

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, 27 MARCH 2024 AT 9:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson) (via videoconference);
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS (via videoconference);
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Owen TURNER (via teleconference);

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- David HURST, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- James SANDERS, Finance Manager;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary);
- Daniele PIGA, Acting Governance Officer.

1.3 Guests

Nil.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Finance Committee Meeting opened at 9:30 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

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14/2024 **RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER)**

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) accepts the tendered apology from Independent Member Awais UR REHMAN; and
- (b) does not accept the no tendered apology from Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT and tendered apology from Councillor John DALYWATER.

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Owen TURNER declared an interest as being a member of Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation.

Councillor Samuel EVANS declared an interest as being a Member of CBT, Employee and board Member of Mabunji Aboriginal Corporation.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE PREVIOUS MINUTES - 24 JANUARY 2024

15/2024 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 24 January 2024 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

16/2024 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/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

- Major Projects Update - CEO Marc GARDNER; and
- Emergency and Disaster Management - Mayor Tony JACK.

8 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCES

17/2024 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

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

9 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

10 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

10.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

18/2024 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Conflict of Interest Register report; and
- (b) requests to revise Conflict of Interest Register in reference to Deputy Mayor Helen LEE's list of declared interests with Bagala Aboriginal Corporation, (not working anymore) and GWOJA – Chansey PAECH on the ground that the Deputy Mayor no longer works in these offices.

10.2 FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

19/2024 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Member Attendance Report; and
- (b) recommends Council to review the membership of Finance and Infrastructure Committee and Councillor representation.

11 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

Nil.

12 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

12.1 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024

20/2024 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Council's Financial Report as at 29 February 2024; and
- (b) requests a report on Outstanding Rates at the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled to be held on 24 April 2024.

Cr. Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR left the meeting, the time being 10:25 am.

Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR returned to the meeting, the time being 10:26 am.

12.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

21/2024 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

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

12.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING CERTIFICATION

22/2024 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee approves the Certification of Local Authority reports for 2022-23.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am and reconvened at 11:21 am.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE – Chief Executive Officer, Marc GARDNER

23/2024 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the verbal update on Major Projects Update report from the Chief Executive Officer; and
- (b) requests to prepare a report on the Road Repairs and Maintenance.

13.2 EMERGENCY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT - Mayor Tony JACK

24/2024 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the verbal update on Emergency and Disaster Management from the Chief Executive Officer; and
- (b) requests to send a letter to the Emergency Services Commissioner, Northern Land Council and other stakeholders in relation to the event.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm and reconvened at 1:00 pm.

14 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL

25/2024 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/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 Confirmation of Finance and Infrastructure Committee Previous Confidential Minutes - *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 Action List - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(iii) (d), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.*

14.3 Budget Amendment for Hardware Refresh - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i) (c)(iii), 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.*

14.4 Business Case - Animal Management Liaison Worker - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(a) (c)(i) (e), 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 cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any 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.*

14.5 Liquor Licence Application - *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.*

14.6 Audit Report - Management Letter - *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.*

14.7 Local Government Compliance Review Report - *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.*

14.8 Advice in relation to a construction contract legal matter. - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General)*

Regulations 2021 s51(1)(a) (c)(i) (c)(ii) (c)(iii) (d) (e), 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 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; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity; 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.

The meeting moved to the Confidential Session at 1:20 pm

RETURN TO OPEN

26/2024 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 re-opened to the public.

The meeting re-opened to the public at 3:03 pm.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 3:34 pm.

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

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on Wednesday, 22 May 2024.