

MINUTES OF THE URAPUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE SUNRISE HEALTH CLINIC,
URAPUNGA ON TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2019 AT 3:00 PM

1. PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Councillor Eric ROBERTS;
- Councillor Owen TURNER.

1.2 Appointed Members

- Clifford DUNCAN – Chairperson;
- Paul JEFFS;
- Edna NELSON;
- Amanda JEFFS.

1.3 Staff

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

1.4 Guests

- Amanda HAIGH – Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development;
- Dennis DUNCAN – Resident;
- Margaret DUNCAN – Resident;
- Larry RYAN – Resident;
- Edwina DUNCAN – Resident.

2. MEETING OPENED

The Urupunga Local Authority Meeting opened with **QUORUM** at 3:11pm. 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 (Owen TURNER/Clifford DUNCAN)

CARRIED

That the Urapunga Local Authority accepts the apologies from Mayor Judy MacFARLANE and Local Authority Members Elaine DUNCAN and Antonella PASCOE.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2/2019 RESOLVED (Paul JEFFS/Eric ROBERTS)

CARRIED

That the Urapunga Local Authority:

(a) Confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 21 February 2019 as a correct record of that meeting and its decisions; and

(b) Confirms the minutes taken at the Urapunga Local Authority Meeting held on 13 August 2019 to be a correct record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

6. CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

- Painting Power Poles;
- Irrigation;
- Vegetable Gardens;
- Community Basketball Court;
- Bus Shelter;
- Lights for Airstrip;
- Clean Up Old Homestead;
- Housing Issues;
- Women's Meeting Room;
- Australia Day;
- Clean Up;
- Kids Activities.

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

3/2019 RESOLVED (Eric ROBERTS/Paul JEFFS)

CARRIED

That the Urapunga 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 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

4/2019 RESOLVED (Clifford DUNCAN/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

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

11.2 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

5/2019 RESOLVED (Clifford DUNCAN/Eric ROBERTS) CARRIED

That the Urapunga Local Authority receives and notes the Council Services Report.

11.3 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT - OCTOBER 2019 EXPENDITURE REPORT

6/2019 RESOLVED (Clifford DUNCAN/Eric ROBERTS) CARRIED

That the Urapunga Local Authority receives and note the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the month of October 2019.

11.4 GOVERNANCE REPORT - LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER UPDATE

7/2019 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Clifford DUNCAN) CARRIED

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

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 PAINTING POWER POLES

A suggestion from Community was made to Paint the old Power Poles a variety of colours to brighten up the town. The Local Authority was advised that Power Water Corporation have ownership of the poles, and that there are lots of rules and regulations surrounding this. The Chief Executive Officer agreed to look into if this project is a possibility and report back the results to the Local Authority. No formal resolution was made.

12.2 IRRIGATION

It was agreed that Roper Gulf Regional Council would look into installing irrigation at the entrance of Urapunga Community. No formal resolution was made.

12.3 VEGETABLE GARDENS

The Manager of Community Services and Engagement will speak to the residents of Urapunga to get some ideas together about constructing vegetable gardens for community. No formal resolution was made.

12.4 COMMUNITY BASKETBALL COURT

Urapunga residents have expressed a strong interest in the construction of a Basketball Court or half Basketball Court. The Manger of Community Services and Engagement agreed to investigate options for this and to bring the information back to the Urapunga Local Authority. No formal resolution was made.

12.5 BUS SHELTER

Roper Gulf Regional Council agreed to investigate options to install a bus shelter across from the new toilet block, and present those options and costings to the Local Authority. No formal resolution was made.

12.6 LIGHTS FOR AIRSTRIP

Roper Gulf Regional Council agreed to present a project proposal to the Urapunga Local Authority regarding the installation of Lights at the Urapunga Airstrip, including costing options. No formal resolution was made.

12.7 CLEAN UP OLD HOMESTEAD

The old homestead is in a state of disrepair, it is currently unknown who is the responsible party for maintaining and cleaning up the area. The CEO agreed to investigate who has the current section 19 lease on the property and come up with a solution to tidy the space up. No formal resolution was made.

12.8 HOUSING ISSUES

Some of the following requests were made in regards to housing:

- Lack of privacy screens;
- No plants in yards;
- Back gate issues;
- No garden sheds/storage areas

The CEO agreed to include these issues in the discussion with the CEO of Housing at the Ordinary Meeting of Council. No formal resolution was made.

12.9 WOMENS MEETING ROOM

At present the Women are using an old shed to conduct activities such as basket weaving, beading, painting. This area is not suitable for their needs, the Manager of Community Services and Engagement has agreed to investigate who owns the current area, and find if there is an agreement that can be reached regarding clean up and maintenance, as well as investigating options for an alternative area. No formal resolution was made.

12.10 AUSTRALIA DAY

Discussion about holding an Australia Day event in Urapunga were held with the most prevalent idea being holding a community Barbeque. No formal resolution was made.

12.11 CLEAN UP

The Manager of Community Services and Engagement will consult with community members about what rubbish, abandoned vehicles and tin needs to be cleaned up before the Holidays. No formal resolution was made.

12.12 KIDS ACTIVITIES

Discussions around the school holiday program were held with ideas to transport more kids into Ngukurr for use of the facilities there. The Manager of Community Services and Engagement is investigating options to hold a positive and eventful school holiday program for the children in Urapunga. No formal resolution was made.

13. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 4:45pm.

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

Chairperson