

MINUTES OF THE NGUKURR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE
CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE, NGUKURR ON
TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2019 AT 10:30AM

1. **PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS**

1.1 **Elected Members**

- Councillor Eric ROBERTS – **Chairperson**
- Councillor Owen TURNER.

1.2 **Appointed Members**

- Robin ROGERS;
- Ian GUMBULA;
- Michelle FARRELL;
- Tanya JOSHUA;
- Marcia ROBERTS.

1.3 **Staff**

- Phillip LUCK – Chief Executive Officer;
- Thea GRIFFIN – Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Hayley KARSLAKE – Senior Administrative Support Officer;
- Ashleigh ANDERSON – Local Authority Coordinator.

1.4 **Guests**

- Amanda HAIGH – Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

2. **MEETING OPENED**

The Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:31am with **QUORUM**. 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**

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1/2019 **RESOLVED (Marcia ROBERTS/Owen TURNER)** *CARRIED*
That Ngukurr Local Authority accepts the apologies from Mayor Judy MacFARLANE.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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2/2019 **RESOLVED** (Owen TURNER/Robin ROGERS) *CARRIED*

That the Ngukurr Local Authority confirms the minutes from the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on 22 October 2019, to be a correct record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

6. CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

- Bollards in Laneways;
- Floodway across from General Store;
- Street Naming and Street Signs;
- Holiday Celebrations;
- Tree Planting;
- Airport Toilets;
- Ngukurr Replacement of Asbestos Cement Water Pipes;
- Remote Polling Booth Research;
- Australia Day Events;
- Rock and Water Program

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

3/2019 **RESOLVED** (Owen TURNER/Michelle FARRELL) *CARRIED*

That the Ngukurr Local Authority:

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

9. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

10. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 NGUKURR ANIMAL MANAGEMENT REPORT

4/2019 **RESOLVED** (Eric ROBERTS/Marcia ROBERTS) *CARRIED*

That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the animal management report from October 2019.

11.2 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

5/2019 **RESOLVED** (Ian GUMBULA/Owen TURNER) *CARRIED*

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

11.3 GOVERNANCE REPORT - LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER UPDATE

6/2019 **RESOLVED** (Owen TURNER/Tanya JOSHUA) *CARRIED*

That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the report on the Local Authority Project funding.

11.4 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT - 31 OCTOBER 2019 EXPENDITURE REPORT

7/2019 **RESOLVED (Michelle FARRELL/Owen TURNER)** *CARRIED*
That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the month of October 2019.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 BOLLARDS IN LANEWAYS

An issue was raised regarding community members driving vehicles through laneways intended for pedestrians. Concerns about safety were discussed.

8/2019 **RESOLVED (Robin ROGERS/Ian GUMBULA)** *CARRIED*
That the Ngukurr Local Authority requests that Council install Bollards at the entry and exit of identified Laneways to allow for pedestrian traffic only.

12.2 FLOODWAY ACROSS FROM GENERAL STORE

A discussion was held about the median strip across the road from the Ngukurr General Store and issues with flooding during the wet season due to inadequate drainage.

9/2019 **RESOLVED (Eric ROBERTS/Owen TURNER)** *CARRIED*
That the Ngukurr Local Authority:
(a) Requests Roper Gulf Regional Council to design a solution for a floodway across from The Ngukurr General Store;
(b) A letter be sent to Ngukurr General Store regarding rubbish issues.

12.3 STREET NAMES AND STREET SIGNS

It was raised that there were some streets in Ngukurr that do not have street names or street signs attached. The Local Authority were advised of the process set out by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics. The Chief Executive Officer agreed to write to the appropriate representative at the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics inviting them to the next Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting to discuss the matter further. No formal resolution was made.

12.4 HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Discussions were undertaken about ideas for Holiday Celebrations in Ngukurr Community. It was suggested that a Community Event be held for the New Years Public Holiday. No formal resolution was made.

12.5 TREE PLANTING

A Local Authority Member requested that more trees be planted around the Ngukurr Community. This sparked a discussion on how this can be arranged and included potentially making Tree Planting a Community Project involving anyone in Ngukurr who is interested in participating. The Manager of Community Services and Engagement agrees to speak to residents about interest in a Tree Planting Project.

10/2019 **RESOLVED (Eric ROBERTS/Tanya JOSHUA)** *CARRIED*
That the Ngukurr Local Authority allocates \$1000 of Local Authority Project Funding towards a Community Wet Season Project.

12.6 AIRPORT TOILETS AND SECTION 19

The Local Authority expressed a strong interest in the installation of a Toilet Block at the Ngukurr Airstrip. The Chief Executive Officer agreed to investigate applying for a section 19 licence, to lodge an expression of interest, and to speak to representatives of local stakeholder groups regarding potential collaboration on the installation of a Toilet Block.

11/2019 **RESOLVED (Marcia ROBERTS/Michelle FARRELL)**

CARRIED

That the Ngukurr Local Authority requests that Council seek a Section 19 on the Ngukurr Airstrip.

Meeting adjourned for lunch between 12:11pm to 12:30pm.

12.7 NGUKURR REPLACEMENT OF ASBESTOS CEMENT WATER PIPES

A flyer was presented to the Local Authority regarding a upcoming program to replace the Asbestos Cement Water Pipes around Ngukurr. Community had concerns regarding long periods of water being shut off to residential areas. It was confirmed that the water would be shut off for only a small window. At present the work is set to commence between January 2020 and April 2020, informational posters in Kriol will be handed out to those affected.

12.8 REMOTE POLLING BOOTH RESEARCH

Northern Territory Government partnered with Charles Darwin University to speak to residents of Ngukurr Community to discuss their opinions on voting and how to overcome any issues.

12/2019 **RESOLVED (Robin ROGERS/Marcia ROBERTS)**

CARRIED

That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the Remote Polling Booth Research presented by Ian Gumbula.

12.9 AUSTRALIA DAY

Discussions about Australia Day Events was held and the following suggestions were made:

- Cricket Game;
- Sausage Sizzle;
- Showcasing of Culture and Community

The Manager of Community Services and Engagement will speak to other organisations in Ngukurr about creating a memorable event for Ngukurr Community.

12.10 ROCK AND WATER PROGRAM

The Rock and Water Program aims to develop young people in remote communities, and have asked if Ngukurr is interested in selecting a group of young people to train and run the program in Community.

13/2019 **RESOLVED (Ian GUMBULA/Robin ROGERS)**

CARRIED

That the Ngukurr Local Authority supports the Rock and Water Program in Ngukurr.

13. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 1:11pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the minutes of the Ngukurr Local Authority meeting held on Tuesday, 10 December 2019 and will be confirmed on Tuesday 18 February 2020.

Chairperson