

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BORROLOOLA LOCAL  
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE  
DELIVERY CENTRE, BORROLOOLA  
ON THURSDAY, 11 AUGUST 2022 AT 9:00AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Members**

- Donald GARNER (Chairperson);
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Trish ELMY;
- Maria PYRO (*via teleconference*);
- Raymond ANDERSON;
- Mike LONGTON; and
- Jonathon SAUER (*via teleconference*).

**1.2 Staff**

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- Andreea CADDY, General Manager Infrastructure and Planning;
- Joseph SMITH, Waste Coordinator;
- Virginia BOON, Manager Community Projects and Engagement;
- Sewwandi Abeyratne, Grants Coordinator;
- Casey HUCKS, CDP Coordinator; and
- Debbie BRANSON, Executive Assistant.

**1.3 Guests**

- Duminda Jayaweera, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (*via teleconference*);
- Sarah Brown, Purple House (*via teleconference – item 14.3*); and
- Sharon Hewitt – Australian Bureau of Statistics (*via teleconference – item 14.2*).

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Borroloola Local Authority Meeting opened at 9:18am 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**

*BOR P-1/2022*

**(Mike LONGTON/ Jonathon SAUER)**

**CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) accepts the tendered apologies from Mayor Tony JACK, Cr HOOSAN and Maria PYRO;
- (b) does not accept an apology from Rebecca GENTLE as no former notice was given.

#### **5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nil.

#### **6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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

*Cr Mike LONGTON left the meeting, the time being 09:25am.*

#### **7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

##### **7.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES**

*BOR P-2/2022*

**(Jonathon SAUER/Trish ELMY)**

**CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meetings held 12 May 2022, 03 March 2022, 02 December 2021 and 05 August 2021, and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meetings decisions and proceedings.

*Cr Mike LONGTON returned to the meeting, the time being 09:26am.*

*Raymond ANDERSON joined the meeting, the time being 09:41am and the meeting then formed a **QUORUM**.*

#### **8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

##### **8.1 ACTION LIST**

*BOR Q-1/2022*

**(Mike LONGTON/Raymond ANDERSON)**

**CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Action List.

#### **9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS**

- Land Planning and Heavy Vehicle Traffic Issues
- Local Authority Meeting Schedule
- Sand and Gravel Lease

*Cr Samuel EVANS left the meeting at 10:21am and returned to the meeting, the time being 10:22am*

## **9.1 LAND PLANNING AND HEAVY VEHICLE TRAFFIC ISSUES**

*BOR Q-2/2022*

**(Mike LONGTON/Samuel EVANS)**

**CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) requests the Council's management investigate land tenure for Lot 809 and Lots 411 to 416 for the purpose of rezoning for a freight management facility; and
- (b) request that the Council write to the Minister to the Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics in relation to the alleged purchase of an industrial property in Borroloola which may have an impact on traffic.

## **10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## **11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **11.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

*BOR Q-3/2022*

**(Mike LONGTON/Raymond ANDERSON)**

**CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receive and note the Outgoing Correspondence.

*Mike LONGTON left the meeting at 10:56am and returned the time being 10:59am.*

*Maria PYRO joined the meeting (via teleconference) the time being 11:03am.*

*Jonathon SAUER left the meeting at 11:13am and returned the time being 11:15am.*

*Trish ELMY left the meeting at 11:23am and returned the time being 11:25am.*

*Maria PYRO left the meeting, the time being 11:30am.*

## **12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

### **12.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING**

*BOR Q-4/2022*

**(Mike LONGTON/Raymond ANDERSON)**

**CARRIED**

That the Local Authority notes and receives the Local Authority Project Funding report.

*Item 13.1 – Council Financial Report for the period 01.07.2021 – 30.8.22 was brought forward for consideration.*

## **13 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **13.1 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2021 - 30.6.2022**

*BOR Q-5/2022*

**(Trish ELMY/Mike LONGTON)**

**CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period July 2021 to June 2022.

## **12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS (Continued)**

### **12.2 BORROLOOLA WASTE FACILITY OPERATIONAL HOURS**

*BOR Q-6/2022* (Samuel EVANS/Raymond ANDERSON) **CARRIED**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receive and note the Borroloola Waste Facility report.

*Raymond ANDERSON left the meeting, the time being 11:58am which resulted in the meeting changing to a **PROVISIONAL**.*

## **13 GENERAL BUSINESS (Continued)**

### **13.2 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT**

*BOR P-3/2022* (Mike LONGTON/Trish ELMY) **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the services report for Borroloola.

### **13.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE**

*BOR P-4/2022* (Trish ELMY/Mike LONGTON) **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance report.

### **13.4 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT**

*BOR P-5/2022* (Mike LONGTON/Trish ELMY) **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receive and note the Elected Member Report.

### **13.5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

*BOR P-6/2022* (Mike LONGTON/Samuel EVANS) **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Community Development Program (CDP) report.

## **14 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **14.1 BIG RIVERS REGION LIVEABILITY SURVEY REPORT 2022**

*BOR P-7/2022* (Mike LONGTON/Trish ELMY) **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) receive and note the Big Rivers Liveability Survey Report 2022 presented by the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet; and
- (b) thank the department for the presentation however highlight the lack of response and the digital connectivity issues.

### **14.2 NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH SURVEY – AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

*BOR P-8/2022* (Samuel EVANS/Trish ELMY) **CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receive and note the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey report and the presentation made by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

#### **14.3 PURPLE HOUSE – DON GARNER**

*BOR P-9/2022*

**(Mike LONGTON/Jonathon SAUER)**

**CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) that the Purple House, Chief Executive Officer Sarah Brown for the presentation;
- (b) request that Council advocate on behalf of the community for additional dialysis services and offers the Purple House with support with their funding application; and
- (c) request for Purple House to write to Council outlining their proposal.

#### **14.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING SCHEDULE – MIKE LONGTON**

*BOR P-10/2022*

**(Mike LONGTON/Trish ELMY)**

**CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) requests that Council consider the Borroloola Local Authority meet six times per annum and reduces the number of Local Authority members to six (6) from eight (8) plus the three (3) Elected Members; and
- (b) recommends to Council to rescind the members of Rebecca GENTLE.

*Trish ELMY left the meeting, the time being 12:50pm.*

#### **14.5 SAND AND GRAVEL LEASE – MIKE LONGTON**

*BOR P-11/2022*

**(Mike LONGTON/Samuel EVANS)**

**CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority receive and note Mike LONGTON's request to provide top soil and sand to the oval project.

### **15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

#### **MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL**

*BOR P-12/2022*

**(Mike LONGTON/Samuel EVANS)**

**CARRIED**

That pursuant to *section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda:-

- 15.1 Local Government Representation (Electoral) Reviews 2022** - *The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(iii), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.*

*The meeting moved to the Confidential Items at 1:06pm.*

#### **15.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION (ELECTORAL) REVIEWS 2022**

*BOR P-13/2022*

**(Samuel EVANS/Mike LONGTON)**

**CARRIED**

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the report in relation to the Local Government Representation Reviews 2022 and provides feedback to Council; and
- (b) moves the motion to the open section.

## **RETURN TO OPEN**

*BOR P-14/2022*

**(Samuel EVANS/Mike LONGTON)**

**CARRIED**

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be re-opened to the public.

*The meeting re-opened to the public at 1:10pm.*

## **16 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 1:10pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 11 August 2022 and confirmed Thursday, 10 November 2022.

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Chairperson, Donald GARNER  
Confirmed on Thursday, 10 November 2022.