donald Garner) Carried

- (a) That Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24th January 2017 with the following amendment.
 - That Council replaces Resolution 5/2017 section (b) with the following: That Council invest \$8 million for 30 to 60 days in line with RGRC Investment Policy FIN 011.

7. CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1. Late Incoming Correspondence: NT Government, Community Update #4, Scientific Update on Hydraulic Fracturing, Community Consultation dates CEO.
- 2. Late Incoming Correspondence: LGANT Notice of General Meeting CEO.
- 3. Late Incoming Correspondence: LGANT Call for Nominations for Vice President *CEO*.
- 4. Late Incoming Correspondence: LGANT Registration to attend: Australian Institute of Company Directors, Training Course on Governance Essentials for Local Government CEO.
- Late Incoming Correspondence: The Never Never Festival Mataranka 2017 CFO
- 6. Late Incoming Correspondence Women's Leadership Symposium Manager Governance
- 7. Late Draft Outgoing Correspondence Support for Artwork NT CEO
- 8. Late Outgoing Correspondence: LGANT Executive, LGANT Motion Submission Re: Impact of substance abuse on current and future capacity of Council workforce CEO.
- 9. Power and Water Corporation Token Agent Application Form *Finance Manager*.
- 10. Mataranka Signage Director of Council and Community Service.
- 11. Risk Management Policy Manager Governance.
- 12. Mole Hill Deputy Mayor

- 13. Speed bumps at Bulman and Weemol- Cr Dalywater
- 14. Beswick Solar Lights Cr Ashley
- Late Incoming Correspondence Gerry McCarthy MLA Mataranka Bore Field CEO
- 16. Solar Lights Cr Daylight
- 17. Governance Training Cr Daniels
- 18. Borroloola Rocky Creek Bridge and culvert at Searcy Street Cr Garner
- 19. 2017 National General Assembly call for Motion CEO
- 20. Proposed Government Business centre for Borroloola Cr Garner
- 21. Temporary increase of staffing levels in Borroloola to cope with work load Cr Garner
- 22. Local Authority funding projects Cr Garner
- 23. Ngukurr New Clinic Cr Roberts
- 24. Daly Waters Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane
- 25. Ngukurr Pool Update Cr Daniels
- 26. Casual Staff Cr Garner
- 27. Little Roper Bridge, Mataranka Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane

CLOSED SESSION

- 1. Write off outstanding debts Finance Manager, Lokesh Anand
- 2. Aged Care Confidential report Regional Manager Community Services

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC CALL

Nil

9. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Ordinary Meeting of Council.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

10.1 ACTION LIST

37/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Daniel Mulholland)

Carried

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

11. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

38/2017 RESOLVED (Anne Marie Lee/Donald Garner)

Carried

(a) That Council accept the Incoming correspondence.

12. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGONG CORRESPONDENCE

39/2017 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Annabelle Daylight)

Carried

(a) That Council accept the Outgoing correspondence.

13. WARD REPORTS

13.1 NEVER NEVER WARD

40/2017 RESOLVED (Daphne Daniels/Annabelle Daylight)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Never Never Ward Report.
- (b) That Council accept the Nomination of Anne Marie McDonald to the Jilkminggan Local Authority.
- (c) That Council accept the Nomination of Jeffrey Joe to the Jilkminggan Local Authority.
- (d) That Council accept the Nomination of Ossie Daylight to the Jilkminggan Local Authority.
- (e) That Council accept the Resignation of Di Jones from the Mataranka Local Authority.
- (f) That Council accept the Nomination of Jillian Emerson-Smith to the Mataranka Local Authority.

ACTION: Council to send a letter to invite Sunrise Health Service Acting CEO and Chairperson to the next Jilkminggan Local Authority meeting.

13.2 NUMBULWAR NUMBIRINDI WARD

41/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Daniel Mulholland)

Carried

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

Cr Judy MacFarlane left the meeting, the time being 09:27 am Cr Judy MacFarlane returned to the meeting, the time being 09:28 am

13.3 NYIRRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

42/2017 RESOLVED (John Dalywater/Selina Ashley)

Carried

- a) That Council receive and note the Nyirranggulung Ward Report.
- b) That Council accept the nomination of Kenneth Bununjoa to the Bulman Local Authority.
- c) That Council accept the resignation of Joseph Brown from the Beswick Local Authority.

Cr Selina Ashley left the meeting, the time being 09:31 am

13.4 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

43/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Anne Marie Lee)

Carried

(a) That the Council receive and note South West Gulf Ward Report.

Cr Anne Marie Lee left the meeting, the time being 09:32 am

- Cr Selina Ashley returned to the meeting, the time being 09:34 am
- Cr Daniel Mulholland left the meeting, the time being 09:35 am
- Cr Anne Marie Lee returned to the meeting, the time being 09:36 am
- Cr Daniel Mulholland returned to the meeting, the time being 09:37 am

13.5 YUGUL MANGI WARD

44/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Donald Garner)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Yugul Mangi Ward Report.
- (b) That Council accept nomination of Colin Hall to the Ngukurr Local Authority.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

14.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

45/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Anne Marie Lee)

Carried

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

14.2 CEO REPORT

46/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Selina Ashley)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the CEO report.

15. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

15.1 NEW AND REVIEWED POLICIES

47/2017 RESOLVED (Daphne Daniels/Anne Marie Lee)

Carried

- (a) That Council approve the following new policies:
 - i. HR027 Staff Criminal Offences Policy with the amendment in Section 4 remove Minister and add CEO.
 - ii. CL010 Register of Interests Policy with the amendment in Section 7.2 remove reference to Department of Housing and Community Development (S208LGA) and replace with Agency (S79LGA).
- (b) That Council approve the following reviewed policies:
 - i. HR006 Working with Children Policy.
 - ii. ADM003 Complaints Policy.

15.2 NEW AND REVEIWED HR POLICIES

48/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Donald Garner)

Carried

- (a) That Council approve the following new policies:
 - i. HR031 Performance Management Policy
 - ii. HR024 Special Measures Recruitment Policy
- (b) That Council approve the following reviewed policy:
 - i. HR004 Recruitment and Selection Policy with the amendment in Section 1.1 the list of the Interview Panel is to include a Local Authority member for senior positions.

15.3 REGIONAL PLAN 2016-2017 QUARTERLY REPORT

49/2017 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Timothy Baker Jr.)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the 2nd Quarter Report of the Regional Plan 2016-2017

15.4 REGIONAL PLAN 2017-2018

Change of Date for Regional Plan Working Day to 24 March 2017.

50/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the Regional Plan 2017-2018 preparation timeline.

15.5 FINANCE - BUDGET PREPARATION TIMELINE 2017-18

51/2017 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Daniel Mulholland)

Carried

(a) That Council accepts and receive and note on Budget Preparation Timeline for 2017-18.

15.6 FINANCE - RGRC FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2017

52/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Selina Ashley)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note financial reports as at 31st January 2017

ACTION: Local Authority project funding report to be in each Council agenda.

15.7 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - FLEET

53/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Timothy Baker Jr.)

Carried

- (a) That Council approve the request to use unspent capex funds to purchase the trailer required for transporting the Skid Steer at Borroloola.
- (b) That Council approve the request to use unspent capex funds to purchase a suitable road sweeper attachment for a tractor in Numbulwar.

15.8 DISPOSAL OF LOT 297A NGUKURR

54/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Anne Marie Lee)

Carried

- (a) That Council approve the disposal of the transportable buildings on site at Lot 297A Ngukurr and write to NLC advising them of this decision.
- (b) That Council approve the disposal of all of the contents inside the buildings at Lot 297A Ngukurr by a local on site sale.

Cr Anne Marie Lee left the meeting, the time being 10:12 am

16. COUNCIL & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT

16.1 DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL & COMMUNITY SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT 55/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Annabelle Daylight) Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the Director of Council and Community Services quarterly report.

Cr Anne Marie Lee returned to the meeting, the time being 10:19 am Cr Anne Marie Lee left the meeting, the time being 10:45 am

16.2 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE

56/2017 RESOLVED (Daphne Daniels/Donald Garner)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the Animal Management update.

Cr Anne Marie Lee returned to the meeting, the time being 10:49 am

Cr Selina Ashley left the meeting, the time being 10:53 am

Cr Selina Ashley returned to the meeting, the time being 10:55 am

Morning tea break 10:15am Resume 10:44am

16.3 COUNCIL & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE RESTRUCTURE

57/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the Council & Community Services Directorate Restructure report.

17. COMMERCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

17.1 CDP QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

58/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Eric Roberts)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the quarterly report for the Commercial Services Directorate.

Cr Anne Marie Lee left the meeting, the time being 02:41 pm Cr Anne Marie Lee returned to the meeting, the time being 02:41 pm

17.2 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

59/2017 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Judy MacFarlane)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the quarterly performance report of Council's workshops.

18. GENERAL BUSINESS

18.1 LATE INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE: NT GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY UPDATE #4, SCIENTIFIC UPDATE ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, COMMUNITY CONSULTATION DATES.

Community Update #4

Inquiry Chair, Justice Rachel Pepper announced the release of an Issues Paper, which can be viewed here. Justice Pepper also announced the opening of registrations for the first stage of community consultation in March 2017. Please see the media release below.

Registration for formal hearings and community meetings is now open for Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Darwin. For more details and to register please visit frackinginguiry.nt.gov.au

Media Release 20 February 2017

The Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory released a Background and Issues Paper today, ahead of its Territory wide community consultation program commencing in March 2017.

Inquiry Chair, Justice Rachel Pepper said the purpose of the paper is to facilitate a discussion between the Inquiry Panel and Territorians.

"The Issues Paper identifies the potential risks of the hydraulic fracturing of onshore unconventional reservoirs and associated activities in the Northern Territory, within the Terms of Reference of the Inquiry," she said.

"The paper includes information about the differences between conventional and unconventional gas, coal seam gas and shale gas, and the locations of prospective shale gas reservoirs in the Northern Territory.

"It also provides an overview of prior reports produced on hydraulic fracturing as well as an outline of the regulatory framework for hydraulic fracturing and the petroleum industry in the Northern Territory."

Justice Pepper is meeting with key stakeholder organisations this week such as, the Environmental Defenders Office, Lock the Gate, Frack Free Alliance, Arid Lands Environment Centre, AFANT, Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce, Northern Land Council, Central Land Council and industry including AAPEA, Origin and Santos.

Justice Pepper said the next step in the Inquiry's process is hearing from Territorians and that there are many ways for people to participate in the Inquiry's community consultation program.

"We want to know from the community and organisations if the issues identified in the Issues Paper have been properly identified and whether there are other issues for the Inquiry to consider going forward," she said.

"The Issues Paper is available on our website, and in the next few days we will have an online feedback form allowing people to submit their comments electronically.

"We will be visiting 15 locations across the Territory next month to speak with as

many Territorians as possible."

Justice Pepper said the consultation program next month includes formal hearings and community meetings.

"We look forward to hearing from individuals and organisations during hearings and to sharing information and engaging with people at the community meetings.

"Registration is now open on our website for hearings and communities meetings in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Darwin.

"If you are unable to attend either of these forms of consultation this time, then we encourage you to write to the Inquiry, lodge a submission, or go to our website and have your say on the issues and themes outlined in the Issues Paper."

The first stage of consultation includes the major centres of Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Darwin, including the Darwin rural area, as follows:

- •6 March 2017 Alice Springs (hearings and community meeting)
- •7 March 2017 Tennant Creek (hearings and community meeting)
- •8 March 2017 Katherine (hearings and community meeting)
- •9 March 2017 Darwin and rural area (community meetings)
- •10 March 2017 Darwin (hearings)

Full details and registration are available at frackinginquiry.nt.gov.au

The second stage of community consultation will occur in the following communities 20 March – 29 March 2017 as follows:

Monday 20 March 2017 - Maningrida

Monday 20 March 2017 - Gapuwiyak

Monday 20 March 2017 - Nhulunbuy

Tuesday 21 March 2017 - Ngukurr

Tuesday 21 March 2017 - Borroloola

Wednesday 22 March 2017 - Daly Waters

Thursday 23 March 2017 - Mataranka

Friday 24 March 2017 - Timber Creek

Monday 27 March 2017 - Wadeye

Tuesday 28 March 2017 - Yuendumu

Wednesday 29 March 2017 - Hermannsburg

More information and registration for the communities above will be available soon.

Please direct all correspondence regarding the Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic

Fracturing to:

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60/2017 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Daniel Mulholland)

Carried

(a) That Council accept the late Incoming Correspondence from Northern Territory Government, Community Update #4, Scientific Update on Hydraulic Fracturing.

18.2 LATE INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE: LGANT NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

Email correspondence from LGANT CEO Tony Tapsell received 20 February 2017. Infoexpert #689058

Advising of General Meeting and Conference on the 6th April 2017.

61/2017 RESOLVED (Timothy Baker Jr./Eric Roberts)

Carried

- (a) That Council accept the late Incoming Correspondence from LGANT for the Conference and General Meeting April 2017.
- (b) That Council approve representation at the conference by Mayor Tony Jack, Cr Mulholland, Cr Ashley, Cr Daniels, Cr Lee and Cr Daylight.

18.3 LATE INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE: LGANT CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

Email correspondence from LGANT CEO Tony Tapsell received 23 February 2017. Infoexpert #689063

Seeking nominations to the LGANT Executive – Regional and Shire Councils.

62/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Anne Marie Lee)

Carried

(a) That Council submit the nomination of Mayor Tony Jack for the Vice President and Executive Member Regional and Shire Councils on the LGANT Executive.

18.4 LATE INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE: LGANT REGISTRATION TO ATTEND: AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF COMPANY DIRECTORS, TRAINING COURSE ON GOVERNANCE ESSENTIALS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Email correspondence from Elaine McLeod, Executive Assistant to CEO, LGANT received 3 February 2017.

Infoexpert #689060

LGANT is calling for registrations from elected members, potential elected members and senior staff to attend a course on *Governance Essentials for Local Government* On 27 and 28 April 2017 in Darwin.

63/2017 RESOLVED (Daphne Daniels/Donald Garner)

Carried

(a) That Council approve Mayor Tony Jack and Councillor Daniel Mulholland to attend the Australian Institute of Company Directors Governance Essentials for Local Government Course 27 and 28 April 2017 in Darwin.

18.5 LATE INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE: MATARANKA NEVER NEVER FESTIVAL

Email correspondence from Leah Niehus, Project Supervisor, Mataranka Never Never Festival 2017 received 20 February 2017. Infoexpert #689064

Request to waive fees and allow use of Mataranka Sport and Recreational Grounds, Stan Martin Park and use of tables and chairs from Community Hall and Chapel over the weekend of the Mataranka Never Never Festival in May 2017.

64/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Eric Roberts)

(a) That Council approve the waive of fees for use of the Mataranka Sport and Recreational Grounds, Stan Martin Park and use of tables and chairs from Community Hall and Chapel over the weekend of the Mataranka Never Never Festival in May 2017.

18.6 LATE INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

Email correspondence from Angela Pattison, Governance trainer, LGANT received 24 February 2017.

Infoexpert #689062

Women and leadership Australia are offering 20 Local Government Association of the Northern Territory members the opportunity to attend the 2017 Australian Women's Leadership Symposium for \$400 off the standard rate.

65/2017 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Eric Roberts)

Carried

- (a) That Council accept the late Incoming Correspondence from LGANT for the Women's Leadership Event on 26 July 2017 in Darwin.
- (b) That Council approve Deputy Mayor, Cr Daniels, Cr Ashley, Cr Lee and Cr Daylight to attend the Women's Leadership forum in Darwin on 26 July 2017.

18.7 LATE DRAFT OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE - SUPPORT FOR ARTBACK NT

The CEO wrote to Artwork NT on 27th February 2017.

Infoexpert #688341

Offer of support for Artback NT application for delivery of the Numburindi Festival to be held in Numbulwar in 2017.

66/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Timothy Baker Jr.)

Carried

- (a) That Council accept the late Draft Outgoing Correspondence from the CEO in support of their application to deliver the 2017 Numburindi festival 14 to 16 September 2017.
- 18.8 LATE OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE: LGANT EXECUTIVE, LGANT SUBMISSION RE: IMPACT OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE ON CURRENT AND FUTURE CAPACITY OF COUNCIL WORKFORCE.

Infoexpert ID# 687780. CEO wrote to Mayor Ryan, LGANT President on 21 February 2017.

LGANT submission subsequent to resolution from FCM January 2017 to submit a motion on the impact of substance abuse on current and future capacity of Council workforce.

67/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Selina Ashley)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the submission of the motion *Impact of substance abuse on current and future capacity of Council workforce* to LGANT.

18.9 POWER AND WATER CORPORATION - TOKEN AGENT APPLICATION FORM.

Application to become an authorised token distribution agent on behalf of Power and Water Corporation.

68/2017 RESOLVED (Daniel Mulholland/Donald Garner)

Carried

(a) That Council to become an authorized token distribution agent on behalf of the Power and Water Corporation by signing and affixing the Common Seal to the form.

18.10 MATARANKA SIGNAGE - DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

69/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Donald Garner)

Carried

(a) That Council endorse the Mataranka Tourism signage No.1 as presented.

18.11 RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

ADM023 Risk Management Policy provides a standardised, organisation-wide risk-management strategy. This policy was reviewed and endorsed by the Audit Committee.

70/2017 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Eric Roberts)

Carried

(a) That Council approve the ADM023 Risk Management Policy.

18.12 MOLE HILL - DEPUTY MAYOR

Deputy mayor informed Council of the following concerns of residents at Mole Hill:

- 1. Water tank is busted and there is no water. This is the main water supply.
- 2. Equipment is needed to pull the pump out of the river before each wet season.
- 3. Equipment needed to look after Mole Hill Outstation such as a trailer for rubbish pickup.

The CEO updated Council that the water tank collapsed last year, work is underway to replace it. Weather has delayed this work. Contracts manager is preparing a funding application to apply for a replacement tank.

71/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Donald Garner)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on Mole Hill.

18.13 SPEED BUMPS AT BULMAN AND WEEMOL- CR DALYWATER

Cr Dalywater – requested an update on the speed bumps at Bulman and Weemol. This has been ongoing for 18 months.

72/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Selina Ashley)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on Speed Bumps at Bulman and Weemol.

Cr Daphne Daniels left the meeting, the time being 11:53 AM Cr Anne Marie Lee left the meeting, the time being 11:53 AM

18.14 BESWICK SOLAR LIGHTS - CR ASHLEY

Cr Ashley requested an update on what is happening with Solar lights in Beswick. DCCS provided information on issues relating to Greenfrog Manufacturing problems, which have now been solved. Ongoing issues with the lights in the new subdivision as these lights are no longer manufactured. This is still on agenda to find a solution.

73/2017 RESOLVED (Selina Ashley/Eric Roberts)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on Beswick Solar Lights.

Cr Daniel Mulholland left the meeting, the time being 12:01 PM

18.15 LATE INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - GERRY MCCARTHY MLA MATARANKA BORE FIELD - CEO

Letter received by CEO from Hon Gerry McCarthy, NT Government on 23 February 2017.

Infoexpert # 688242

This acknowledges receipt of letter from Council regarding the Mataranka Bore Field to be tested for PFAS contamination.

74/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Selina Ashley)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the late incoming correspondence letter Gerry McCarthy MLA Mataranka bore field.

Cr Daphne Daniels returned to the meeting, the time being 12:03 PM

Cr Anne Marie Lee returned to the meeting, the time being 12:03 PM

Cr Daniel Mulholland returned to the meeting, the time being 12:03 PM

18.16 SOLAR LIGHTS - CR DAYLIGHT

Cr Daylight requested an update on solar lights for Mulgan Camp from the round of funding received.

DCCS provided an update on the current situation. There is a need to fix old lights before new ones are installed.

75/2017 RESOLVED (Annabelle Daylight/Donald Garner)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on solar lights at Mulgan camp.

18.17 GOVERNANCE TRAINING - CR DANIELS

Cr Daniels informed Council that Local Authorities members need training on meeting procedures. There is a need to build capacity of members.

The LGANT training that occurred in January 2017 some members did not attend. Mayor insisted that Elected Members need to attend training and provide assistance to Local Authority members where needed. Issue should be raised at the next Local Authority meeting.

76/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Eric Roberts)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on Governance training for Local Authorities.

18.18 BORROLOOLA ROCKY CREEK BRIDGE AND CULVERT AT SEARCY STREET - CR GARNER

Cr Garner informed Council that the recent cyclone caused the bridge to collapse. It had a life span of 30 years but it is now 35 years old. Interim repairs will be done in the dry season. There is a need for new bridge or repairs to withstand a major flood. This is a Council asset.

Upgrade Searcy Street culverts requires follow up.

CEO informed Council that he is meeting with Andrew Kirkman (NT Department of Infrastructure) to discuss project and funding proposals.

77/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Selina Ashley)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on Borroloola Rocky Creek bridge and culvert at Searcy Street.

18.19 2017 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY CALL FOR MOTION - CEO

Occurs on 18-21st June 2017.

Topics include - Building Tomorrows Communities, Current and Future needs for communities.

Motions are to be submitted to ALGA before 21 April 2017.

Ideas for proposed motions to be discussed at the OCM on the 29 March 2017.

78/2017 RESOLVED (Annabelle Daylight/Selina Ashley)

Carried

(a) That Council endorse Cr Roberts, Cr Mulholland, Cr Garner, Deputy Mayor and the Mayor to attend the National General Assembly in Canberra on 18 – 21 June 2017.

18.20 PROPOSED GOVERNMENT BUSINESS CENTRE FOR BORROLOOLA - CR GARNER

Cr Garner requested an update on the proposed Government Business Centre in Borroloola.

DCS informed Council that the proposal will be tabled at the next MRM meeting with the current situation. A Building Better Regions Funds application has been submitted.

79/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Judy MacFarlane)

(a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on proposed Government Business Centre for Borroloola.

18.21 TEMPORARY INCREASE OF STAFFING LEVELS IN BORROLOOLA TO COPE WITH WORK LOAD - CR GARNER

Cr Garner has noticed a need to catch up on MUNS jobs such as mowing and whipper snipping. Suggested possibility of putting on more staff to get on top of current work load.

Discussion on possibility of using CDP.

80/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Daphne Daniels)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on temporary increase of staffing levels in Borroloola to cope with work load.

18.22 LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDING PROJECTS - CR GARNER

Cr Garner informed Council that from the last Local Authority meeting, I have not seen any projects to completion.

Councillor requested timelines and update of all projects for Borroloola to be provided at the next meeting 8 March 2017.

81/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Selina Ashley)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on Local Authority Funding Projects.

ACTION: Project updates to be provided at the next Borroloola LA meeting 8 March 2017.

18.23 NGUKURR NEW CLINIC - CR ROBERTS

Cr Roberts requested an update on what is happening with the new clinic. It has not opened and it has no morgue, car park or solar lights. It was meant to open on 28 September 2016.

Cr Dalywater informed Council that Sunrise Health Service is waiting on a letter of occupancy from the builders.

NTG informed Council that the Numbulwar Morgue is currently at tender and the Ngukurr Morgue is progressing to tender.

82/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Selina Ashley)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on Ngukurr new clinic.

18.24 DALY WATERS - DEPUTY MAYOR

Deputy Mayor informed Council that she met with the Daly Waters Progress Association last week. A number of issues were raised

- 1. There is no Local Authority in Daly Waters but there was going to be 2 community meetings a year.
- 2.Rates
- 3. There was a need for another hole at the dump. This was done and paid for by the Daly Water Hotel.
- 4.Park/Rodeo/Hall

5. Lighting at tennis court.

DCG responding with a letter next week.

83/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Daphne Daniels)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the verbal report on Daly Waters.

18.25 NGUKURR POOL UPDATE - CR DANIELS

Cr Daniels requested an update on why pool is not open. Pool can not be opened when no qualified staff are present. Bronze qualification and training occurs twice a year and participants are asked to volunteer at the pool. Children have been swimming in flood waters.

DCCS informed Council the new Pool Supervisor starts next Monday.

84/2017 RESOLVED (Annabelle Daylight/Selina Ashley)

Carried

(a) That Council receive and note the verbal update on the Ngukurr Pool.

Cr Selina Ashley left the meeting, the time being 12:18 PM Cr Eric Roberts left the meeting, the time being 12:19 PM

18.26 CASUAL STAFF

DCG requested Council consider a change in the Delegation Manual to allow for appointment of casual staff using underspend in employee budgets.

85/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Timothy Baker Jr.)

Carried

a) Council delegate the CEO the ability to appoint staff on a casual or temporary basis outside the approved structure but within the approved budget.

Cr Selina Ashley returned to the meeting, the time being 12:21 PM Cr Eric Roberts returned to the meeting, the time being 12:21 PM

19. DEPUTATIONS & PETITIONS

NIL

Lunch commenced at 12:22 pm Meeting resumed at 1:01pm

20. CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

86/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Selina Ashley)

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:-

- 20.1 Confirmation of Previous Closed Session Ordinary Meeting Minutes The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) 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.
- 20.2 Confirmation of Previous Closed Session Finance Committee Meeting Minutes The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) 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.
- 20.3 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (e) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be keep confidential.
- 20.4 Sport and Recreation Org Structure The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.
- 20.5 Request for changes to Community Development Programme staffing structure for Mataranka and Jilkminggan. The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.
- 20.6 Waste Management Facilities The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) 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.
- 20.7 Write off outstanding debts The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) 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.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

94/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Donald Garner)

Carried

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

20.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CLOSED SESSION ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

87/2017 RESOLVED (Anne Marie Lee/Annabelle Daylight)

Carried

(a) That Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Closed Session of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 14 December 2016.

20.2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CLOSED SESSION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

88/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/John Dalywater)

Carried

(a) That Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate report of the Closed Session of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 24 January 2017.

20.3 AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

89/2017 RESOLVED (Donald Garner/Selina Ashley)

Carried

- (a) That Council receive and note the Audit Committee Meeting Minutes from the 9 December 2016.
- (b) That Council receive and note the Audit Committee Meeting Minutes from the 8 February 2017.

20.4 SPORT AND RECREATION ORG STRUCTURE

90/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Daniel Mulholland)

Carried

(a) That Council approve the revised Sport and Recreation 404 structure.

20.5 REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME STAFFING STRUCTURE FOR MATARANKA AND JILKMINGGAN.

91/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Selina Ashley)

Carried

(a) That Council accepts request for staffing changes in Mataranka and Jilkminggan for the CDP program.

20.6 WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES

This Report withdrawn to be provided at the next Council meeting.

20.7 FINANCE - WRITE OFF OUTSTANDING DEBTS

92/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Eric Roberts)

Carried

(a) That Council write off the outstanding debts of \$4,941.51 for Aldebaran Contracting Pty Ltd on Invoice Number – 030141.

20.8 AGED CARE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

93/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Judy MacFarlane)

- (a) That Council receive and note update on Community Services Aged Care Program.
- (b) That Council approve the introduction of the Exit Fee of \$550.00 into the Approve Fees and Charges Schedule of the Regional Plan 2016/17.

18.27 LITTLE ROPER BRIDGE, MATARANKA - DEPUTY MAYOR JUDY MACFARLANE

Deputy Mayor informed Council on behalf of Mataranka residents to advocate for an upgrade of the Little Roper Bridge. 95/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Selina Ashley)

(a) That Council strongly advocates on behalf of residents of Mataranka to upgrade the Little Roper Bridge.

ACTION: Council strongly advocates on behalf of residents of Mataranka to upgrade the Little Roper Bridge.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 1:38pm.

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Mayor Tony Jack

