

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL
COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT
WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2020 AT 12PM

1 PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Selina ASHLEY;
- Councillor Donald GARNER;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Ossie DAYLIGHT;
- Councillor Owen TURNER;
- Councillor Deanna KENNEDY;
- Councillor Marlene KARKADO;
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;

1.2 Staff

- Phillip LUCK, Chief Executive Officer;
- Sharon HILLEN, General Manager Infrastructure and Planning;
- Marc GARDNER, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Steven SANDERSON, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Dave HERON, Chief Financial Officer;
- Samantha PHELAN, Veterinarian;
- Naomi HUNTER, Executive Manager;
- Ashleigh ANDERSON, Local Authority Coordinator.

1.3 Guests

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

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 11:57 am. The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That Council accepts the apologies of Councillor David Murrungun and Councillor Eric Roberts.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - 13 DECEMBER 2019

2/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

That Council confirms the minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting held on Friday 13 December 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 (Donald GARNER/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That Council:

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

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

- Locations for Ordinary Meeting of Council for 2020;
- RGRC Submission to a Uniform Animal Management Legislation;
- Community Grants;
- Additional Accommodation in Borroloola;
- Borroloola Economic Development Forum;
- 2020 NT Aboriginal Housing Forum Invitation; and
- LGANT General Meeting.

9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Ordinary Meeting of Council.

10 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

10.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES - 29 JANUARY 2020

4/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That Council confirms the Minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 29 January 2020 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

5/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That Council accepts the incoming correspondence, including the letters from the Arnhem Crows and Ngukurr Bulldogs regarding support.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

6/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

That Council accepts the outgoing correspondence.

13 WARD REPORTS

13.1 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT

7/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report; and
- (b) Approves the recommendations from the Ngukurr Local Authority held on 8 December 2019;
- (c) Approves the recommendations from the Urapunga Local Authority held on 8 December 2019.

13.2 NUMBULWAR NUMBURINDI WARD REPORT

8/2020 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report.

13.3 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

9/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report; and,
- (b) Approves the recommendations from the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on 6 February 2020.

13.4 NYIRUNGGULUNG WARD REPORT

10/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the Nyirunggulung Ward Report; and
- (b) Approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on 25 November 2019.

13.5 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT

11/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Donald GARNER)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the Never Never Ward report;
- (b) Approves the recommendations from the Jilkminggan Local Authority Meeting held on 1 December 2019;
- (c) Approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on 1 December 2019;
- (d) Approves the Mataranka Local Authority recommendation 12.2 - Community Hall Use – for the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services to use the Mataranka Community Hall for the purpose of conducting Community Safety Action Meetings and for Emergency Response Coordination, on the provision that the hall be cleaned after use and that the published Rental Tarriff is waived under these conditions;
- (e) Approves the recommendations from the Jilkminggan Local Authority Meeting held on 04 February 2020;
- (f) Approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on 04 February 2020; and
- (g) Accepts the resignation of Ken Muggerridge from the Hodgson Downs Local Authority.

14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

14.1 GRANTS: REMOTE SPORT PROGRAM

12/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Approves the 2019-23 funding agreement of \$1,240,940 for the Remote Sport Program from the Department of Tourism and Culture, by signing, dating, and affixing the common seal to one copy of the Funding Agreement; and
- (b) Acknowledges the Territory Government in respect of the funding provided under the Remote Sport Program.

14.2 GRANTS: INDIGENOUS YOUTH RECONNECT

13/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Approves the funding agreement of \$995,700 (GST Exclusive) for the Indigenous Youth Reconnect Program, provided by the National Indigenous Australians Agency, by signing, dating, and affixing the Common Seal to one copy of the funding Agreement; and
- (b) Acknowledges the funding received from the National Indigenous Australians Agency in respect of the funded activity.

14.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

14/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report, including the amendment that the Mayor's leave was 28 January – 22 February 2020.

15 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

15.1 ACCOUNTING AND POLICY MANUAL

15/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

That Council approves the revised FIN-006 Accounting and Policy Manual.

15.2 REVISED POLICY - HR004 RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION POLICY

16/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That Council approves the revised HR004 - Recruitment and Selection Policy.

Deputy Mayor Helen LEE left the meeting, the time being 01:18 pm

Deputy Mayor Helen LEE returned to the meeting, the time being 01:20 pm

15.3 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2020

17/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the financial reports as at 31 January 2020.

Cr Annabelle DAYLIGHT left the meeting, the time being 1:43pm

15.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE REPORT

18/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Donald GARNER) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Project Funding Update Report.

15.4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

19/2020 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Community Development Program (CDP) report

Cr Annabelle DAYLIGHT returned to the meeting, the time being 1:54pm.

16 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

16.1 COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF AGED CARE SERVICE POLICIES

20/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Donald GARNER) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Notes that a number of draft Aged Care Policies have been developed; and,**
- (b) Delegates the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to review and endorse these policies.**

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

17.1 NAMING OF ROADS

21/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Ossie DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the process to be followed should Council wish to name roads.

17.2 TENDER PANEL APPROVAL FOR THE BORROLOOLA AIRSTRIP TOILET

22/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council approves the proposed tender panel members for the Borroloola Toilet Block Tender:

- **General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning**
- **Projects Manager**
- **General Manager, Corporate Services and Sustainability**
- **Projects Coordinator x 2**

17.3 PASTORAL LAND CLEARANCE

23/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes that two applications for clearance of native vegetation on pastoral leases in the Roper Gulf Region are being considered by the Northern Territory Government; and**
- (b) Provides comments in regards to NTP 4775 Flying Fox Station to the Pastoral Land Board.**

Late information received from the Pastoral Land Board was that one of the applications had been suspended pending more clarification and that only the Flying Fox application required comment.

17.4 TERRITORY MANOR PARK ENTRANCE, MATARANKA

24/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Ossie DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the request from the Territory Manor to open the old western entry;**
- (b) Notes that the Mataranka Local Authority supports this request; and**
- (c) Approves a peppercorn lease over that portion of Lot No. 178 to allow a Right of Access to Territory Manor and its Guests, to re-open the western gates for access from Martin Road.**

18 DEPUTATIONS & PETITIONS

Nil.

19 GENERAL BUSINESS

19.1 GRANTS: OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

25/2020 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Approves the funding agreement from the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) for \$260,730 (GST Exclusive) to deliver Outside School Hours Care, by signing, dating, and affixing the common seal to one copy of the Funding Agreement; and**
- (b) Acknowledges the funding provided by the Commonwealth in respect of the activity.**

19.2 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN TOWN PRIORITIES

26/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes Draft 2020-21 Regional Plan Town Priorities and Local Authority Feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 2.15pm – 2:30pm

19.3 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING LOCATIONS SCHEDULED WITHIN THE CALENDAR 2020

27/2020 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Marlene KAKADOO)

CARRIED

That Council accepts the following Ordinary Meeting of Council (OMC) meeting date locations: April OMC to be held at Ngukurr; June and July OMCs to be held at the Katherine Support Centre; September OMC to be held at Jilkminggan; October OMC to be held at Manyallaluk; and, the December OMC to be held at the Katherine Support Centre.

19.4 UNIFORM ANIMAL MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION SUBMISSION

There was a discussion held about the proposed Uniform Animal Management Legislation, it was agreed that the Chief Executive Officer will lodge the currently drafted submission.

19.5 COMMUNITY GRANTS

28/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

That Council accepts the Community Grant dates to open 9 March 2020 and close 20 April 2020.

Cr Ossie DAYLIGHT left the meeting, the time being 3:10pm

19.6 PROPOSED BORROLOOLA ACCOMMODATION

29/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Marlene KARKADOO)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Approves the development of an accommodation project proposal at Borroloola to the maximum expense of \$300,000; and
- (b) Delegates the approval for the works to be undertaken to the Finance Committee.

19.7 BORROLOOLA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM

30/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the verbal update on the establishment and ongoing operation of the Borroloola Economic Development Forum.

19.8 2020 NT ABORIGINAL HOUSING FORUM INVITATION

31/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Marlene KARKADOO)

CARRIED

That Council nominates Councillor Selina ASHLEY, Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT, Councillor Owen TURNER and Councillor Samuel EVANS to attend the 2020 NT Aboriginal Housing Forum on 3 June 2020 to 4 June 2020.

19.9 LGANT GENERAL MEETING

32/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That Council nominates Councillor Marlene KARKADOO, Councillor Selina ASHLEY and Councillor Deanna KENNEDY to attend the Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT) General Meeting on 15 April 2020 to 16 April 2020.

MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

20 DECISION TO MOVE INTO THE CLOSED SESSION

33/2020 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED

That Council accepts the move into the closed session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council.

21 CLOSED SESSION

22 RESUMPTION OF MEETING

22.1 RESUMPTION OF MEETING

42/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED

That Council moves to return to the open session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council 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.

23 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 3:55 pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the minutes of the Confidential Session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 4 March 2020 and will be at the next meeting.



Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

Confirmed on, 29 April 2020