

MINUTES OF THE HODGSON DOWNS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE  
ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD VIA TELCONFERENCE  
ON THURSDAY, 2 APRIL 2020 AT 9:00AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Members (via Teleconference)**

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
- Councillor Ossie DAYLIGHT;
- Nerrale ARNOLD (Chairperson);
- Clive ROBERTS;
- Beth JOHN;
- Jonathon WALLA; and
- Samuel SWANSON.

**1.2 Staff (via Teleconference)**

- Phillip LUCK, Chief Executive Officer;
- Sharon HILLEN, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning; and
- Ashleigh ANDERSON, Local Authority Coordinator.

**1.3 Guests**

- Amanda HAIGH, Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development (via teleconference);
- Jo NICOL, Office of the Hon Warren Snowdon MP (via teleconference); and
- Edna ISLE, Chairperson of Alawa Aboriginal Corporation.

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting opened at 9:20am with **QUORUM**. For ease of coordination the Members agreed that Nerrale Arnold would be the Chairperson as this is the first LA Meeting via Teleconference. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

**3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

Nil.

**4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

*1/2020 RESOLVED (Clive ROBERTS/Jonathon WALLA)*

*CARRIED*

**That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority notes the absence of Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT, and Local Authority Member James NUGGETT noting no apologies were given.**

## **5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nil.

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

*2/2020 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Samuel SWANSON) CARRIED*

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority confirms the minutes from the Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting held on Monday 16 September 2019, and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

## **7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **7.1 ACTION LIST**

*3/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Samuel SWANSON) CARRIED*

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority:

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

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

14.1 Proposal to upgrade the road connecting the Community and the Minyerri Local Store.  
(late report)

## **9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at this Hodgson Downs Local Authority.

## **10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## **11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## **12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

Nil.

## **13 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **13.1 MINYERRI WOMEN'S SAFE HOUSE**

*4/2020 RESOLVED (Beth JOHN/Clive ROBERTS) CARRIED*

That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority withdraws this item as the consultancy has already been completed.

### **13.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER**

**5/2020 RESOLVED (Clive ROBERTS/Samuel SWANSON) CARRIED**

**That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority:**

- (a) Receives and notes the information regarding conflicts of interest; and**
- (b) Agreed that Members will submit details of interests to be placed in the register for 2020.**

### **13.3 CHANGES TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT**

**6/2020 RESOLVED (Clive ROBERTS/Samuel SWANSON) CARRIED**

**That the Hodgson Downs 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*, Regulations and guidelines.**

### **13.4 TOWN PRIORITIES 2020-21**

**7/2020 RESOLVED (Clive ROBERTS/Ossie DAYLIGHT) CARRIED**

**That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority delegates Nerrale ARNOLD, Samuel SWANSON and Jonathon WALLA to approve a Draft 2020-21 Town Priorities for 2020-21 Regional Plan.**

Members had a discussion and advised that there are a number of local projects that also need to be considered.

### **13.5 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT**

**8/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel SWANSON/Jonathon WALLA) CARRIED**

**That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Report.**

### **13.6 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER SURVEY**

**9/2020 RESOLVED (Beth JOHN/Samuel SWANSON) CARRIED**

**That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the information regarding the Local Authority Member Survey.**

Members will look at the survey out of session and submit responses through Nerrale Arnold.

### **13.7 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT**

**10/2020 RESOLVED (Clive ROBERTS/Beth JOHN) CARRIED**

**That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period 1 July 2019 to 29 February 2020.**

### **13.8 VETENARIAN VISIT AND DANGEROUS DOG REPORT**

**11/2020 RESOLVED (Beth JOHN/Jonathon WALLA) CARRIED**

**That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receives and notes the Council's Veterinarian Minyerri visit (9 – 13 March 2020) and the Dangerous Dog Report.**

## **14 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **14.1 PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE THE ROAD CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY AND THE MINYERRI LOCAL STORE**

*This report was deferred to the next Hodgson Downs Local Authority meeting.*

## **15 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 11:05am.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 2 April 2020 and will be confirmed on 1 June 2020.

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Chairperson