

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE  
ROPER ROOM ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE  
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE  
ON WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY 2020 AT 10:30AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Members**

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE (videolink);
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Owen TURNER (via teleconference);
- Councillor Samuel EVANS (via teleconference);
- Independent Member Awais UR REHMAN (via telephone link)

**1.2 Staff**

- Phillip LUCK, Chief Executive Officer;
- Sharon HILLEN, General Manager Infrastructure and Planning;
- Melissa AMARANT, Contracts Manager;
- Steven SANDERSON, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Marc GARDNER, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Naomi HUNTER, Executive Manager; and
- Narelle PERROTT, Governance Officer

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Finance Committee Meeting opened at 10:33am. The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

**3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**3.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

30/2020 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Samuel EVANS)

*CARRIED*

**That the Finance Committee accepts the apologies from Councillor Ossie DAYLIGHT.**

**4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at this Finance Committee Meeting.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 24 MARCH 2020**

**31/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Awais Ur REHMAN)**

*CARRIED*

**That the Finance Committee confirms the minutes taken from the meeting held on 24 March 2020 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.**

## **6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **6.1 ACTION LIST**

**32/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Awais Ur REHMAN)**

*CARRIED*

**That the Finance Committee:**

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

## **7 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Update on status of Territory Housing Contracts – due to expire 30 June 2020

## **8 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

**33/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Owen TURNER)**

*CARRIED*

**That Council accepts the incoming correspondence.**

## **9 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

**34/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Awais Ur REHMAN)**

*CARRIED*

**That Council accepts the outgoing correspondence.**

## **10 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **10.1 SELF-REVIEW OF FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**35/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Awais Ur REHMAN)**

*CARRIED*

**That the Finance Committee:**

- (a) Accepts the report in relation to the Self Review of the Finance Committee; and**
- (b) Agrees to Option 3 to undertake a self-review at a future Finance Committee meeting.**

## 10.2 CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

36/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee:

- (a) Receives and notes the Assessment of the Effectiveness of Constitutional Arrangements for Electoral Representation of the Councils Area Discussion Paper; and
- (b) Refers the endorsement of the Discussion Paper to the Ordinary Meeting of Council.

## 10.3 SALE OF 29 CRAWFORD STREET KATHERINE

37/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Awais Ur REHMAN)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee approves in principle to the selling of 29 Crawford Street, Katherine, to Victoria Daly Regional Council.

## 10.4 QUARTERLY REPORT OF REGIONAL PLAN

38/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Awais Ur REHMAN)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee receives and notes the 2nd quarterly report to Council of the 2019/2020 Regional Plan.

## 10.5 NATIONAL STRONGER REGIONS FUND

39/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Awais Ur REHMAN)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee accepts the variation to the National Stronger Regions Fund Deed of Agreement by signing, dating and affixing the common seal to one copy of the Deed of Variation.

## 11 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

### 11.1 COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM - EXTENSIONS - DEED OF VARIATION

40/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Awais Ur REHMAN)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee:

- (a) Receives and notes that the Chief Executive Officer has accepted and executed the following Commonwealth Home Support Program - Extensions - Deed of Variation for:
  - 1) An extension of the 3-year CHSP Funding Agreement ID: 4-7SCH212 by a further two years - 2020/21 (\$217,078 inc. GST) and 2021/22 (\$220,769 inc. GST);
  - 2) CHSP Growth Funding under Funding Agreement ID: 4-7SCH212 of \$2,286,446 (inc. GST) over 3 years 2019/20 - 2021/22;
  - 3) Emergency Support for COVID-19 payments under Funding Agreement ID: 4-EAP8GQR of \$25,098 (inc. GST) in 2019/20 and \$16,732 (inc. GST) in 2020/21; and
- (b) Approves that these agreements reflect an increase in income for the 2019/20 Approved Budget.

## 12 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

### 12.1 DRAFT BUDGET 2020/21

41/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee:

- (a) Approves the Draft Budget 2020/21 for release for public consultation for 21 days as part of the Regional Plan as prescribed by the *Local Government Act*; and
- (b) Approves that the presented draft budget be amended to show a zero increase in Rates for 2020/2021, prior to being available for public consultation.

### 12.2 PROPOSED FEES & CHARGES 2020/21

42/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That the Financial Committee recommends to Council to keep all Fees and Charges for 2020/21 at the 2019/20 amounts.

### 12.3 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30.04.2020

43/2020 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That the Council receives and notes the Financial Reports as at 30 April 2020.

## 13 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

### 13.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

44/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee Meeting:

- (a) Receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update; and
- (b) Receives and notes that the Territory's SCALE program will not impact on Local Authority Projects Funding at this point in time.

### 13.2 DONATION FROM MATARANAK BETTER HALF CLUB FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COLUMBARIUM AT THE MATARANKA CEMETERY.

45/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee:

- (a) Receives and notes the correspondence from the Mataranka Better Half Club; and
- (b) Accepts and acknowledges the donation of \$50,000 to cover the costs of the construction of a Columbarium at the Mataranka Cemetery.

### 13.3 SCALE IMPACTED PROJECTS AND PROPOSED NEW PROJECTS UNDER SCALE

46/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee:

- (a) Receives and notes the report on the progress of the Special Community Assistance and Local Employment (SCALE) program, the impacted projects and the proposed new SCALE projects; and
- (b) Refers allocation of the SCALE funding to Council, noting support of the funding to go to Bulman projects first.

## 14 OTHER BUSINESS

### 14.1 UPDATE FOR TERRITORY HOUSING CONTRACTS - DUE TO EXPIRE 30 JUNE 2020

47/2020 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee:

- (a) Receives and notes the CEO's update in relation to the expiration of housing services contracts with NT Government; and
- (b) Notes that the NT Government has granted 12 month extensions to current contracts due to the time lost by the COVID-19 restrictions.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:35pm

The meeting resumed at 1:07pm

## 15 CLOSED SESSION

### DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

48/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 2008 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

**15.1 Finance Committee Meeting - 24 March 2020** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(iv).*

**15.2 Audit Committee Member Vacancies** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(iv).*

**15.3 Major Projects Report at 20th May 2020** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(i).*

**15.4 Meraki CCTV Lease Agreement** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(i) (c)(iii) (e).*

**15.5 Mataranka Aged Care Infrastructure Plan** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(i) (c)(ii).*

### RESUMPTION OF MEETING

49/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Owen TURNER)

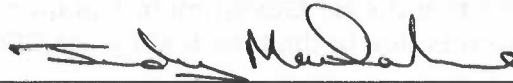
CARRIED

That the Finance Committee moves to return to the open session of the Finance Committee meeting and declare the resolutions made in the confidential session not be available to the public in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2008*, section 201.

**14 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 2:32pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 27 May 2020 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.



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Mayor Judy MacFARLANE  
Confirmed on 25 August 2020