

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, BORROLOOLA LOCAL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE
DELIVERY CENTRE, BORROLOOLA
ON THURSDAY, 12 MAY 2022 AT 9:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Donald GARNER (Chairperson);
- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Raymond ANDERSON;
- Trish ELMY;
- Maria PYRO; and
- Jonathon SAUER.

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Virginia BOON, Manager Community Projects & Engagement – Borroloola;
- Michaela NAARE, Assistant Manager Community Development Programme;
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute taker); and
- Rebecca LINN, Information Integrity Officer.

1.3 Guests

- Amanda HAIGH, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- Jake QUINLIVAN, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- Cath McLEISH, Northern Land Council (NLC) – Lawyer; and
- Geoff HULM, King Ash Bay President

2 MEETING OPENED

The Borroloola Local Authority Meeting opened at 9:09am 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

12/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathon SAUER/Raymond ANDERSON)

CARRIED

That the Borroloola Local Authority;

- (a) Accepts the tendered apology from Local Authority Appointed member Mike LONGTON;**
- (b) Does not accept the tendered apologies from Councillor Samuel EVANS and Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN;**
- (c) Does not accept the tendered apologies from Local Authority Appointed Members Rebecca GENTLE; and**
- (d) Notes the absence with no tendered apologies from Local Authority Appointed Member Stan ALLEN.**

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Rates for King Ash Bay – President of King Ash Bay Fishing Club

- Requesting clarification regarding rates for the King Ash Bay Fishing Club.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the issue was raised at Councils Ordinary Meeting held in Borroloola on 28 April 2022 where Council committed to reviewing rates methodology across the entire region. Council will investigate and return with a response in a timely manner.

Resolved to meeting with King Ash Bay to work through the issue.

Camp Roads – Kath, Northern Land Council, Lawyer

- Update on status of works on Town Camp Roads in Housing areas

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council is completing a design stage and is currently in the “Scope Of Works” process of the roads upgrade. Council does not have responsibility for those roads, Council can only perform maintenance, however have taken the leading role for their overall renewal.

Subdivision

- Requesting update in regards to Subdivision project status.

Cath McLEISH from Northern Land Council (NLC) advised that this is a Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics (DIPL) matter to release land. The Local Authority was advised that this is current an active matter between NLC and DIPL.

5.1 SUBDIVISION

13/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathon SAUER/Raymond ANDERSON)

CARRIED

That the Borroloola Local Authority;

- (a) Requests Council to seek information from Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics in relation to land availability and release in Borroloola; and**
- (b) Requests Council to invite the Minister, Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics, and Northern Land Council to attend a meeting with the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting to address the issue of land availability and release for development.**

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

NO RECOMMENDATION PASSED DUE TO PROVISIONAL MEETING

That the Borroloola Local Authority confirms the minutes from the Provisional Meetings held 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.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

14/2022 RESOLVED (Raymond ANDERSON/Jonathon SAUER) *CARRIED*

That the Borroloola Local Authority:

- (a) Receives and notes the Action List; and
- (b) Approves the removal of completed items.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- McArthur River Crossing
- Purple House
- Community Meeting

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

12.1 ELECTING A CHAIRPERSON

15/2022 RESOLVED (Raymond ANDERSON/Jonathon SAUER) *CARRIED*

That the Borroloola Local Authority appoints Don GARNER as the Chairperson for a period of 12 Months.

12.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

16/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathon SAUER/Trish ELMY) *CARRIED*

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Attendance Report.

12.3 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

17/2022 RESOLVED (Raymond ANDERSON/Jonathon SAUER) *CARRIED*

That the Borroloola Local Authority;

- (a) Receives and notes the Council Services Report;
- (b) Requests Council to investigate and replace public rubbish bins in Borroloola Central Business District.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

18/2022 RESOLVED (Raymond ANDERSON/Maria PYRO) *CARRIED*

That the Borroloola Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Report.

13.2 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

19/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathon SAUER/Maria PYRO)

CARRIED

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

Mayor Tony JACK left the meeting, the time being 10:17 AM

13.3 BORROLOOLA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUND REPORT

20/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathon SAUER/Raymond ANDERSON)

CARRIED

That the Borroloola Local Authority;

- (a) Receives and notes the Local Authority Project Funding Update report;**
- (b) Requests that the allocation of \$25,000.00 towards a Toilet Block at the Cemetery remains a project; and**
- (c) Requests that Council provides a report to the 11 August 2022 Borroloola Local Authority Meeting regarding the status of the Toilet Block Cemetery Project.**

Mayor Tony JACK returned to the meeting, the time being 10:20 AM

13.4 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2021 - 31.3.2022

21/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathon SAUER/Raymond ANDERSON)

CARRIED

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

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 MCARTHUR RIVER CROSSING

22/2022 RESOLVED (Raymond ANDERSON/Jonathon SAUER)

CARRIED

Local Authority Member Raymond ANDERSON raised concerns regarding the litter at the McArthur River Crossing and around town boat ramps. The Local Authority also discussed responsibility of the rubbish issue and controlling vehicle access to the river crossing.

The Borroloola Local Authority requests the Chief Executive Officer report back to the 11 August 2022 Borroloola Local Authority in relation to a solution to the major littering issue at the McArthur River Crossing

A hand out was provided by Local Authority Member Raymond ANDERSON, the hand out was tabled at the meeting and has been attached to the minutes.

14.2 PURPLE HOUSE PROGRAM

23/2022 RESOLVED (Maria PYRO/Raymond ANDERSON)

CARRIED

Alice Springs Purple House discussed with Borroloola Local Authority Members the need for Borroloola to have their own Purple House Program.

That the Borroloola Local Authority requests an invitation be sent to a representative from the Alice Springs Purple House to attend the 11 August 2022 Borroloola Local Authority Meeting.

14.3 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

24/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathon SAUER/Maria PYRO)

CARRIED

Local Authority Members discussed the need for a locally formed committee where local residents can discuss any and all community issues with stakeholders and other community residents.

That the Borroloola Local Authority formally supports the continuation of the monthly Borroloola Community Meetings.

14.4 IRRIGATION

25/2022 **RESOLVED (Don GARNER/Maria PYRO)**

CARRIED

An update was given to the Local Authority regarding the irrigation project. The project is currently awaiting power and water connection.

That the Borroloola Local Authority requests a report be provided to the 11 August 2022 Borroloola Local Authority regarding the costing of irrigation and pop up sprinklers for the AFL oval at the Borroloola Show Grounds.

14.5 NORTHERN LAND COUNCIL

Mayor JACK advised the Local Authority that he recently attended a meeting in Darwin with the Chief Executive Officer and Northern Land Council regarding a number of issues including land permits, town camp roads, and other issues.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11:14 am.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 12 May 2022 and confirmed Thursday, 11 August 2022.

Chairperson Don GARNER
Confirmed on Thursday, 11 August 2022.