

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY MEETING
ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF
REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT
ON TUESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2021 AT 8:30 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK;
- Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE;
- Councillor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Selina ASHLEY;
- Councillor John DALYWATER;
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;
- Councillor Gadrian HOOSAN;
- Councillor Patricia FARRELL;
- Councillor Owen TURNER;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR; and
- Councillor David MURRUNGUN.

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance; (Minute taker)
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator;
- Bethany O'SULLIVAN, Communications Coordinator;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer; (Minute taker)
- Andreea CADDY, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning; and
- Dave HERON, Acting General Manager Corporate Services & Sustainability.

1.3 Guests

- Amanda HAIGH, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- Linda WEATHERHEAD, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- Solomon GURUTU, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- Matthew KENNON, Merit Partners; and
- Damien RYAN, Member of the Public.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 08:35am. The Mayor welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNCIL

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE CR TURNER, NUNGGUMAJBARR

128/2021 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That Council accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT and Councillor Jana DANIELS.

Cr.Helen LEE attended the Meeting at 10:40am

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 29 SEPTEMBER 2021

129/2021 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED

That Council confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 29 September 2021 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meetings decisions and proceedings.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 ACTION LIST

130/2021 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Patricia FARRELL) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the Action List;**
- (b) Requests for the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet to attend Council's December Meeting to provide information pertaining to liquor licencing and permits; and**
- (c) Approves the removal of completed items.**

8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

- Nomination for McArthur River Community Reference Group;
- Meeting Dates;
- Operational Dispositions – Council
- Barunga Sporting Hub

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 OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

131/2021 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/David MURRUNGUN) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Confirmation of Previous Committee Meeting Minutes Report.

11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

132/2021 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

- (a) That Council accepts the incoming correspondence report; and
- (b) Council further notes late correspondence from Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) pertaining to Elected Members supporting a united approach to COVID-19 vaccination within the Community.

12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

133/2021 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/David MURRONGUN)

CARRIED

That Council notes the outgoing correspondence

13 WARD REPORTS

13.1 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT

134/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRONGUN/John DALYWATER)

CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) Receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;
- (b) Approves the rescinding of Clive ROBERTS Appointed Membership of the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority; and
- (c) Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer call for a 21 day nomination period to fill two (2) vacant positions (each) on the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority and the Mataranka Local Authority;

135/2021 RESOLVED (Patricia FARRELL/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That Council postpones the Community Meetings in Larrimah and Daly Waters, dates to be determined by the Acting Chief Executive Officer.

13.2 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT

136/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRONGUN/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Nyiranggulung Ward Report, noting that Quorum was not attained for the Bulman, Beswick and Manyallaluk Local Authority meetings due to cultural business.

13.3 NUMBULWAR NUMBIRINDI WARD REPORT

137/2021 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Patricia FARRELL)

CARRIED

That Council

- (a) Receives and notes the Numbulwar Numbirindi Ward Report, noting that Quorum was not attained due to schedule conflict with the Court sitting day; and
- (b) Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to call for a 21 day nomination period to fill one (1) vacancy on the Numbulwar Local Authority.

13.4 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT

138/2021 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/David MURRONGUN)

CARRIED

That Council

- (a) Receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report, noting that quorum was not attained due to cultural business; and
- (b) Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to call for a 21 day nomination period to fill one (1) vacancy on the Ngukurr Local Authority.

Cr Patricia FARRELL left the meeting, the time being 09:13 am

Cr Patricia FARRELL returned to the meeting, the time being 09:14 am

13.5 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

139/2021 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Gadrian HOOSAN) CARRIED

That Council

- (a) Receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report; and**
- (b) Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to call for a 21 day nomination period to fill one (1) vacancy on the Borroloola Local Authority.**

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane left the meeting, the time being 09:18 am

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE returned to the meeting, the time being 09:18 AM

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

Addressed after Item 19.3

15 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

15.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

140/2021 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Samuel EVANS) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's Report.

Mayor JACK reiterated the importance of Meeting Attendance for Elected Members and Appointed Members at Council and Local Authority Meetings.

15.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

141/2021 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

15.3 ACQUITTAL - SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANTS

142/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the acquittal for a Special Purpose Grant of \$228,382 (GST Exclusive) for the Urapunga Revitalisation Project;**
- (b) Receives and notes the acquittal for a Special Purpose Grant of \$200,000 (GST Exclusive) to construct ablutions in Borroloola, Bulman, and Mataranka;**
- (c) Receives and notes the acquittal for a grant of \$500,000, provided under the Strategic Local Government Infrastructure Fund, to design and construct the Mataranaka Regional Community Hub;**
- (d) Notes that the Acting Chief Executive Officer will seek an extension to the projects on behalf of Council; and**
- (e) Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to report back to Council on the status and progress of the Projects and Funding outlined above at the next Council Meeting.**

Cr Owen Turner left the meeting, the time being 09:28 am

15.4 HEALTHY PETS HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

143/2021 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Selina ASHLEY) CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Accepts funding of \$156,420 (GST Exclusive) from the McArthur River Mine Community Benefits Trust for the 2021-24 Healthy Pets Healthy Communities Program; and**

- (b) Approves an amendment to its 2021-22 Budget, to include a contribution of \$156,420 (GST Exclusive) over three (3) years to the Councils Animal Management Program at Borroloola and Robinson River in support of the 2021-24 Healthy Pets Healthy Communities Program; and
- (c) Acknowledge the McArthur River Mine Community Benefits Trust in respect of the Funding received.

Cr. EVANS declared being a member on McArthur River Mine Community Benefits Trust, however this was not deemed to be a Conflict of Interest.

Cr Owen TURNER returned to the meeting, the time being 09:33 am

Cr Samuel EVANS left the meeting, the time being 09:33 am

15.5 WASTE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (WARM) GRANT 2021-22

144/2021 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Patricia FARRELL)

CARRIED

That Council:

- a) Allocates \$207,800 of the Waste and Resource Management Grant towards the Borroloola Recycling Centre project; and
- b) Approves an amendment to the budget to reflect the above allocation.

General conversation had by Council pertaining to waste management in Borroloola and surrounding region.

Mr. RYAN, guest, advised Council of a Commonwealth initiative towards waste management and manufacturer responsibilities, asks whether council liaises with Cth minister to initiate manufacturer accountability.

A/CEO to write to Assistant Minister Trevor EVANS regarding waste.

Cr Samuel EVANS returned to the meeting, the time being 09:36 am

15.6 BARUNGA FESTIVAL REPORT

145/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That the Council receives and notes the report in relation to the Barunga Festival 2021

COUNCIL ADJOURNED FOR MORNING TEA AT 10:00-10:33AM

TRAINING 10:33am-12:48pm

LUNCH 12:48PM- 01:21pm

18.3 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

146/2021 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That Council

- (a) Approves the Audited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021; and
- (b) Authorises the CEO to deliver the statements to the NT Grants Commission and NTG.

Council's independent auditors presented their audit findings to Council.

TRAINING 01:50PM-02:20PM

AFTERNOON TEA 02:20PM-02:52PM

15.7 ANNUAL REPORT

147/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Patricia FARRELL)

CARRIED

That Council, in accordance with Chapter 14 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, formally adopts the Annual Report as a true and accurate record of:

- (a) Its Audited Financial Statement;
- (b) Its assessed performance against its stated goals as outlined in the Regional Plan; and
- (c) All other reportable obligations according to applicable law; for the period of 2020-2021 Financial Year.

N.B. The Annual Report is reporting for the 2020-21 Financial Year and as such, it is the *Local Government Act 2008* and statutory requirements that apply for that period.

16 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

The Elected Members undertook Mandatory Training as developed and delivered by the Department of The Chief Minister and Cabinet 10:33am - 01:30pm.

17 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

17.1 CENTRELINK AGENTS TO ISSUE TEMPORARY CASHLESS DEBIT CARDS

148/2021 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the introduction of the additional service of delivering the Cashless Debit Card service, under our Centrelink Agent Host contract, at all Council Centrelink Host points in the Region.

17.2 BORROLOOLA AOD PROGRAMME

149/2021 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Gadrian HOOSAN)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the invitation for the Community Safety business unit to participate with Mawurli & Wirriwangkuma Aboriginal Corporation in alcohol and other drug diversion activities in Borroloola in 2022.

18 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

18.1 BUDGET 2021-22 REVISION 1

150/2021 RESOLVED (Gadrian HOOSAN/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That Council approves the Amendments Budget 2021-22 Revision 1

18.2 COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

151/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Samuel EVANS)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) Adopts the Terms of Reference for the Finance and Infrastructure Committee; and
- (b) Adopts the Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee.

Cr Owen TURNER left the meeting, the time being 03:18 pm

Cr Owen TURNER returned to the meeting, the time being 03:20 pm

18.4 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30.09.2021

152/2021 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the financial reports as at 30 September 2021.

Cr Owen TURNER left the meeting, the time being 03:47 pm

Cr Owen TURNER returned to the meeting, the time being 03:48 pm

Cr Selina ASHLEY left the meeting, the time being 03:53 pm

Cr Selina ASHLEY returned to the meeting, the time being 03:55 pm

19 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

Cr Helen LEE left the meeting, the time being 04:10 pm

Cr Helen LEE returned to the meeting, the time being 04:11 pm

19.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

153/2021 RESOLVED (David MURRUNGUN/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update.

Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR left the meeting, the time being 04:24 pm

Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR returned to the meeting, the time being 04:26 pm

19.2 MAJOR PROJECTS STATUS UPDATE REPORT

154/2021 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Judy MacFARLANE)

CARRIED

That Council receives and notes the Major Projects Updates Report.

19.3 URAPUNGA PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT UPDATE

155/2021 RESOLVED (Judy MacFARLANE/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

(a) That Council receives and notes the subject report as it relates to the Urapunga Pavement Rehabilitation Project currently underway.

(b) That Council approves an additional budget of \$96,000 (excl. GST).

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE left the meeting, the time being 04:32 pm

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFARLANE returned to the meeting, the time being 04:34 pm

Cr Samuel EVANS left the meeting, the time being 04:51 PM

14.1 NOMINATIONS FOR MCARTHUR RIVER COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

156/2021 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That Council nominates Cr. HOOSAN as its representative on the McArthur River Community Reference Group

14.2 MEETING DATES

157/2021 RESOLVED (John DALYWATER/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That Council:

(a) Resolves to hold an Ordinary Meeting in Katherine on 14 December 2021;

(b) Resolves to hold Ordinary Meetings in February (Barunga), April (Borrooloola), June (Katherine), August (Bulman), October (Numbulwar) and December (Katherine) in 2022, on the fourth (4th) Wednesday of the month;

(c) Resolves to hold a Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting in January, March, July, September, and November for the 2022 Calendar year, on the fourth (4th) Wednesday;

(d) Resolves to hold an Audit Committee Meeting in March, June, August, and October, for the 2022 calendar year, on the third (3rd) Wednesday of the Month;

(e) Resolves to hold the Beswick and Manyallaluk Local Authority Meetings on 16 December 2021;

(f) Resolves to hold the Barunga Local Authority Meeting on 06 December 2021;

(g) Resolves to hold the Bulman Local Authority Meeting on 07 December 2021;

(h) Resolves to hold the Jilkminggan and Mataranka Local Authority Meetings on 15

December 2021;

Cr John DALYWATER left the meeting, the time being 04:42 pm

Cr John DALYWATER returned to the meeting, the time being 04:44 pm

Cr Samuel EVANS returned to the meeting, the time being 04:54 PM

Operational Dispositions

Council discussed operational dispositions with the Acting Chief Executive Officer, pertaining staffing and organisational structure, as to meet Community needs. This matter forms part of the Strategic Plan development.

Barunga – Regional Sporting Hub

Cr. Helen LEE raised a concern pertaining to the sporting infrastructure in Barunga being inadequate to community needs due to maintenance issues and conditions. Matter to be reported and discussed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council in December 2021.

20 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

158/2021 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/John DALYWATER)

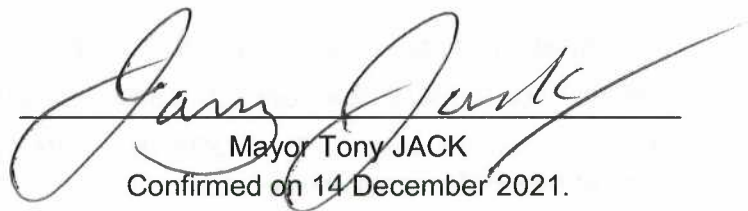
CARRIED

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:-

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 5:48 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 26 October 2021 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.



Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on 14 December 2021.