

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE ROPER ROOM,
ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT
ON WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2020 AT 10:30AM

1. PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE – Chairperson;
- Councillor Ossie DAYLIGHT;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Owen TURNER.

1.2 Staff

- Phillip LUCK, Chief Executive Officer;
- Marc GARDNER, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Sharon HILLEN, General Manager Instructure Services and Planning;
- Naomi HUNTER, Executive Manager;
- Chelsey GILROY, Governance Officer.

2. MEETING OPENED

The meeting opened at 10.31am.

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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1/2020 RESOLVED (SAMUEL EVANS/OSSIE DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee:

- Accepts the apologies of Mayor Judy MacFARLANE, noting that she is on approved leave; and**
- Does not accept the absence of Independent Member Awais UR REHMAN, noting that no apology were given.**

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Owen TURNER declared a Conflict of Interest regarding Yugul Mangi Aboriginal Development Corporation. Item 14.4.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Owen TURNER) CARRIED
That the Finance Committee confirms the minutes of the 27 November 2019 Finance Committee Meeting to be a correct record of its decisions and proceedings.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ACTION LIST

3/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Ossie DAYLIGHT) CARRIED
That the Finance Committee receives and notes Action List.

7. CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Superannuation for Elected Members and other arrangements.
- Community Development Program on outstations.

8. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

9. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

10. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Nil.

11. CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

11.1 2020-2021 BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE

4/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED
That the Finance Committee notes the report in relation to the preparation of the 2020-21 annual budget.

11.2 POLICY REVIEW - FIN006 ACCOUNTING AND POLICY MANUAL

5/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Owen TURNER) CARRIED
That the Finance Committee reviews the draft revised policy FIN006 – Accounting and Policy Manual.

11.3 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31.12.2019

6/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Ossie DAYLIGHT) CARRIED
That the Finance Committee receives and notes the financial reports as at 31 December 2019.

The meeting stopped for a lunch break 11.54am.

The meeting resumed at 12.25pm.

12. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

12.1 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT BY-LAW SURVEY REPORT

7/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee:

- (a) noted the budget and resources required for the delivery of the house to house animal management Bylaw survey across all communities; and**
- (b) refer the approval of any budget for the next Ordinary Meeting of Council**

13. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

13.1 2020 VEHICLE AND PLANT AUCTION UPDATE

8/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee receives and notes the report on Regional Gulf Regional Council Fleet and Plant Auction to be conducted on 21 February 2020 by Orange County Auction.

13.2 NUMBULWAR WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY SECTION 19 LEASE AND DEED OF VARIATION

9/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Ossie DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee:

- (a) Approve the use of the Council Seal on the Council the Northern Land Council Section 19 ALRA Lease for the current Numbulwar Waste Management Facility; and**
- (b) Approve the use of the Council Seal on the Northern land Council, Deed of Variation to remove the existing Section 19 ALRA Lease on the 'new' Waste Management Site.**

13.3 PROJECT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

10/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee receives and notes the progress of Major Projects across the region.

13.4 BUDGET VARIATION REQUEST - ESTABLISH TEMPORARY OFFICE AT MATARANKA AND TEMPORARY LIBRARY AT BARUNGA

11/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That the Finance Committee approve a budget variation of \$55,000.00 for the establishment of a temporary office space at Mataranka and a temporary Library at Barunga.

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

General information about the below subjects was given and no formal resolutions were made.

Superannuation for Elected Members and other arrangements

CEO to seek information from Local Government Association Northern Territory and present at next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Community Development Programme on outstations

Discussion about Community Development Programme activities and the rules in relation to 'mutual obligation' 20 hours maximum required. After that employer must pay. Employer is obligated to provide employment after a Community Development Programme Project.

School leavers current pathway to employment

Roper Gulf Regional Council currently has no school leavers pathway to employment policy.

CEO to investigate Barunga Roper Gulf Regional Council Sport and Recreational positions (skills needed/supervision options). CEO to investigate retention rate/support school leavers options. CEO to investigate Ngukurr Roper Gulf Regional Council staff undertaking night patrol/pool attendant duties whilst unqualified.

14. CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

12/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Ossie DAYLIGHT) 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:-

- 14.1 Fuel Management Tender** - *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).*
- 14.2 Investments Review** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(e).*
- 14.3 Financial Ratio Analysis Report** - *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) (e).*
- 14.4 Ngukurr Freight Hub Tender Update** - *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).*
- 14.5 Roads Report for 2019/2020** - *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).*

The meeting stopped for afternoon tea at 2.00pm.

The meeting resumed at 2.16pm.

16. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

13/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER) CARRIED
That the Finance Committee moves out of Closed Session and the Resolutions of the Closed session remain confidential.

17. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 2.45pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 29 January 2020 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.



Helen LEE, Deputy Mayor
Confirmed on 24 March 2020

