

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD AT
ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2 CRAWFORD STREET KATHERINE
ON WEDNESDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2018 AT 0830HRS

PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- **Mayor Judy MacFARLANE**
- **Deputy Mayor Helen LEE**
- **Cr Selina ASHLEY**
- **Cr Annabelle DAYLIGHT**
- **Cr Ossie DAYLIGHT**
- **Cr Samuel EVANS**
- **Cr Deanna KENNEDY**
- **Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR**
- **Cr Eric ROBERTS**
- **Cr Keith RORY**
- **Cr Owen TURNER**

1.2 Staff

- **Sharon HILLEN** – Acting Chief Executive Officer
- **Marc GARDNER** – Director of Commercial Services
- **Virginia BOON** – Acting Director of Council and Community Services
- **Irenee McCREEVY** – Acting Manager of Governance, Corporate Planning and Compliance
- **Ashleigh ANDERSON** – Governance Officer (minute taker)
- **Kristen MUNCKTEN** – Area Manager
- **Nathan McIVOR** – Area Manager - Mataranka
- **Brad DIXON** – Project Manager
- **Annalisa BOWDEN** – Regional Manager, Community Services
- **Jenny CARROLL** – NDIS COS Regional Coordinator
- **Alex MacPHERSON** – IT Officer
- **Melissa AMARANT** – Contracts Manager

1.3 Guests

- **Amanda HAIGH** – Department of Housing and Community Development
- **Meeta RAMKUMOR** – Department of Housing and Community Development
- **Damian RYAN** - LGANT

MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council opened at 0832hrs

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

The Mayor welcomed Councillors, Staff and Guests to the Ordinary Meeting of Council and the Roper Gulf Regional Council pledge was recited.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

289/2018 RESOLVED (Keith RORY/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council accepts the apologies of Councillor David MURRUNGUN and Councillor Donald GARNER.

CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- 19.1 Bulman workshop Project
- 19.2 LA Projects
- 19.3 Job Vacancies
- 19.4 Roads
- 19.5 Australian Citizenship affirmation

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES ON 31 OCTOBER 2018 AND SPECIAL MEETING ON 14 NOVEMBER 2018

290/2018 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council approves the previous minutes as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 31 October 2018 in Katherine;
- (b) That Council approves the previous minutes as a true and accurate record of the Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14 November 2018 via Teleconference.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

9.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

291/2018 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes the previous minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 28 November 2018.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

10.1 ACTION LIST

292/2018 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Eric ROBERTS)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Action List.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

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293/2018 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council accepts the incoming correspondence.

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

294/2018 RESOLVED (Keith RORY/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council accepts the outgoing correspondence.

WARD REPORTS

13.1 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

295/2018 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
(b) That Council approves the recommendations of the Borroloola Local Authority from the minutes 31 October 2018.

13.2 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT

296/2018 RESOLVED (Eric ROBERTS/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
(b) That Council approves the recommendations of the Jilkminggan Local Authority from the minutes 02 October 2018;
(c) That Council approves the recommendations of the Mataranka Local Authority from the minutes 08 October 2018;
(d) That Council approves the recommendations of the Hodgson Downs Local Authority from the minutes 11 October 2018.

13.3 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT

297/2018 RESOLVED (Eric ROBERTS/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report.

13.4 NYIRRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

298/2018 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;
- (b) That Council approves the recommendations of the Barunga Local Authority for the minutes 16 October 2018;
- (c) That Council approves the recommendations of the Beswick Local Authority for the minutes 22 October 2018;
- (d) That Council approves the recommendations of the Manyallaluk Local Authority for the minutes 22 October 2018.

13.5 NUMBULWAR NUMBURINDI WARD REPORT

299/2018 RESOLVED (Eric ROBERTS/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

- (a) That the Council receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report.
- (b) That the Council approves the recommendations of the Numbulwar Local Authority from the minutes 09 October 2018.

Action: CEO to investigate and act upon urgent repairs and maintenance in the Numbulwar Aged Care facility

Deputy Mayor Helen LEE left the meeting, the time being 0939hrs

Deputy Mayor Helen LEE returned to the meeting, the time being 0941hrs

Cr Selina ASHLEY left the meeting, the time being 09:41 AM

Cr Selina ASHLEY returned to the meeting, the time being 09:46 AM

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

14.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

300/2018 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Mayor's Report.

14.2 APPLICATION TO TRANSFER LIQUOR LICENCE - LARRIMAH HOTEL

301/2018 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Keith RORY)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council supports the license application for the Larrimah Hotel in general and aims to provide feedback in regards to concerns about late trading hours.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

15.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That Council receives and notes the resignation of Geoff BISHOP, Independent Member of the Finance Committee;
- (b) That Council decides whether or not to continue having an Independent Member on the Finance Committee;
- (c) That Council receives and note the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on 28 November 2018.

15.2 URAPUNGA LOCAL AUTHORITY

302/2018 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Keith RORY)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council approves 6 members for the Urapunga Local Authority ;
- (b) That Council approves the following nominees: Cleven WOODS, Antonella PASCOE, Annie DANIELS, Richard COLLINS, Elaine DUNCAN and Clifford DUNCAN to the Urapunga Local Authority.
- (c) That Council decides the inaugural and subsequent Meeting dates of the Urapunga Local Authority;
- (d) That Council considers the invitation of the Minister for Housing and Community Development, and other dignitaries for the Inaugural Meeting of the Urapunga Local Authority.

ADJOURNED FOR MORNING TEA 1001HRS – 1030HRS

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED 1030HRS - 1040HRS

Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR left the meeting, the time being 1042hrs

PROJECT UPDATE ON ONSHORE EXPLORATION PROJECT NEAR DALY WATERS – 1050HRS

Origin Presentation by Stephanie Stonier and Russell Jeffrey.

Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR returned to the meeting, the time being 1113hrs

15.3 CEO REVIEW 2019

303/2018 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council agrees that the CEO Review Report be moved to the Confidential Session

15.4 2019 MEETING CALENDAR

304/2018 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Keith RORY)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council adopts the revised dates for the 2019 Meeting Calendar for Council Meetings, Committee Meetings, and Local Authority Meetings.

15.5 NATIONAL ROADS CONFERENCE

305/2018 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes summary of National Local Roads and Transport Congress Conference in Alice Springs from the Elected Members who attended the Conference.

15.6 LGANT CONFERENCE

306/2018 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Keith RORY)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes the update from the Elected Members who attended the 2019 LGANT Annual General Meeting.

15.7 TOWN CAMPS GRANT FUNDING OFFER

307/2018 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council accepts the Town Camps Program funding offer of \$1,100,000 (GST Inclusive) from the Department of Housing and Community Development for works to occur in the Mulggan town camp;
- (b) That Council adopts the Town Camps Dwelling Funding Agreement TC0004 by signing and affixing the document with the Common seal.

15.8 LOCAL AUTHORITY SUPPORT

308/2018 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes update from the Department of Housing and Community Development pertaining to support and training of Local Authority members.

Cr Keith RORY left the meeting, the time being 1144hrs

Cr Keith RORY returned to the meeting, the time being 1145hrs

15.9 BESWICK, BULMAN AND WEELMOL COMMUNITY LAND USE PLAN

309/2018 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Ossie DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council endorses the draft Beswick Community Land Use Plan;
- (b) That Council endorses the draft Bulman Community Land Use Plan, subject to the changes recommended by the Bulman/Weemol Local Authority at the Local Authority Meeting on 05 December 2018;
- (c) That Council endorses the Weemol Community Land Use Plan.

15.10 RECLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITION

310/2018 RESOLVED (Eric ROBERTS/Keith RORY)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council endorses the reclassification of the Level 4 Information Technology Officer position to a Level 5/6 Information Technology Coordinator.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT

16.1 SERVICE DELIVERY OVER CHRISTMAS PERIOD

311/2018 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Keith RORY)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes Service Delivery over the Christmas Period.

COMMERCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

18.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES

312/2018 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and adopts the Report for Community Services

18.2 FINANCE - FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2018

313/2018 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes the financial reports as at 30 November 2018.

Action: LA Projects to be included in the Ordinary Meeting of Council agenda and all information pertaining to those projects their funding amounts and progress of those projects including 2018-2019 funding allocation.

18.3 NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019 (NGA)

314/2018 RESOLVED (Keith RORY/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Call for Motions Discussion Paper 2019 published by the National General Assembly of Local Government 2019.

BUSINESS ARISING

19.1 BULMAN WORKSHOP PROJECT

315/2018 RESOLVED (Keith RORY/Ossie DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

- (a) That Council is to appoint a tender assessment panel for the Bulman Workshop Project to include the Director of Commercial Services, Project Manager, Project Coordinator and Contract Manager

19.2 JOB VACANCIES

316/2018 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Keith RORY) CARRIED

- (a) That the CEO is to investigate the advice provided to a job applicant in Borroloola.

19.3 ROADS

317/2018 RESOLVED (Keith RORY/Ossie DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

- (a)

19.4 AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP AFFIRMATION

318/2018 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes the request to read out the Australian Citizenship Affirmation at its Australia day events in 2019.

ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH: 1235HRS – 1301HRS

PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE BURIAL AND CREMATION BILL – 1301HRS

Department of Housing and Community Development Presentation by Soloman Gaturu and Robert Lee.

DEPUTATIONS & PETITIONS

Nil

MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

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319/2018 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

- (a) That Council moves into the confidential session and members of the public are to be excluded from the meeting.

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

9.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – CONFIDENTIAL – *The Report will be dealt with under Section 65(2)(ci) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

10.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – FINANCE COMMITTEE – CONFIDENTIAL - *The Report will be dealt with under Section 65(2)(ci) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

11.1 PRESENTATION BY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - *The Report will be dealt with under Section 65(2)(ci)(d)(e) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; and information submit to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity; and information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.*

12.1 CDP REPORT – *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2)(ci)(ciii)(e) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government Act (Administration) Regulations. It contains 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 interests of council or some other person; and information provided to the council on the condition that it be kept confidential.*

13.1 ADDENDUM – REMUNERATION STRATEGY – *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2)(ciii) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

14.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RETURN TO WORK PROGRAMME - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2)(ciii) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

14.2 CEO REVIEW 2019 - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2)(ciii) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

14.3 PROGRESS AND EXPENDITURE REPORT – 2 CRAWFORD STREET PROJECT - *The Report will be dealt with under Section 65(2)(ci) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person*

15.1 BARUNGA OVAL LIGHTS - *The Report will be dealt with under Section 65(2)(ci) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration)*

Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person

9.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - CONFIDENTIAL

320/2018 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Helen LEE) CARRIED

- (a) That Council approves the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Confidential Session of Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 31 October 2018 in Katherine.

10.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – FINANCE COMMITTEE - CONFIDENTIAL

321/2018 RESOLVED (Keith RORY/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

- (a) That Council confirms the previous confidential minutes of the Finance Committee held on 28 November 2018.

11.1 PRESENTATION BY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

322/2018 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Keith RORY) CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives the report from the Department of Housing and Community Development;
- (b) That Council resolves to engage the services of Mr. Mark BLACKBURN in accordance with the document titled Blackburn Consultancy.

12.1 CDP REPORT

323/2018 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Keith RORY) CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives the report from the Department of Housing and Community Development;

13.1 ADDENDUM - REMUNERATION STRATEGY

324/2018 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Ossie DAYLIGHT) CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Addendum

14.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RETURN TO WORK PROGRAMME

325/2018 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes the report in relation to the Chief Executive Officer return to work programme;
- (b) **s201 LGA**
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14.2 CEO REVIEW 2019

326/2018 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

- (a) That the report of the CEO Review be deferred to the February 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

14.3 PROGRESS AND EXPENDITURE REPORT - 2 CRAWFORD STREET PROJECT

327/2018 RESOLVED (Eric ROBERTS/Ossie DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes the report in relation to progress and expenditure of the 2 Crawford Street project.

15.1 BARUNGA OVAL LIGHTS

328/2018 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Keith RORY)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council receives and notes the report in relation to the Barunga Oval Light Tenders;
- (b) That Council delegates authority to the Acting Chief Executive Officer to award a tender in relation to the Barunga Oval Lights project.

16.1 MOVE OUT OF CONFIDENTIAL

329/2018 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Keith RORY)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council moves out of the Confidential Session.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 1533hrs.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ordinary Meeting of Council HELD ON Wednesday, 19 December 2018 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 27 February 2019.

Mayor Judy MacFARLANE