

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, FINANCE AND
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT
ON WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY 2023 AT 9:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson);
- Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE (via videoconference);
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Owen TURNER; and
- Independent Member Awaia UR REHMAN.

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- James SANDERS, Finance Manager;
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer (minute secretary).

1.3 Guests

- Martin STOKIE, Productivity Commission;
- Lisa GROPP, Productivity Commission Public Enquiry into Early Childhood;
- Janet WILLIAM, Early Childhood Australia; and
- Mark BRYANT, Productivity Commission.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Finance Committee Meeting opened at 9:06am. The Mayor welcomed members and staff to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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36/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT and Councillor Samuel EVANS.

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Finance Committee Meeting.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE PREVIOUS MINUTES - 22 MARCH 2023

37/2023 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 22 March 2023 and affirms them to be true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ACTION LIST - FICM

38/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Judy MacFARLANE) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List; and
- (b) approves the removal of completed items.

7 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Update on the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (Compliance Review);
- Community Grants 2022-2023 Round 2;
- Barunga Memorial Statement Project and Barunga Festival;
- Sports and Recreation Master Plan;
- Code of Conduct for Councillors; and
- Reallocation of Numbulwar Local Authority Funds – for Pet Pig biosecurity issue.

8 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

9 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

39/2023 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee notes the outgoing correspondence.

The Chief Executive Officer provides verbal update on the letter received from The Hon. Linda BURNEY, MP in regards to Safe Housing in Numbulwar.

10 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

10.1 PRESENTATION - PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSIONER'S VISIT TO THE COMMITTEE MEETING AND BESWICK REGARDING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE - PUBLIC ENQUIRY.

40/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the Presentation.

10.2 FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDENCE REPORT

41/2023 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Member Attendance Report.

10.3 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET 2023-2024

42/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) accepts the Council's draft Regional Plan and Budget for 2023-2024; and
- (b) authorises its release for public consultation in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019* for twenty-one (21) days.

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE left the meeting, the time being 09:37 am.

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE returned to the meeting, the time being 09:39 am.

Representatives from the Productivity Commission joined the Meeting at 9:47am and left the Meeting at 10:16am.

10.4 DRAFT NORTHERN TERRITORY LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

43/2023 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the report in relation to providing feedback to the Northern Territory Government regarding the Draft Local Government Regulatory Framework.

11 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

12 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

12.1 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30.04.2023

44/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the financial reports as at 30 April 2023; and
- (b) requests that a report is submitted to the next Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 26 July 2023 regarding the details of outstanding rates balances and actions undertaken.

12.2 REVIEW OF FIN011 INVESTMENT POLICY

45/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the actions relating to the review of FIN011 Investment Policy.

12.3 HOMELANDS EMERGENCY CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM 2022-2023

46/2023 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives the Grant Agreement for Emergency Project – Emergency Food Drop at Badawarrka outstation due to the Flooding in the Homelands with Homelands Capital

- Grant 2022/2023;
- (b) amends the 2023/24 Budget to include costs and income associated with the emergency response of \$6,911.00; and
 - (c) accepts the grant contract and authorises the use of the Common Seal to execute the contract document.

12.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

47/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Judy MacFARLANE) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure committee receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update report.

Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR left the meeting, the time being 11:33 am.

Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR returned to the meeting, the time being 11:35 am.

13 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

13.1 MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT

48/2023 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the report; and
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to provide update on the Numbulwar Clinic Road Tenders to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council on Wednesday, 21 June 2023.

13.2 BUDGET AMENDMENT - MATARANKA DUMP POINT

49/2023 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) approves the budget variation for the Mataranka Dump Point of \$125,000; and
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to include in this budget an amount for Tap replacement at Stan Martin Park Toilets.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm and reconvened at 12:58pm

13.3 DECLARATION OF A BURIAL GROUND

50/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Declaration of a Burial Ground report;
- (b) investigates which burial areas (Other than Elsey Cemetery) that the Council has current leases and licenses to operate a cemetery; and
- (c) requests further information and representation from the relevant Department at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council on Wednesday, 21 June 2023.

Cr Owen TURNER left the meeting, the time being 01:03 pm.

Cr Owen TURNER returned to the meeting, the time being 01:05 pm.

13.4 UPDATE ON SUBDIVISIONAL AND LAND RELEASE MATTERS AT BORROLOOLA AND MATARANKA.

51/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Judy MacFARLANE) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the report in relation to subdivisions and land release matters for Borroloola and Mataranka.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 UPDATE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND CABINET (COMPLIANCE REVIEW UPDATE)

No Resolution required

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the verbal update provided by the Chief Executive Officer on the Compliance review undertaken by the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

15.2 COMMUNITY GRANTS 2022-2023 ROUND 2

No resolution required

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the verbal update provided by the Chief Executive Officer on Community Grants 2022 – 2023 Round 2.

15.3 BARUNGA MEMORIAL STATEMENT PROJECT AND BARUNGA FESTIVAL

No resolution required

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the verbal update provided by the Chief Executive Officer on Barunga Memorial Statement Project and Barunga Festival.

15.4 SPORTS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

No resolution required

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the verbal update provided by the Chief Executive Officer on sports and Recreation Master Plan.

15.5 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS

52/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee requests Code of Conduct Training for Councillors at the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled on Wednesday, 23 August 2023.

15.6 REALLOCATION OF NUMBULWAR LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDS

53/2023 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) approves the re-allocation of \$60,000 of Numbulwar Local Authority funds towards the removal of the feral Pig population of Numbulwar; and
- (b) requests feral pig awareness poster from Animal Management Budget.

S.1 NORTHERN TERRITORY ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REDISTRIBUTION - FIRST PROPOSAL

54/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the report in relation to the Northern Territory Electoral Boundary Redistribution – First Proposal.

14 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL

55/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

That pursuant to *section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019* and *section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

14.1 Action List - FICM - *The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

14.2 Confirmation of Finance and Infrastructure Committee Previous Confidential Minutes - 23 November 2022 - *The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(e), information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.*

14.3 Rates Proposal 2023/24 - *The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(iv), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

The meeting moved to the Confidential Session at 2:36 pm.

RETURN TO OPEN

56/2023 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be re-opened to the public.

The meeting re-opened to the public at 2:55pm.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 2:56 pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 24 May 2023 and will be confirmed on Wednesday, 26 July 2023.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on Wednesday, 26 July 2023.