



MINUTES OF THE BULMAN LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE ROPER
GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA TELCONFERENCE
ON THURSDAY, 23 APRIL 2020 AT 10:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Annunciata BRADSHAW;
- Jill CURTIS;
- Darilyn MARTIN;
- Annette MILLER; and
- Peter MILLER (Chairperson).

1.2 Staff

- Phillip LUCK, Chief Executive Officer (Chairperson Coordinator);
- Sharon HILLEN, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Naomi HUNTER, Executive Manager (minute taker);
- Paul WILSON, Council Services Manager (Acting) Central Arnhem Community Services and Engagement;
- Trevor HURST Council Services Coordinator; and
- Narelle PERROTT, Front Counter Office Administrator.

1.3 Guests

- Amanda HAIGH, Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development;
- Ralph CURTIS, Interpreter, Department of Local government Housing and Community Development;
- The Honourable Selena UIBO MLA;
- Jessie HILLEN, Office of Selena UIBO MLA; and
- Jo NICOL, Office of the Hon Warren Snowdon MP.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Bulman Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:10am with **QUORUM**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read. Phillip LUCK coordinated the meeting for the Chairperson.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

13/2020 RESOLVED (Jill CURTIS/Darilyn MARTIN)

CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority notes the absences of Councilor Deanna KENNEDY and Councillor Selina ASHLEY, no apology was given.

10:14am The interpreter was introduced to the meeting and services were available throughout the meeting for Local Authority members at the Bulman Office.

10:16am Jo NICOL from Warren SNOWDON's Office joined the meeting via teleconference.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Bulman Local Authority.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 BULMAN LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING - PREVIOUS MINUTES

14/2020 RESOLVED (Annunciata BRADSHAW/Jill CURTIS)

CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority:

- (a) Confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 14 February 2019, and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings;**
- (b) Confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 22 August 2019, and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings; and**
- (c) Confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 14 February 2020, and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.**

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- COVID-19 Restrictions and Community Support
- Cost of Food Products at the Bulman Store
- Centrelink Access for expiring cards
- Council Representation

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Nil.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER SURVEY

15/2020 RESOLVED (Jill CURTIS/Darilyn MARTIN)

CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority receives and notes the information regarding the Local Authority Member Survey.

13.2 CHANGES TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

16/2020 RESOLVED (Peter MILLER/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority receives and notes the presentation from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development about the upcoming changes to the *Local Government Act 2008* and guidelines.

13.3 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

17/2020 RESOLVED (Peter MILLER/Jill CURTIS)

CARRIED

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

13.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS REGISTER

18/2020 RESOLVED (Peter MILLER/Judy MacFARLANE)

CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority:

- (a) Receives and notes the Local Authority Project Register report;
- (b) Allocates \$8000 to the existing Cul-de-sac Street Light Project, providing a total of \$15,000 for the project;
- (c) Approves to rescind the decision to allocate funding for the Weemol Dry Toilet Project (\$35,000), due to insufficient funds; and
- (d) Approved the allocation of the outstanding balance of their Local Authority Project Funds to be used on the Sports Precinct.

Members discussed the need to do works on the Sports Precinct to make it more useable. A number of suggestions were made. Agreed that RGRC Projects team would prepare a scope of works to a project value of the outstanding funds available.

Mayor Judy MacFARLANE left the meeting at 11:48am

13.5 BULMAN LOCAL AUTHORITY EXPENDITURE REPORT 31.03.2020

19/2020 RESOLVED (Peter MILLER/Annette MILLER)

CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2020.

13.6 CENTRAL ARNHEM ROAD UPGRADE - REALIGNMENT PROPOSAL

20/2020 RESOLVED (Peter MILLER/Jill CURTIS)

CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority:

- (a) Receives and notes the update on Central Arnhem Road upgrade between Bulman and Weemol; and
- (b) Supports the proposed realignment upgrade of the Central Arnhem Road between Bulman and Weemol, under the conditions all of the appropriate approvals are obtained.

13.7 BULMAN INTERNAL ROAD AND DRAINAGE PROJECT UPDATE

21/2020 RESOLVED (Peter MILLER/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority:

- (a) Receives and notes the roads and drainage upgrade to the cul-de-sac and bottom road; and
- (b) Supports these works for Council's allocation of funds.

13.8 COUNCIL SERVICE MANAGER REPORT

22/2020 RESOLVED (Darilyn MARTIN/Jill CURTIS)

CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Manager's report.

13.9 COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The CEO gave an update that the Department of Police is the lead agency for the enforcement of Restrictions under the Biosecurity Act. The CEO advised that he would liaise with NT Police for an update of the Community Safety Meeting and provide the information back to the Local Authority through the Council Office. No formal resolution was made.

13.10 COST OF SERVICES AND FOOD PRODUCTS IN BULMAN

The Honourable Selena UIBO MLA, provided an update of the remote and regional food supply issues, regarding food suppliers, food distribution, food affordability, food demands and food accessibility matters. The Member for Arnhem advised that she would take the LA members comments back to the Food Security Taskforce that is supporting stores in remote communities.

23/2020 RESOLVED (Peter MILLER/Annette MILLER)

CARRIED

That the Bulman Local Authority requests the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Northern Territory Government expressing issues of food prices, security and Centrelink access.

14 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 12:53pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 23 April 2020 and will be confirmed on 18 June 2020.

Chairperson