

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, 25 JANUARY 2023 AT 9:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson);
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Owen TURNER; and
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT.

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Andreea CADDY, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning
- Dave HERON, Projects Manager;
- James SANDERS, Acting Finance Manager; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer(Minute Secretary).

1.3 Guests

- Mayor Kyle YANNER, Mornington Island Shire Council in Queensland.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Finance Committee Meeting opened at 9:23am. The Mayor welcomed members and staff to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1/2023 **RESOLVED** (Helen LEE/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee accepts the tendered apologies from Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE and Independent Member Awais UR REHMAN.

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 - 23 NOVEMBER 2022

2/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 23 November 2022 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

3/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) 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

- Plane Crash at Bulman – Chief Executive Officer Directive; and
- Analysis and working Partnership with Mornington Island Shire Council (Queensland).

8 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

4/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee accepts the incoming correspondence.

9 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

10 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

10.1 FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

5/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

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

Cr. Samuel EVANS left the meeting, the time being 09:54 am.

10.2 LAND RELEASE AND AVAILABILITY - FOLLOW UP FROM LGANT MOTION.

6/2023 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the report in relation to land release and availability.

Cr. Samuel EVANS returned to the meeting, the time being 9:56 am.

10.3 NUMBULWAR CYCLONE SHELTER

7/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee notes the report in relation to the Numbulwar Cyclone Shelter project.

10.4 NOMINATION FOR NORTHERN TERRITORY PLANNING COMMISSION

8/2023 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the report in relation to nominations for the Northern Territory Planning commission.

The Mayor Kyle YANNER of Mornington Island Shire Council in Queensland joined the Meeting, the time being 10:10am and discussed various issues associated with Local Government in Queensland including funding models. .

Cr. Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR left the meeting, the time being 10:21 am.

Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR returned to the meeting, the time being 10:23 am.

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting adjourned for morning tea, the time being 10:44am.

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting reconvened, the time being 11:25am.

11 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

Nil.

12 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR left the meeting, the time being 11:37 am.

Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR returned to the meeting, the time being 11:39 am.

12.1 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31.12.2022

9/2023 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the financial reports as at 31 December 2022.

12.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

10/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

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

12.3 FIN011 INVESTMENT POLICY REVIEW

11/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) approves the revised FIN011 Investment Policy;
- b) requests the Independent Member Awais UR REHMAN undertake a review of Policy and report back to the next Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting; and
- c) requests the review of Policy is undertaken every year.

12.4 APPROVAL FOR PROJECT SCHEDULE - GENERAL GRANTS CHILDREN AND SCHOOLING PROGRAMME.

12/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the Project Schedule for General Grants Agreement of Children and Schooling Program – for Jilkminggan and Beswick outside School Hours Care Period of 2023-2025; and
- b) accepts the grant contract and the Common Seal in affixed over the signature of the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.

12.5 DEED OF VARIATION FOR ABA HOMELANDS PROJECT - KEWULYI, MOUNT CATT AND JODETLUK

13/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the Deed of Variation for ABA Homelands Project – Kewulyi, Mount Catt and Jodetluk; and
- b) accepts the Deed Variation and the common seal in affixed over the signature of the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.

13 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

13.1 MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT

14/2023 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the Major Projects report.

15 General Business

15.1 PLANE CRASH AT BULMAN – Chief Executive Officer Directive

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee discussed the risk of flying during wet season weather and requests to provide directive of flying.

15.2 ANALYSIS AND WORKING PARTNERSHIP WITH MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL

15/2023 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) acknowledge the presentation from Mayor Kyle YANNER, Mornington Island Shire Council (Queensland) in relation to Financial Assistance Grants Analysis; and
- b) requests that the Local Government Association of The Northern Territory undertake further Analysis of Financial Assistance Grants in the Northern Territory; and
- c) that the Council works in partnership with Mornington Shire Council and other Local Government with advocating discrepancies with Financial Assistance Grants Australia.

The Mayor Kyle YANNER of Mornington Shire Council left the Meeting, the time being 12:24pm.

14 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL

16/2023 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/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 closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

14.1 Confirmation of Finance and Infrastructure Committee Previous Confidential Minutes - 23 November 2022 - *The report will 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.*

14.2 Analysis of 2022 Financial Year Performance - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(a) (c)(iv), information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

14.3 29 Crawford Street, Katherine East - Options Report - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i) (c)(ii), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause*

commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

- 14.4 29 Crawford St** - *The report will 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.*
- 14.4 MYOB A Rollout (New Financial Management Software/System).** - *The report will 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.*
- 14.5 Request to lease old Post Master's residence - Larrimah (part of Lot 58, Township of Larrimah)** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (e), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person; AND 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.*
- 6.6 Business Case - Communications Officer** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(d), information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.*

The meeting moved to the Confidential Session at 12:43pm

RETURN TO OPEN

17/2023 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Helen LEE)

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 1:50 pm.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 1:52 pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 January 2023 and will be confirmed on Wednesday, 22 March 2023.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on Wednesday, 22 March 2023.