

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BESWICK LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY CENTRE, BESWICK
ON MONDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2020 AT 10:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Selina ASHLEY;
- Anne-Marie RYAN (chairperson);
- Eddie KENNEDY; and
- Trepina BUSH.

1.2 Staff

- Steven SANDERSON, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Lachlan THOMAS, Regional Community Safety Coordinator;
- Paul BERTHON, Council Services Coordinator; and
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Officer.

1.3 Guests

- Jo NICOL, Electorate Adviser for Warren Snowdon MP.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Beswick Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:34am as a **PROVISIONAL** meeting. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Beswick Local Authority noted that Councillor Deanna KENNEDY, Lorraine BENNETT, Raelene BULUMBARA, and Kathleen LANE did not attend the meeting and did not tender an apology. The Beswick Local Authority noted Mayor Judy MacFARLANE and Deputy Mayor Helen LEE are on leave.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Beswick Local Authority Meeting.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 BESWICK LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING - 15 JUNE 2020

37/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Trephina BUSH) CARRIED

The Beswick Local Authority confirmed the minutes from the meeting held on 15 June 2020 and affirmed them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

38/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Trephina BUSH) CARRIED

The Beswick Local Authority received and noted the Action List.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Staff Availability
- Vandalism/break ins
- Local Authority Member Attendance
- Names on Graves

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

39/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Eddie KENNEDY) CARRIED

The Beswick Local Authority accepted the Incoming Correspondence.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

40/2020 RESOLVED (Trephina BUSH/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED

The Beswick Local Authority received and noted the Local Authority Project Fund Update Report.

ACTION: Council to find draft plan completed for playground and supply update at February LA.
It was noted that the Local Authority requests removal of the tap project removed from Local Authority Projects Update Report.

13.2 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2020 - 31.10.2020

41/2020 RESOLVED (Trephina BUSH/Anne-Marie RYAN) CARRIED

The Beswick Local Authority received and noted the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period July 2020 to October 2020

It was noted that the attachments for the financial report were for the Numbulwar community. The background information however is correct for Beswick and was discussed.

13.3 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

42/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Anne-Marie RYAN) CARRIED

The Beswick Local Authority received and noted the Council Services Report.

13.4 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

43/2020 RESOLVED (Anne-Marie RYAN/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED

The Beswick Local Authority received and noted the Elected Member Report.

Cr Trephina BUSH left the meeting, the time being 11:17 AM

Cr Trephina BUSH returned to the meeting, the time being 11:18 AM

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 STAFF AVAILABILITIES

The Beswick Local Authority noted the discussion regarding the possibility of starting a casual pool for employees/community members in Beswick. The casual employment pool's purpose would be to cover agencies such as night patrol, Centerlink, Australia post, aged care, sport and rec., crèche, etc. when no Roper Gulf Regional Council staff are available.

14.2 VANDALISM AND BREAK INS

The Beswick Local Authority raised the issue of youths breaking and entering buildings throughout the community and vandalising community property. The Beswick Local Authority members noted the benefits of a recreation hall for the youths to spend time in.

ACTION: The Local Authority requests council to create concepts for the LA to read in regards to potentially relocating some unused funds for a VOQ and Recreation Hall in Beswick Community.

14.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE

The Beswick Local Authority raised concern regarding current elected members who do not attend meetings. The Beswick Local Authority noted their ability to remove members from the Local Authority if they do not attend three meetings with no apologies in a row. It was noted that they can advertise for new members upon removal of old members.

ACTION: The Local Authority requested an Elected Member Attendance Report be submitted by council for the February Local Authority Meeting.

14.4 NAMES ON GRAVES

It was raised that there are limited graves sites with names. This is proving to be an issue for development and the ability to provide more grave sites. Local Authority

noted that graves need to be marked within a month. It was noted that Katherine funeral services create plaques for grave sites.

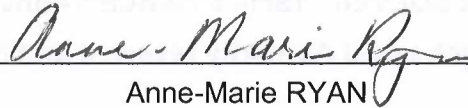
ACTION: Request for Council to provide a new entry sign for the new cemetery.

ACTION: Request for solar lights to be placed at the new and old cemetery.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11.42 am.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Beswick Local Authority Meeting of Council held on Monday, 14 December and will be confirmed at the next meeting.



Anne-Marie RYAN

Confirmed on 8 February 2021