



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING # 4 OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL
COUNCIL MEETING OF 2019 HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY 2019 AT
08:30AM

PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- **Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;**
- **Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;**
- **Councillor Donald GARNER;**
- **Councillor Samuel EVANS;**
- **Councillor Marlene KARKADOO;**
- **Councillor Owen TURNER;**
- **Councillor Eric ROBERTS;**
- **Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;**
- **Councillor David MURRUNGUN;**
- **Councillor Ossie DAYLIGHT;**
- **Councillor Deanna KENNEDY;**
- **Councillor Selina ASHLEY;**

1.2 Staff

- **Phillip LUCK, Chief Executive Officer;**
- **Marc GARDNER, Director Commercial Services;**
- **Sharon HILLEN, Director Infrastructure Services and Planning;**
- **Lokesh ANAND, Chief Financial Officer;**
- **Cristian COMAN, Manager Governance and Corporate Planning;**
- **Prerna RAMAWAT, Governance Officer (Minute Taker).**

1.3 Guests

- **Amanda HAIGH, Department of Local Government Housing and Community Development;**

2. MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council opened at 0836hrs.

3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY

The Mayor welcomed Members, Staff and Guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

168/2019 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Deanna KENNEDY)

Carried

- (a) That Council does not accept the apologies of Cr Annabelle DAYLIGHT noting that it was not provided.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

169/2019 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Eric ROBERTS)

Carried

- (a) That Council adopts the minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 26 June 2019 in Katherine and endorses those minutes as a true and accurate record of that meeting and its decisions.

6. CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- (1) Local Authority Member Resignations;
- (2) Acknowledgement of staff performance during transitional period;
- (3) Community Night Patrol in Borrooloola;
- (4) Fuel bowser in Numbulwar;
- (5) Community Childcare Fund – Deed of Variation;
- (6) Councillor ASHLEY – Leave of Absence;
- (7) Council representation at Borrooloola Show.

7. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

NIL

8. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Council.

9. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

NIL

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

10.1 ACTION LIST

170/2019 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Samuel EVANS)

Carried

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

11. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

171/2019 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Deanna KENNEDY) *Carried*

- (a) That Council accepts the incoming correspondence with acceptance for late correspondence from Yugul Mangi.

12. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

172/2019 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Eric ROBERTS) *Carried*

- (a) That Council accepts the outgoing correspondence.

13. WARD REPORTS

13.1 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

173/2019 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Helen LEE) *Carried*

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Nyiranggulung Ward Report;
(b) That Council approves the recommendations of the Beswick Local Authority from the minutes of 01 July 2019;
(c) That Council approves rescheduling the Barunga Local Authority from Tuesday 20 August 2019 to Tuesday 27 August 2019;
(d) That Council approves a letter to be sent to the members of the Barunga Local Authority.

13.2 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT

174/2019 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Eric ROBERTS) *Carried*

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

13.3 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT

175/2019 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Selina ASHLEY) *Carried*

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
(b) That Council approves the rescheduling of the Hodgson Downs Local Authority meeting date from Monday 12 August 2019 to Monday 16 September 2019.

13.4 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

176/2019 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Samuel EVANS) *Carried*

- (a) That Council receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report.

13.5 NUMBULWAR NUMBURINDI WARD REPORT

177/2019 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/David MURRUNGUN) *Carried*

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Numbulwar Numburindi Ward Report.**

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

14.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

178/2019 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Marlene KARKADOO) *Carried*

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

14.2 CEO REPORT - JULY 2019

179/2019 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Samuel EVANS) *Carried*

- (a) That the Council receives and notes the CEO Report for July 2019.**

15. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

15.2 COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM 2019-20

180/2019 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Deanna KENNEDY) *Carried*

- (a) That the Council approves Round 1 of the Community Grants Program to be conducted from 1 August 2019 to 12 September 2019.**
(b) That the Council approves Round 2 of the Community Grants Program to be conducted from 19 October 2019 to 30 November 2019.

15.3 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

181/2019 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Ossie DAYLIGHT) *Carried*

- (a) That Council receives and notes the financial reports as at 30 June 2019.**

15.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT UPDATE

182/2019 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Deanna KENNEDY) *Carried*

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Project updates.**

Cr Eric ROBERTS left the meeting, the time being 09:03 am

Cr Eric ROBERTS returned to the meeting, the time being 09:04 am

15.5 GRANTS: HEALTHY HOMES ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROJECT

183/2019 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Deanna KENNEDY) *Carried*

- (a) That the Council accepts funding of \$165,000 (GST Exclusive), provided by the Department of Health for the Healthy Homes Environmental Health Project, by signing, dating and affixing the common seal to one copy of the agreement.
- (b) That the Council acknowledge the Territory Government for its support in respect of the project.

16. COUNCIL & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT

NIL

17. COMMERCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

17.1 NGUKURR - NEW SUBDIVISION ACCEPTANCE

184/2019 RESOLVED (Eric ROBERTS/David MURRUGUN) *Carried*

- (a) That Council accepts the addition of the Ngukurr subdivision road works, street lighting and storm water drainage system as part of Council's roads asset network on part of NT Portion 1646;
- (b) That Council Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to accept the subdivision works on Council's behalf.

17.2 UPDATE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

185/2019 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Deanna KENNEDY) *Carried*

- (a) That Council receives and notes the report in relation to the Community Development Program's performance.

Cr Helen LEE left the meeting, the time being 09:18 am

Cr Helen LEE returned to the meeting, the time being 09:20 am

17.3 ROADS COMMITTEE ACTION LIST UPDATE

186/2019 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Helen LEE) *Carried*

- (a) That Council receives and notes the report in relation to the Roads Committee Action List Update;
- (b) That Council receives and notes the reconciliation of the \$2M allocated roads funding;
- (c) That Council approves the request for exemption to Tenders for the Weemol Internal Roads Resealing program and Minyerri Roads Project.

Cr Deanna KENNEDY left the meeting, the time being 09:24 am

17.4 MECHANICAL WORKSHOP REPORT

187/2019 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Eric ROBERTS) *Carried*

- (a) That the Council acknowledge and receives an update on the Mechanical Workshops movements and financial results for 2018/19.

Cr Owen TURNER left the meeting, the time being 09:27 am

Cr Owen TURNER returned to the meeting, the time being 09:28 am

17.5 DISPOSAL OF ABLUTION BLOCK - MATARANKA SPORTSGROUNDS

188/2019 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Selina ASHLEY)

Carried

- (a) That the Council approves the disposal of the ablution block from Mataranka Sports grounds (Asset ID: BU-150043/AMID:20099) by sale by open tender;**
- (b) Appoints the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and Director Commercial Services to the tender assessment panel; and**
- (c) Delegates authority to the panel to accept the best tender based on assessment criteria; and**
- (d) A report is provided to Council at the next Ordinary Meeting.**

18. GENERAL BUSINESS

18.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY - MEMBER RESIGNATION

189/2019 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Eric ROBERTS)

Carried

- (a) That Council accepts the resignation of Stewart HALL from the Ngukurr Local Authority effective from 05 July 2019;**
- (b) That Council opens up the call for Nominations for the vacant position on the Ngukurr Local Authority.**

18.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF STAFF PERFORMANCE DURING TRANSITIONAL PERIOD

190/2019 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Samuel EVANS)

Carried

- (a) That Council acknowledges the performance of staff members who acted in higher roles and under significant pressure during the transitional period which occurred during the 2018-19 Financial Year.**

18.3 COMMUNITY NIGHT PATROL IN BORROLOOLA

191/2019 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

Carried

- (a) That Council receives and notes Cr KARKADOO's concerns pertaining to Community Night Patrol services in Borroloola.**

18.4 FUEL BOWSER IN NUMBULWAR

192/2019 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

Carried

- (a) That Council receives and notes Cr NUNGGUMAJBARR's concerns pertaining to the fuel bowser in Numbulwar.**

18.5 COMMUNITY CHILDCARE FUND DEED OF VARIATION

193/2019 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Selina ASHLEY)

Carried

- (a) That the Council accepts the Community Childcare Fund Deed of Variation, which provides additional Crèche funding of \$198,278 (GST Exclusive), by signing, dating, and affixing the common seal to one copy of the Deed of Variation.**
- (b) That the Council acknowledge additional funding provided by the Commonwealth Government in respect of the activity.**

18.6 CR ASHLEY LEAVE OF ABSENCE

194/2019 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Eric ROBERTS) *Carried*

- (a) That Council approves medical leave for Cr Selina ASHLEY effective 25 July 2019 to 17 December 2019

18.7 COUNCIL REPRESENTATION AT BORROLOOLA SHOW

195/2019 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Donald GARNER) *Carried*

- (a) That Council operates a display tent at the Borroloola Show commencing on 16 August 2019.

15.1 ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL REGIONAL PLAN 2019-2020

196/2019 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Selina ASHLEY) *Carried*

The item was deferred

- (a) That Council adopts the Roper Gulf Regional Council Regional Plan 2019 – 2020;
- (b) That Council, pursuant to Section 24 (1) of the *Local Government Act* adopts the Roper Gulf Regional Council Regional Plan 2019 – 2020;
- (c) That Council, pursuant to Section 128 (1) of the *Local Government Act* adopts the 2019 – 2020 Budget;
- (d) That Council, pursuant to Section 126 (1) of the *Local Government Act* adopts the 2018-2021 Long Term Financial Plan;
- (e) That Council, pursuant to Section 155 (1) of the *Local Government Act* adopts and approve the 2019 – 2020 Declaration of Rates;
- (f) That Council, pursuant to Section 71 (2) of the *Local Government Act* adopts and approves the 2019 – 2020 Council Member Allowances;
- (g) That Council, pursuant to Guideline 8 of the *Local Government Act* adopts and approve the 2019 – 2020 Local Authority Member Allowances;
- (h) That Council approves the submission of the Roper Gulf Regional Council's Regional Plan to the Minister of Local Government and to the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

Cr Selina ASHLEY left the meeting, the time being 09:45 am

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

Cr Deanna KENNEDY returned to the meeting, the time being 09:46 am

Morning Tea: 0951hrs-1033hrs

19. DEPUTATION AND PETITIONS

NIL

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

NIL

20. DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

197/2019 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Deanna KENNEDY) *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 Confirmation of Previous Confidential Minutes** - *The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 Section 65 (2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 Regulation 8 (c) (iv).*
- 20.2 Local Authority Nominations** - *The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 Section 65 (2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 Regulation 8 (c) (iv).*
- 20.3 Finance - Write off outstanding debt for Debtor Account - 01533, Invoice 037589, \$14,432.50** - *The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 Section 65 (2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 Regulation 8 (b).*
- 20.4 Borroloola Business Hub - Update** - *The report will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 Section 65 (2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 Regulation 8 (c) (i) - (iv), (d), (e).*

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

20. DECISION TO MOVE OUT OF CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

198/2019 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Samuel EVANS) *Carried*

- (a) That Council moves out of Confidential Session and the Decisions of the Session be made publicly available.**

20.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

199/2019 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Owen TURNER) *Carried*

- (a) That Council confirms the draft minutes of the Confidential Session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 June 2019 as a true and accurate record of that Meeting.**

20.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS

This Item was Withdrawn

- (a) That Council receives and notes the Nominations for Local Authorities;**
(b) That Council recalls for Nominations for the remaining vacant positions for a period of 42 days from today.

20.3 FINANCE - WRITE OFF OUTSTANDING DEBT FOR DEBTOR ACCOUNT - 01533, INVOICE 037589, \$14,432.50

200/2019 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Helen LEE) *Carried*

- (a) That Council approves to partially write off of outstanding debt for Debtor Account 01533, Wuyagiba Bush Hub Aboriginal Corporation Macquarie University (WBHACMU), Invoice 037589, \$14,432.50 (inclusive of GST)

20.4 BORROLOOLA BUSINESS HUB - UPDATE

201/2019 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Ossie DAYLIGHT)

Carried

- (a) That the Council receives and notes the report in relation to the Borroloola Business Hub – Update
- (b) That Council delegates authority to award tender to Mayor, CEO, and two (2) Councillors from South West Gulf Ward, to be determined at Borroloola Local Authority Meeting on 08 August 2019

20.5 LATE REPORT - MULGGAN CAMP HOUSE RENOVATIONS PROJECT TENDER ASSESSMENT

202/2019 RESOLVED (Ossie DAYLIGHT/Owen TURNER)

Carried

- (a) That the Council awards the contract for the Mulggan Camp House Renovations Project (Project ID: ROPER-868878) to the Kendall Building Company for \$821,214.50 (including GST).

21 CONFIDENTIAL GENERAL BUSINESS

21.1 CORRESPONDENCE FROM YUGUL MANGI DEVELOPMENT ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

203/2019 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Deanna KENNEDY)

Carried

- (a) That Council appoints Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and Yugul Mangi ward councillors to meet with Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation to participate in the multi-agency partnership and develop relationships for transition of services if applicable.

21.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS

204/2019 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Deanna KENNEDY)

Carried

- (a) That Council appoints the following persons as Local Authority Members as follows:

Numbulwar – 3 Vacancies

Dale MURRUNGUN

Amanda NGALMI

Scott NUNGGARGALU

Manyallaluk – 1 Vacancy

Cynthia WILLIRI

Urapunga – 3 Vacancies

Paul JEFFS (Urapunga store)

Edna NELSON

Garry REEVE

Barunga – 4 Vacancies

Freddy SCRUBBY
Joyce BULUMBARA
Mavis JUMBIRI
Jeffrey McDONALD

N.b: That Mavis JUMBIRI was appointed on 26 June 2019 at the OCM, however the call for nominations for Barunga Local Authority was not announced until the 27 June 2019, with the closing date of the call being 17 July 2019. Due to this, the appointment has been confirmed at this Meeting to now be valid.

Jilkminggan – 1 vacancy

Shirley ROBERTS
Wayne ROY

(b) That the Council acknowledges that the number of appointed members is one more than the nominated number however it is still lower than the maximum of fourteen as prescribed by Ministerial Guideline 8

22 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 1135 hrs.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 38 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ordinary Meeting of Council HELD ON Wednesday, 24 July 2019 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 25 September 2019.



Mayor Judy MacFARLANE