

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NORTHERN TERRITORY
ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2024 AT 9:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson);
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS (via videoconference);
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR (via videoconference);
- Councillor Owen TURNER; and
- Independent Member Awais UR REHMAN.

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- David HURST, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Mruthyunjaya PATIL KULKARNI, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer (minute secretary); and
- Daniele PIGA, Customer Service Officer.

1.3 Guests

- Steven EDGINGTON, Member Legislative Assembly (MLA), Member for Barkly;
- Simon CRUICKSHANK, Director Water Projects, Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security;
- Amanda HAIGH, Manager Governance and Risk, Katherine Town Council; and
- Emmanuel OKUMUR, Audit and Governance Manager, BARKLY Regional Council.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting opened at 9:06 am. 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

1/2024 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee accepts the tendered apology from Councillor John DALYWATER.

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE PREVIOUS MINUTES - 27 SEPTEMBER 2023

2/2024 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 29 November 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

3/2024 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

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

7 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Visit to Mornington Peninsula Shire Council – *CEO Marc GARDNER*

8 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCES

4/2024 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee accepts the incoming correspondence report.

9 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

Council receives and notes the verbal address on local government issues by Mr. Steven Edgington, Member Legislative Assembly (MLA), Member for Barkly.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am and reconvened at 10:56 am.

Simon CRUICKSHANK joined the meeting at 10:58 am and presented on Draft Mataranka Tindall Limestone Water Allocation Plan and left the Meeting at 12:18 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm and reconvened at 1:00 pm.

10 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

10.1 FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

5/2024 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

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

10.2 CALL FOR COUNCIL MEMBER NOMINATIONS - NT HERITAGE COUNCIL

6/2024 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Call for Council Member Nominations – NT Heritage Council – LGANT representation; and
- (b) notifies the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory that Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR has been nominated to the NT Heritage Council.

10.3 NOMINATION OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR ROPER RIVER WATER RESOURCE ASSESSMENT - STEERING COMMITTEE

7/2024 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee on behalf of the Roper Gulf Regional Council, nominates Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer as the Council interim representative for the Roper River Water Resource Assessment Steering Committee until Council nominates a Councilor at the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 28 February 2024.

11 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

Nil

12 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

12.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

8/2024 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update report; and
- (b) allocates apportioned Ngukurr Christmas party fund to Australia Day Commemorations.

12.2 FINANCE REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

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

Deputy Mayor Helen LEE left the meeting, the time being 01:40 pm.

Deputy Mayor Helen LEE returned to the meeting, the time being 01:41 pm.

S.1 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

9/2024 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure committee receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 31 December 2023.

13 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

13.1 MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT

10/2024 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

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

13.2 VISIT TO MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE COUNCIL

11/2024 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives verbal update from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive Officer's visit to Mornington Peninsula Shire Council in February 2024.

14 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL

12/2024 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Awais Ur REHMAN) 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 - *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.*

14.2 Outstanding Rate Balances & Action Undertaken. - *The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(b) (c)(iv), information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

14.3 Information Communication and Technology Transition UPDATE - *The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i) (c)(iii) (c)(iv), 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.*

4.4 Commercial Rate Charges 6 Roper Terrace Mataranka - *The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(b), information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*

The meeting moved to the Confidential Session at 2:08 pm

RETURN TO OPEN

13/2024 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/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 re-opened to the public.

The meeting re-opened to the public at 2:39 pm.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 2:28 pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 24 January 2024 and will be confirmed on Wednesday, 27 March 2024.

Mayor Tony JACK

Confirmed on Wednesday, 27 March 2024.