

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL,
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT
ON FRIDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2020 AT 8.30AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE (Chairperson)
- Deputy Mayor Hele LEE;
- Councillor Selina ASLEY;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Deanna KENNEDY;
- Councillor Owen TURNER (left meeting at 10:20 am);
- Councillor Marlene KARKADOO;
- Councillor Don GARNER;
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR; and
- Councillor Clifford DUNCAN (arrived at 10:15 am).

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Naomi HUNTER, Executive Manager; and
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Officer.

1.3 Guests

Nil.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 8:31am. The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

26/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Donald GARNER)

CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Received and accepted the apologies tendered by Councillor Deanna KENNEDY and Councillor David MURRUNGUN; and**
- (b) Does not accept the apologies of Councillor Clifford DUNCAN and Councillor Ossie DAYLIGHT.**

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

27/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

The Council confirmed the minutes from the meeting held on 28 October 2020 and affirmed them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

It was noted there was a typing error with Councillor's Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR name within the previous minutes.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 ACTION LIST

28/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Received and noted the Action List; and**
- (b) Approved the removal of completed items.**

7.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE REPORT

29/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

The Council received and noted the elected member attendance report.

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

- Recycled stationary
- RGRC to engage planner/draftsperson
- ACEO Christmas Leave
- Liquor Act
- 2021 Calendar
- Tick Disease Information
- Mataranka Tindal Water Advisory Committee
- Fuel Supply

9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Ordinary Meeting of Council.

10 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

10.1 CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

30/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Adopted the recommendations from the Audit Committee Meeting held on 18 November 2020;**
- (b) Adopted the recommendations from the Roads Committee Meeting held on 24 November 2020; and**
- (c) Adopted the recommendations from the Finance Committee Meeting held on 24 November 2020.**

It was noted there was an error with the street address of the Finance Committee Meeting minutes, this will be updated.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

31/2020 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

That Council accepts the incoming correspondence.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

32/2020 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That Council accepts the outgoing correspondence.

13 WARD REPORTS

Nil.

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

14.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER RESIGNATIONS

33/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

The Council accepted the Local Authority resignations of:

- (a) Vita BRINJEN, Mavis JUMBIRI, and Anne-Marie LEE from the Barunga Local Authority;**
- (b) Annunciata BRADSHAW from the Bulman Local Authority;**
- (c) Farron JACKSON from the Robinson Rover Authority; and**
- (d) James NUGGET from the Minyerri Local Authority.**

14.2 RATES HARDSHIP RELIEF

34/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

The Council:

- (a) Extended the rates relief concession for businesses suffering hardship to include all rates charged for the 2020/2021 financial year; and**
- (b) Approved the application for rates relief due to business hardship received from Bittersweet Investment Trust.**

15 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

35/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Marlene KARKADOO) CARRIED

The Council received and noted the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

15.2 MAYOR'S UPDATE

36/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED

The Council noted and accepted the Mayor's update report.

15.3 FUNDING AGREEMENTS - NATIONAL INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS AGENCY

37/2020 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Annabelle DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

The Council delegated authority to the Mayor and Acting Chief Executive Officer the use of the Common Seal of Council to execute funding agreements for the Indigenous Youth Reconnect Programme, the School Nutrition Programmes and Outside School Hours Care Programmes with the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA).

It was noted the recommendation wording needed amending.

6.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL - 03 NOVEMBER 2020

38/2020 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Marlene KARKADOO) CARRIED

The Council confirmed the minutes from the meeting held on 03 November 2020 and affirmed them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

It is noted the item 6.4 is a supplementary agenda item.

16 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

17 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

18 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

18.1 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30.11.2020

39/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That the Council receives and notes the financial reports as at 30 November 2020.

18.2 BUDGET 2020/21 REVISION 1

40/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

The Council approved the Revised Budget for 2020/21.

19 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

19.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

41/2020 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Donald GARNER) CARRIED

The Council received and noted the Local Authority Projects Update.

It was noted that the remaining allocated funds for Hodgson Downs is \$377,400.04

It was noted that the remaining unallocated funds for Hodgson Downs \$172,740.00

It was noted that the Beswick Water Park is not happening and should be removed from the Project Funding list.

19.2 MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATES

42/2020 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

The Council received and noted the Major Projects Updates Report.

19.3 NLC LICENSES – BULMAN

43/2020 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED

(a) The Council accepted the proposed License Agreements from the Northern Land Council for the Bulman Airport Ablution Block and Bulman Community Ablution Block; and

(b) The Council affixed the Common Seal to the documents.

It was noted for Council to acquire one set of plans for the building of toilet blocks, to be implemented for all RGRC locations.

19.4 RECYCLED STATIONARY

44/2020 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Helen LEE) CARRIED

The Council requested the ACEO to investigate options for a Waste reduction Strategy, including recycled stationary, for Council operations. ACEO to report back to Council at the February Ordinary Meeting of Council.

19.5 RGRC TO ENGAGE PLANNER/DRAFTSPERSON

45/2020 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Donald GARNER) CARRIED

The Council requested the ACEO to investigate options for Council to engage a draftsperson for projects.

19.6 ACTING CEO CHRISTMAS LEAVE

46/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Marlene KARKADOO) CARRIED

The Council received and noted the ACEO will be on leave 19 December 2020 to the 10 January 2021.

19.7 LIQUOR ACT

47/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED

The Council received and noted the Liquor Act review.

19.8 2021 CALENDAR

48/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Helen LEE) CARRIED

The Council received and noted the updated 2021 Calendar.

It was noted that Council requests the upcoming Ordinary Meeting of Council be held in the following.

ACTION: OCEO to send 2021 calendar to LGANT, Hon. Chancey PAECH, and Hon. Selina UIBO along with an invitation to attend all Local Authority and Council Meetings.

19.9 TICK DISEASE INFORMATION

The Council received and noted the update for distributing dog disease posters into the communities.

19.10 MATARANKA TINDAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

49/2020 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

The Council nominates Mayor Judy MacFARLANE as a committee member on the Mataranka Tindal Water Advisory Committee.

19.11 FUEL SUPPLY

50/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

ACTION: ACEO to follow up with management regarding fuel supply for Council operations.

The meeting stopped for a break, the time being 9:55am.

Councillor Clifford DUNCAN arrived to the meeting, the time being 10:15am. It is noted the 4.1 resolution was not amended

Councillor Owen TURNER left the meeting due to illness, the time being 10:20am.

The Meeting returned from a break, the time being 10:22am.

20 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

51/2020 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 2008 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

- 20.1 **Ordinary Meeting of Council - 28 October 2020** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(iv).*
- 20.2 **Confirmation of Minutes - Special Meeting of Council - 03 November 2020** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(a) (c)(iii) (e).*
- 20.3 **Confirmation Committee Minutes** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(iv).*
- 20.4 **Audit Committee Terms of Reference** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(iv).*
- 20.5 **Outstanding Rates** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(b).*
- 20.6 **Tender Panel approval for Numbulwar internal road upgrades** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(i) (c)(ii) (c)(iii) (d) (e).*
- 20.7 **Tender Panel approval for Manyalluluk stage 1 internal roads and drainage upgrades** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(i)*

(c)(ii) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (d) (e).

- 20.8 Tender Panel approval for Anyula Street upgrades under Blackspot funding program 2020-21** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(i) (c)(ii) (c)(iii) (d) (e).*
- 20.9 Black Spot Funding** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(i).*
- 20.10 Local Authority Nominations (Barunga)** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(c)(iii).*
- 20.11 Fleet disposal request.** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(e).*

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

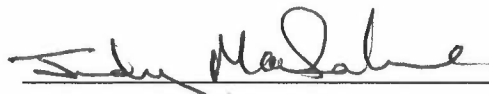
52/2020 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That Council moved to return to the open session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council and declared the resolutions made in the confidential session not be available to the public in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2008*, section 201.

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 11.12am.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday, 11 December 2020 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.



Mayor Judy MacFARLANE

Confirmed on 24 February 2021

