

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE, BORROLOOLA ON THURSDAY, 2 JULY 2020 AT 10:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Judy MacFARLANE;
- Councillor Donald GARNER (Chairperson);
- Councillor Marlene KARKADOO;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Stan ALLEN;
- Mike LONGTON;
- Raymond ANDERSON; and
- Maria PYRO.

1.2 Staff

- Phillip LUCK, Chief Executive Officer; and
- Fred GRAHAM, Manager Community Projects and Engagement.

1.3 Guests

- Claire Brown, Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics; and
- Matthew Stone, Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Meeting opened at 10.00 am with **QUORUM**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Councillor KARKADOO did a welcome to country for all visitors.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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19/2020 RESOLVED (Stan ALLEN/Mike LONGTON)

CARRIED

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) Received and noted the Action List; and
- (b) Approved the removals of completed items.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Borroloola Local Authority

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING - 06 FEBRUARY 2020

20/2020 RESOLVED (Mike LONGTON/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That the Borroloola Local Authority confirmed the minutes from the meeting held on Thursday 6 February 2020, and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

21/2020 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Stan ALLEN)

CARRIED

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) Received and noted the Action List; and
- (b) Approved the removals of completed items.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Nil.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 ROCKY CREEK BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE

22/2020 RESOLVED (Mike LONGTON/Raymond ANDERSON)

CARRIED

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) Received and noted the information provided about the status of the Rocky Creek Bridge project; and
- (b) Recommended to Council that the project go ahead in 2020 and be awarded and commenced as soon as possible.

The CEO gave some background of the Bridge project and that it is now at the Tender Assessment stage, however the lowest bid is approximately \$1.0 million over budget (when allowing for contingency). Claire Brown and Matthew Stone, from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (the Project Manager) provided a discreet overview of the tenders (without providing any identifying details). They advised that a secondary issue is the capacity of the preferred contractor, in that they can not start before mid-September and there is a risk of the detour failing if there is major rain events before end December and residents would have to use the long access between each end of town.

A long discussion ensued about how locals would feel about works not happening this year. The Chair called for a vote to recommend to Council to go ahead in 2020 or defer to the 2021 Dry Season. Members voted overwhelmingly in support of going ahead in 2020.

13.2 BORROLOOLA MULTI COURTS PROJECT UPDATE

23/2020 RESOLVED (Raymond ANDERSON/Stan ALLEN)

CARRIED

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) Received and noted the information provided about the status of the Borroloola Multi Courts project; and
- (b) Recommended to Council that the NT Government be advised that the provision of a cyclone shelter within this project is causing unacceptable delays and that the community would like to go back to the two covered courts scope and NTG can identify another location for the Shelter, this will allow the project can go ahead in 2020.

The CEO gave some background of the Multi Courts project and that it is now suspended as there is insufficient budget to build the Cyclone Shelter and the Courts.

Claire Brown and Matthew Stone, from the Project Manager provided an overview of the status of design, scope and estimates.

A long discussion ensued about how locals would feel as this projects has been in development for four (4) years and just needs to be completed. Members were frustrated that the Cyclone Shelter has caused further complications. Comparisons were made between the NTG finding funding for the Darwin Turf Club but not for a Cyclone Shelter in Borroloola.

The Chair called for a vote to recommend to Council to go ahead in 2020 with the original scope and advise NTG that they will need to find another site for the cyclone shelter and build it when they have the money.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

ROBINSON RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING DATE

The Local Authority members had a long discussion about having the Borroloola and Robinson River LA meetings around the same date to make it easier for outside staff and Councillors to attend. Discussion also about if a later time for the Borroloola meeting might make it easier for LA members to attend, especially those who work.

No resolution was made as the CEO is required to set the dates of meetings. The CEO will make the First Meeting of Robison River Local Authority at 10:00am on 06 August with the Borroloola Local Authority to be at 5:30pm on the same day.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 11:45am.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 2 July 2020 and will be confirmed on Thursday. 6 August 2020.

Chairperson