



MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, NUMBULWAR LOCAL  
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL SERVICE  
DELIVERY CENTRE, NUMBULWAR  
ON WEDNESDAY, 23 JUNE 2021 AT 10:30AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Members**

- Councillor David MURRUNGUN (Chairperson);
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Rhonda SIMON
- Douglas WUNUNGUMURRA;
- Dale MURRUNGUN;
- Roland NUNDHIRRIBAL; and
- Amanda NGALMI.

**1.2 Staff**

- Dave HERON Acting General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability (AGMCSS);
- Janette HAMILTON Regional CDP Manager (RCDP);
- David HURST Community Projects and Engagement Manager;
- John TEREPO Council services and Coordinator (CSC);
- Christine SMITH Senior Administrative Support Officer (SASO)
- Vikrant JAGARLAMUDI Roads Coordinator

**1.3 Guests**

- Barry CLARKE Australian Bureau of Statistics;
- Nicole JONES Australian Bureau of Statistics;
- Neville KHAN Australian Bureau of Statistics;
- Tanya WOODCRAFT Commander, Northern Territory Police Force

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting opened at 10:50am having attained a **QUORUM**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

**3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

**4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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#### **4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**24/2021 RESOLVED (Douglas WUNUNG MURRA/Dale MURRUNGUN)** *CARRIED*

**That the Numbulwar Local Authority accepts the apology of Mayor Judy MacFARLANE.**

#### **5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nil.

#### **6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at this Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting.

#### **7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

##### **7.1 CONFIRMATION OF NUMBULWAR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**25/2021 RESOLVED (Douglas WUNUNG MURRA/Dale MURRUNGUN)** *CARRIED*

**That the Numbulwar Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 22 April 2021, and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of the meeting decisions and proceedings.**

#### **8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

##### **8.1 ACTION LIST**

**26/2021 RESOLVED (Douglas WUNUNG MURRA/Dale MURRUNGUN)** *CARRIED*

**The Numbulwar Local Authority:**

- (a) Receives and notes the Action List;**
- (b) Approves the removal of completed items.**
- (c) Requests Council to update it on proposed timeframes for completion of project pending roads opening;**
- (d) Requests Council to forward its request for Territory Housing Representative comes out at its next Local Authority Meeting;**
- (e) Requests Council to advocate for a Safe House in Numbulwar, to Department of Territory families.**

**The Numbulwar Local Authority expressed concerns about the accuracy and content of the Agenda's Action List noting that several items were incomplete whilst others were missing. The Acting General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability (AGMCSS) provided an update on these points.**

##### **8.2 STREETLIGHT AND BLACKSPOT AREAS**

**DISCUSSION ONLY. NO RESOLUTION MADE.**

**The Numbulwar Local Authority expressed concerns pertaining to streetlights and blackspot areas. Acting General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability (AGMCSS) advised that Council has organised a full streetlight/blackspot audit over all communities by an independent auditor, hoping this will be commencing late July/early August 2021.**

### **8.3 TENDER FOR TOILET BLOCK**

#### ***DISCUSSION ONLY. NO RESOLUTION MADE.***

The Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Tender update for Toilet block.

### **8.4 LIVESTOCK IN COMMUNITY**

#### ***DISCUSSION ONLY. NO RESOLUTION MADE.***

The Numbulwar Local Authority discussed the project's progress. Cr NUNGGUMAJBARR raised a concern that there is no proposed time frame for this project and requests for an update to be provided that outlines proposed timeframes and responsibilities.

The AGMCSS and CSC Numbulwar advised that this would be carried out internally by Council Staff and that Council is awaiting roads to open so as to source top soil and machinery into the Community.

The Numbulwar Local Authority noted that the Action List (Item 8.1) stated that correspondence from the Northern Land Council was received, however this was *not* presented to the Local Authority.

### **8.5 DIESEL BOWSER AT WORKSHOP**

#### ***DISCUSSION ONLY. NO RESOLUTION MADE.***

The Numbulwar Local Authority discussed the Quote received from Jetstream for \$15,000 to repair blocked pipe at the landing area, noting that further scoping might be necessary.

### **8.6 EROSION OF THE BEACHFRONT**

#### ***DISCUSSION ONLY. NO RESOLUTION MADE.***

The Numbulwar Local Authority discussed on this item as who is a responsible party- As per Action list the letter was sent but no other information provided. LA Members want this followed up to ensure the letter was sent (provide a copy) and what was the outcome if any, if none then to be followed up and advised at next LA Meeting.

### **8.7 WATER SUPPLY AND PRESSURE**

#### ***DISCUSSION ONLY. NO RESOLUTION MADE.***

The Numbulwar Local authority noticed that water supply and pressure is still a problem in the community, some areas do now have better pressure but others have seen no change.

### **8.8 HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS (DISCUSSION NO RESOLUTION)**

#### ***DISCUSSION ONLY. NO RESOLUTION MADE.***

The Numbulwar Local Authority followed up with letters sent . AGMCSS advised that Territory Housing has now split into different areas with tenancy being handled by NT Housing and Maintenance issues now going through Department of Infrastructure. The Numbulwar SASO advised that reporting of maintenance issues in community has not changed and are still be lodged through the Council office.

### **8.9 FREIGHT HUB**

#### ***DISCUSSION ONLY. NO RESOLUTION MADE.***

The Numbulwar Local Authority discussed that a contractor is yet to be engaged, and that a full scope of work funding clarity was needed before the project can

commence. Spraying the workshop/ landing area is likely to be expensive, and as yet no funding has been allocated.

#### **8.10 SAFE HOUSE**

***DISCUSSION ONLY. NO RESOLUTION MADE.***

The Numbulwar Local Authority expressed the need for safe house in Numbulwar as in many of Council's communities/ towns. No funding currently available and this not a core service of Council, thus the matter has not progressed beyond advocacy.

#### **8.11 AGED AND DISABILITY CARE**

***DISCUSSION ONLY. NO RESOLUTION MADE.***

The Numbulwar Local Authority discussed that a grant was received to upgrade the Aged Care Centre. The grant is insufficient thus necessitating an application for further funding.

### **9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

Lunch break at 12:33pm

Recommenced at 1:15pm

#### **10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

#### **11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

#### **12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

#### **13 GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **13.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT – RESOLUTION WAS NOT PASSED**

###### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority;

- a) Receives and notes this Council Services report; and,
- b) Supports the provision of training to community members to understand the importance and value of Council's plant and equipment and other assets in delivering services to the community and that any damage results in a reduction in our ability to deliver services.

##### **13.2 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01.07.2020 - 31.05.2021**

*27/2021 RESOLVED (Douglas WUNUNG MURRA/Dale MURRUNGUN) CARRIED*

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Financial (Expenditure) Report for the period July 2020 to May 2021

##### **13.3 TOWN PRIORITIES 2021-22**

*28/2021 RESOLVED (Dale MURRUNGUN/Douglas WUNUNG MURRA) CARRIED*

**That the Numbulwar Local Authority approves the draft 2021-22 Town Priorities list for the 2021-22 Regional Plan.**

- **Verbal update on report was provided by AGMCSS**

*Note: Councilor NUNGGUMAJBARR expressed concerns over Action List items not being completed.*

### **13.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**29/2021 RESOLVED (Douglas WUNUNGMURRA/Roland NUNDHIRRIBALA) CARRIED**

**That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.**

### **13.5 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT**

**30/2021 RESOLVED (Douglas WUNUNGMURRA/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED**

**That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Member Report.**

### **13.6 NUMBULWAR LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER UPDATE**

**31/2021 RESOLVED (Douglas WUNUNGMURRA/Dale MURRUNGUN) CARRIED**

**That the Numbulwar Local Authority;**

- a) Receives and notes the update of the Local Authority Project Fund Register.**
- b) Approve the allocation of the remaining \$159,589.97 to the Numbulwar Sport and Rec Precinct at Lot 97.**
- c) RMCDP presented the suggestion from the Mayor that after approving the additional funds for the playground area that all remaining unallocated funds be directed to the toilet block (airstrip) project as the Section 19 *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (Cth) lease had been granted by the Northern Land Council.**

### **13.7 MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE**

**32/2021 RESOLVED (Douglas WUNUNGMURRA/Dale MURRUNGUN) CARRIED**

**That the members receives and notes the report on the road upgrades and presented a map to LA members to confirm that what roads were identified at and previous LA Meeting are still the priority areas. A lot of discussion around this topic. LA members wanted a full listing of roads at the next LA Meeting.**

### **13.8 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**33/2021 RESOLVED (Douglas WUNUNGMURRA/Roland NUNDHIRRIBALA) CARRIED**

**That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives and notes the Community Development Program (CDP) report.**

**34/2021 RESOLVED (Roland NUNDHIRRIBALA/Dale MURRUNGUN) CARRIED**

### **13.9 AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) report from presenter Barry and Neville noting that the ABS:

- Explained its census methodology;
- The Census' First phase: counting of dwellings commencing from Monday 28/06/2021;
- Second Phase: Counting of people, runs from 26/07/2021 To 20/08/2021;
- The ABS is looking to employ local people to work, to assist in obtaining the required Information;
- Expression of Interest (EOI) from approximately 20 people;
- Ensuring everyone in community, including the homelands is counted;
- CDP to make a poster of EOI for employment for the people count and will hold the register for interested people to put their names down for the employment.

### **13.10 POLICE STATISTICS**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority receives report and presentation from Police Commander Tanya WOODCRAFT, noting:

- Crime statistics for current versus previous year;
- Police are keen to build relationships in Community;
- The presented a Numbulwar Mutual Respect Agreement (NMRA)
- Content of the agreement was discussed and LA members to signed off after presenting the proposed NMRA to all family groups in the area.
- Police advised that the new permanent police sergeant (Josh Munday) will be in the Numbulwar on 14 July 2021 and looking to get a permanent APO and other Constable, to then have 3 permanent Police Officers based in Numbulwar.

## **14 OTHER BUSINESS**

*35/2021 RESOLVED (Douglas WUNUNG MURRA/Dale MURRUNGUN) CARRIED*

### **14.1 RESIGNATION**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority accepts the resignation of Amanda NGALMI.

Amanda Ngalmi advised and presented LA with her resignation as a Numbulwar LA Member, to be in effect after the meeting. LA Members accepted Amanda's resignation.

*36/2021 RESOLVED (Roland NUNDHIRIBALA/Douglas WUNUNG MURRA) CARRIED*

### **14.2 ALPA STORE INVITATION**

That the Numbulwar Local Authority invites ALPA Store representatives to its next Local Authority Meeting and noted the following:

- Needs assistance from ALPA for a Community Vehicle to be used for Cultural purposes by all family clans.

## **15 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 2:20pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 23 June 2021 and confirmed Wednesday, 18 August 2021.

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Chairperson  
Confirmed on Wednesday, 18 August 2021.