

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, INAUGURAL ROBINSON RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE MUNGOORBADA CONFERENCE ROOM ON THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST 2020 AT 10:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
- Councillor Marlene KARKADOO;
- Shandel DICK;
- Freddy SHADFORTH;
- Jasmine CAMPBELL;
- Susan GEORGE;
- Farron JACKSON (Chairperson);
- Melissa NOBLE;
- Curtis SHADFORTH;
- Margaret SHADFORTH; and
- Timothy SIMON.

1.2 Staff

- Phillip LUCK, Chief Executive Officer; and
- Marc GaARDNER, General Manager, Corporate Services and Sustainability.

1.3 Guests

- Amanda HAIGTH, Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development; and
- Larry HOOSAN.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Robinson River Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:30am with a **QUORUM**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

The members were welcomed by the CEO, the Mayor and Councillor Karkadoo and thanked for their commitment in establishing an Local Authority.

All agreed that it would be appropriate at this inaugural meeting that the meeting start with full introductions and a Discussion on "What is a Local Authority".

The meeting recommenced at 10:44am and a Chairperson was selected, being Farron JACKSON.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Members and Guests were welcomed to Robinson River.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1/2020 RESOLVED (Timothy SIMON/Susan GEORGE)

CARRIED

That the Robinson River Local Authority accepted the apologies from Councillor Donald GARNER, Councillor Samuel EVANS and Local Authority Members Richard DIXON and Freddy SHADFORTH from the meeting held on 6 August 2020.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Robinson River Local Authority.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

As there no previous minutes to confirm, the CEO suggested this would be an appropriate time in the agenda for the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development (DLGHCD) to deliver the Local Authority Members induction. Amanda Haigh, Regional Manager of DLGHCD delivered the induction.

Members declined the use of an interpreter and requested that the presentation be in English as most don't speak in Kriol.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Cemetery
- Process to change the status of Robinson River from an Outstation to a Community
- Speed Bumps and Road Repairs

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Nil.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 ROBINSON RIVER BUDGET 2020/21

2/2020 RESOLVED (Freddy SHADFORTH/Shandel DICK) CARRIED

That the Robinson River Local Authority received and noted the 2020/21 Budget report.

13.2 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2019 - 30.06.2020

3/2020 RESOLVED (Timothy SIMON/Margaret SHADFORTH) CARRIED

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

13.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS FINANCIAL TRAINING

4/2020 RESOLVED (Curtis SHADFORTH/Melissa NOBLE) CARRIED

That the Robinson River Local Authority received and noted the Financial Training Presentation.

13.4 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

5/2020 RESOLVED (Susan GEORGE/Timothy SIMON) CARRIED

That the Robinson River Local Authority received and noted the Elected Member Report.

The meeting adjourned for lunch – 12:10pm – 1:21pm.

13.5 CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENT

6/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Freddy SHADFORTH) CARRIED

That the Robinson River Local Authority appointed Timothy SIMON as Chairperson for a period of 12 Months.

13.6 ROBINSON RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY DATES

7/2020 RESOLVED (Freddy SHADFORTH/Timothy SIMON) CARRIED

That the Robinson River Local Authority advised the CEO that it is acceptable to hold Local Authority Meetings in the afternoon on the same day as the Borroloola Local Authority meeting.

13.7 CHANGES TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

8/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Freddy SHADFORTH) CARRIED

That the Robinson River 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* and guidelines.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 CEMETERY

Members had a discussion about the Cemetery and who looks after it. Mungoorbarda Aboriginal Corporation (MAC) receives funding to provide services to the Robinson River Community. Maintaining the Cemetery would need to be funded by MAC

14.2 OUTSTATION OR COMMUNITY STATUS

Members had a broad discussion about the fact that Robinson River Community has an OUTSTATION Status with the Department of Local Government and receives funding accordingly. Members asked what is the difference between having an OUTSTATIONS STATUS or a COMMUNITY STATUS. Amanda Haigh agreed to contact the policy people in the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development to provide advice to a future LA meeting.

14.3 ROAD REPAIRS

Members asked if road repairs can be done and speed humps be installed (2 at the shop, 2 at the school, 1 at clinic, 2 on the back road). The CEO agreed to check the funding for road repairs and investigate how these things could be organised.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 1:47 pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Robinson River Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 6 August 2020 and will be confirmed on Thursday, 8 October 2020.

Chairperson