

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, NGUKURR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE, NGUKURR ON TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST 2020 AT 10:30AM

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## 1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

### 1.1 Members

- Councillor Owen TURNER (Chairperson);
- Councillor Clifford DUNCAN;
- Tanya JOSHUA;
- Michelle FARRELL.

### 1.2 Staff

- Phillip LUCK, Chief Executive Officer;
- Thea GRIFFIN, Area Manager;
- Graeme CURTIS, Council Services Coordinator;
- Ashleigh ANDERSON, Local Authority Coordinator

### 1.3 Guests

- Brett COLLIER, Roper Bar Store;
- Ben JENNINGS, Roper Bar Store;
- Sargent Nathaniel WESSLING, Ngukurr Police Station.

## 2 MEETING OPENED

The Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:44am as a **PROVISIONAL** meeting. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

## 3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

## 14 OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair acknowledged that the CEO has invited guests to speak to the LA about the Roper Bar Store owner's intention to apply for a restricted liquor licence. The Chair agreed this be addressed as Other Business and dealt with before continuing with the meeting.

### 14.1 ROPER BAR STORE, LIQUOR LICENCE

Brett Collier from Roper Bar Store spoke to the Local Authority regarding an intention to apply for a liquor licence. He advised the LA that the licence is restricted to patrons only being allowed to purchase alcoholic drinks during their meals and through a minibar for guests at Roper Bar Motel. Brett assured the LA that alcohol would not be takeaway or leave the premises and would be stored in a secure compound with security, cameras and a guard dog.

**Members asked that Brett Collier and Ben Jennings leave the meeting to allow the Local Authority to discuss the matter openly. 10:50am – 11:01am.**

After discussion they were advised:

- LA would provide its recommendation to RGRC to respond to the Liquor commission
- That LA does not have any authority to speak on behalf of the whole community and that the Roper Bar Store should undertake further consultation with Community, for example with Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation, Milwarpara Aboriginal Corporation and the Traditional Owners.

*Item was moved to allow guest to present first.*

*Guests Brett Collier, Ben Jennings and Sargent Nathaniel Wessling left the meeting at 11:07am.*

## **4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

*20/2020 RESOLVED (Clifford DUNCAN/Tanya JOSHUA)*

*CARRIED*

**That the Ngukurr Local Authority accepted the apologies from Mayor Judy MacFARLANE and Local Authority Members Robin ROGERS and Marcia ROBERTS from the meeting of 18 August 2020.**

### **4.2 WELCOME COUNCILLOR DUNCAN**

The Ngukurr Local Authority welcomed newly appointed Councillor Clifford DUNCAN to the Yugul Mangi Ward.

## **5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nil.

## **6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at this Ngukurr Local Authority

## **7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **7.1 NGUKURR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING - 29 JUNE 2020**

*21/2020 RESOLVED (Clifford DUNCAN/Michelle FARRELL)*

*CARRIED*

**That the Ngukurr Local Authority recommended that the minutes from the meeting held on 29 June 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.**

## **8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **8.1 ACTION LIST**

*22/2020 RESOLVED (Michelle FARRELL/Tanya JOSHUA)*

*CARRIED*

**That the Ngukurr Local Authority received and noted the Action List.**

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

- Gardening Competition
- Oval Update

## **10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## **11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## **12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

Nil.

## **13 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **13.1 GRANT FUNDING FOR NGUKURR PLAYGROUND**

*23/2020 RESOLVED (Clifford DUNCAN/Michelle FARRELL) CARRIED*

**That the Ngukurr Local Authority deferred the decision about the removal of a swing at Ngukurr playground, until the next Local Authority Meeting.**

*ACTION: Thea and the CEO investigate the option of locating the swing at Bottom Camp.*

### **13.2 NGUKURR BUDGET 2020/21**

*24/2020 RESOLVED (Tanya JOSHUA/Clifford DUNCAN) CARRIED*

**That the Ngukurr Local Authority received and noted the 2020/21 Budget report.**

### **13.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS FINANCIAL TRAINING**

*25/2020 RESOLVED (Clifford DUNCAN/Michelle FARRELL) CARRIED*

**That the Ngukurr Local Authority received and noted the finance training presentation.**

### **13.4 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2019 - 30.06.2020**

*26/2020 RESOLVED (Clifford DUNCAN/Tanya JOSHUA) CARRIED*

**That the Ngukurr Local Authority received and noted the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period July 2019 to June 2020.**

### **13.5 COUNCIL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UPGRADES**

*27/2020 RESOLVED (Michelle FARRELL/Tanya JOSHUA) CARRIED*

**That the Ngukurr Local Authority received and noted the telecommunications upgrade report.**

### **13.6 NGUKURR LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUND REGISTER**

*28/2020 RESOLVED (Michelle FARRELL/Tanya JOSHUA) CARRIED*

**That the Ngukurr Local Authority received and noted the Local Authority Project Update report.**

## **14 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **14.2 GARDEN COMPETITION**

Thea spoke to the Local Authority about the garden competition and a panel of three judges was decided upon being:

- Mayor Judy MacFarlane;
- A representative from Tidy Towns; and

- A representative from EON.

### 14.3 OVAL UPDATE

The oval is being updated in 4 stages

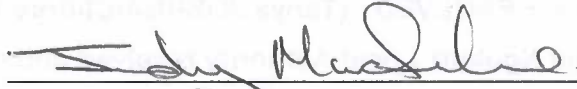
1. Top Dressing/Profiling the oval;
2. Irrigation Installation
3. Fencing and
4. Goal Posts

It is estimated that these works will begin late September after the completion of the football season..

### 15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12:56pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 18 August 2020 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.



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Chairperson Owen TURNER  
Confirmed on 13 October 2020