

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL
COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE
ON WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL 2020 AT 8:30AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Selina ASHLEY;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Deanna KENNEDY;
- Councillor David MURRUNGUN;
- Councillor Owen TURNER;
- Councillor Marlene KARKADOO;
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT and;
- 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; and
- Naomi HUNTER, Executive Manager;

1.3 Guests

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

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 8:36am. 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

34/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council accepts the apologies of Councillor Donald Garner and Councillor Ossie DAYLIGHT.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - 26 FEBRUARY 2020

35/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

That Council confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council meeting held on 4 March 2020, 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 UPDATE

36/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Action List.

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

- McArthur River Mine Workers Agreement
- Local Authority Project Update

9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

10 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

10.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

37/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That Council:

- Receives and notes the minutes from the Audit Committee Meeting held on 4 March 2020;**
- Receives and notes the minutes from the Roads Committee Meeting held on 24 March 2020;**
- Receives and notes the minutes from the Community Grants Committee Meeting held on 24 March 2020 and**
- Receives and notes the minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting held on 24 March 2020.**

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

38/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That Council accepts the correspondence.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

39/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council accepts the correspondence.

13 WARD REPORTS

13.1 NUMBULWAR NUMBURINDI WARD REPORT

40/2020 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report; and**
- (b) Approves the recommendations from the Numbulwar Local Authority held on 19 February 2020.**

13.2 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT

41/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report; and**
- (b) Approves the recommendations from the Urapunga Local Authority held on 18 February 2020.**

13.3 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

42/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report.

13.4 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

43/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the Nyiranggulung Ward Report;**
- (b) Approves the recommendations from the Beswick Local Authority Meeting held on 10 February 2020;**
- (c) Approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on 11 February 2020; and**
- (d) Approves the recommendations from the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on 13 February 2020.**

13.5 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT

44/2020 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the Never Never Ward report;**
- (b) Approves the recommendations from the Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting held on 2 April 2020; and**
- (c) Approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority Meeting held on 7 April 2020.**

14 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

14.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

45/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

14.2 MAYOR'S UPDATE

46/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Marlene KARKADOO) CARRIED

That Council accepts and notes the Mayor's update report.

14.3 ELECTED MEMBER VACANCY

47/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the advice from the Electoral Commissioner in relation to an elected member vacancy in the Roper Gulf Regional Council; and**
- (b) Approves that the casual vacancy remain until the end of July 2020.**

15 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW

48/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the draft Regional Plan 2020/2021;**
- (b) Provides the Chief Executive Officer with any required changes; and,**
- (c) Delegates the Finance Committee to approve the final draft for the 21 days public consultation period.**

16.2 LARRIMAH MEMORIAL WALL - PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT IN ROAD RESERVE

49/2020 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED

That Council grants permission to the Larrimah Progress Association to construct a World War II memorial fence/wall on part of "One Chain Street" road reserve in the township of Larrimah on the basis that all approvals are first obtained.

17 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT
Nil.

18 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

18.1 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31.03.2020

50/2020 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

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

18.2 BUDGET 2019-2020 REVISION 2

51/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Marlene KARKADOO) CARRIED

That Council adopts the Second Revision Amended Budget for 2019/2020.

18.3 AMMENDED POLICY - HR004 RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION POLICY

52/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED

That Council approves the amendments to HR004 Recruitment and Selection Policy.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:00am.

The meeting resumed at 10:30am.

18.4 PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2020-2021 COUNCIL BUDGET

53/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Notes the report in relation to budget preparations for 2020/2021; and
- (b) Delegates authority to the Finance Committee to approve the final draft 2020/2021 budget on the 27 May 2020 and to release it for public consultation.

19 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

19.1 COUNCIL'S JOLLY JUMPER JUMPING CASTLE

54/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Deanna KENNEDY) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the report on the Risk Assessment of the Jolly Jumper - Jumping Castle located in Mataranka; and
- (b) Approves the disposal of the Jolly Jumper - Jumping Castle.

19.2 REALLOCATION OF CURRENT CAPEX FUNDS TO NEW PROJECT AT BESWICK

55/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Approves to rescind two CAPEX funded projects for the Beswick Security Camera Projects in the 2019/2020 financial year as it is a duplication; and
- (b) Approves funds in Capital Works Program for the renovations to Lot 17 Beswick.

19.3 ROADS FUTURE FUND

56/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the Roads Future Fund Report;
- (b) Approves the allocation of an additional \$1,000,000 to the Roads Future Fund as recommended by the Roads Committee on 24 March 2020 and the Chief Executive Officer;
- (c) Approves the Roads Committee recommendation of \$51,510 for the Barunga Bottom Camp Housing Access and cul-de-sac on Bagala Road Project to provide tender ready design and documentation be added to the Council Roads Program for the 2020/2021 Budget;
- (d) Approves the Roads Committee recommendation of \$70,000 for the Beswick intersections off Madigan Road to the Central Arnhem Road to provide tender ready design and documentation be added to the Council Roads Program for the 2020/2021 Budget;
- (e) Approves the Roads Committee recommendation of \$710,600 for the Bulman Seal and drainage of internal roads be added to the Council Roads Program for the 2020/2021 Budget;
- (f) Approves the Roads Committee recommendation to allocate \$500,000 of the Roads Future Fund to the re-sheeting of 10km of Eva Valley Road to commence immediately; and
- (g) Approves the Roads Committee recommendation to allocate \$327,957 from the Roads Future Fund for the Mataranka Cemetery Carpark to commence immediately.

19.4 MATARANKA CEMETERY CARPARK DESIGN UPDATE

57/2020 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Mataranka Cemetery Carpark Design Update.

19.5 APPROVAL OF TENDER ASSESSMENT PANEL MEMBERS

58/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Approves the following selected positions to be a standing list from which Tender Evaluation Panel members can be selected up to 31 December 2020:
 - Chief Executive Officer
 - General Managers (x3)
 - Projects Manager
 - Contracts Manager
 - Fleet Manager
 - Assets Manager
 - Projects Coordinators (x2)
 - Roads Coordinator
 - Fixed Assets Coordinator; and
- (b) Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to select a panel of at least 3 (three) members for each tender assessment.

19.6 CEO UPDATE OF THE MCARTHUR RIVER MINE WORKERS AGREEMENT

The CEO advised that McArthur River Mine (MRM) senior executive has proposed to RGRC, Mabunji, Mungoorbada and Borrooloola Department of Education to utilise up to 30 mine workers that have been required to stay at home to protect them and the Borrooloola residents from any risks of spreading COVID-19 infection from Fly-in Fly-out workers. The CEO is working with MRM to identify what is possible.

59/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's verbal report of a proposal by McArthur River Mine to second Borrooloola based mine Workers to work for RGRC through an Agreement.

19.7 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT UPDATE

60/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/David MURRUNGUN)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Project Update report.

20 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

61/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

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:-

- 20.1 **Ordinary Meeting of Council - 26 February 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)(iv).*
- 20.2 **Confirmation of Previous Committee Meeting Minutes** - *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).*
- 20.3 **Major Projects Report at 31st March 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).*
- 20.4 **Confirmation of Previous Emergency Management Arrangement Meeting Minutes (confidential) - 27 March 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)(iv).*
- 20.5 **Upgrade of IT Network** - *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) (c)(ii) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (d) (e).*
- 20.6 **Rates concessions and funding options in response to Covid-19 crisis.** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(b) (c)(i) (e).*

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

62/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Samuel EVANS)

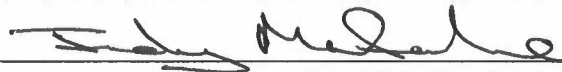
CARRIED

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.

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 12:09pm.

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



Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

Confirmed on 24 June 2020