

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, ORDINARY MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SUPPORT CENTRE  
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT  
ON WEDNESDAY, 28 JULY 2021 AT 8:30AM

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**1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Elected Members**

- Mayor Judy MacFARLANE (Chairperson)
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Clifford DUNCAN;
- Councillor Don GARNER;
- Councillor Deanna KENNEDY;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR;
- Councillor Owen TURNER;
- Councillor Annabelle DAYLIGHT;
- Councillor Selina ASHLEY;
- Councillor Marlene KARKADOO (teleconference); and
- Councillor Samuel EVANS;

**1.2 Staff**

- Marc GARDNER, Acting Chief Executive Officer;
- Cristian COMAN, Manager Corporate Compliance;
- Chloe IRLAM, Governance Engagement Coordinator (Minute Taker);
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Executive Administration Support Officer;
- Andreea CADDY, General Manager Infrastructure Service & Planning;
- Clare CUPITT, Community Safety Manager; and
- Joshua CHEVALIER-BRINE, Grants Coordinator

**1.3 Guests**

- Amanda HAIGH, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet

**2 MEETING OPENED**

The Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting opened at 8:35am. 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**

*74/2021 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)*

*CARRIED*

That Council accepts the apologies tendered by Councillor Ossie DAYLIGHT and Councillor David MURRUNGUN.

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

Nil.

#### **6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

##### **6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - 16 JUNE 2021**

*75/2021 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Deanna KENNEDY)*

*CARRIED*

That Council confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 16 June 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**

*76/2021 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)*

*CARRIED*

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the Action List;
- (b) Requests for an invitation to be sent to NLC to attend the 18 August Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting in relation to a new waste management facility and cemetery;
- (c) Requests for medical equipment from NT Health at Ngukurr to be sent to Mataranka (item 7.1); and
- (b) Approves the removal of completed items.

##### **7.2 BULMAN LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS**

*77/2021 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Selina ASHLEY)*

*CARRIED*

That Council;

- a) Receives and notes the nine (9) nominations received for the Bulman Local Authority,
- b) Prescribes the composition of the Bulman Local Authority to consist of nine (9) appointed members and the elected members for the ward; and
- c) Appoints the following persons to be the appointed members of the Bulman Local Authority:
  - 1. John DALYWATER;
  - 2. Anthony KENNEDY;
  - 3. Aaron RICKSON;
  - 4. Charmain BRINJEN;
  - 5. Chantelle MILLER;
  - 6. Peter MILLER;
  - 7. Annette MILLER;
  - 8. Loretta LINDSAY; and
  - 9. Spencer MARTIN.

## **8 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Change of Ordinary Meeting of Council location and dates
- Change of Finance Committee Meeting location and dates

## **9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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

## **10 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Nil.

## **11 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **11.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

*78/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Clifford DUNCAN)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council accepts the incoming correspondence report.**

## **12 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **12.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

*79/2021 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council notes the outgoing correspondence.**

## **13 WARD REPORTS**

### **13.1 NEVER NEVER WARD REPORT**

*80/2021 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Deanna KENNEDY)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council:**

- Receives and notes the Never Never Ward Report;**
- Approves the recommendations from the Mataranka Local Authority meeting held on 01 June 2021;**
- Approves the recommendations from the Jilkminggan Local Authority meeting held on 01 June 2021;**
- Approves the recommendations from the Minyerri Local Authority meeting held on 21 June 2021; and**
- Requests for the Minyerri/Hodgson Downs to nominate the preferred name at the 16 August Local Authority Meeting.**

### **13.2 NYIRANGGULUNG WARD REPORT**

*81/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Selina ASHLEY)*

*CARRIED*

**That Council:**

- Receives and notes the Nyirranggulung Ward Report;**
- Approves the recommendations from the Beswick Local Authority meeting held on 07 June 2021;**
- Approves the recommendations from the Manyallaluk Local Authority meeting held on 07 June 2021;**
- Approves the recommendations from the Barunga Local Authority meeting held on 08 June 2021; and**
- Notes the correct spelling of Member Eileen AVELUM to be Eileen LAWRENCE and the spelling of Selina MUMBUIN to be Selina MUMBIN**

### 13.3 NUMBULWAR NUMBIRINDI WARD REPORT

82/2021 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Clifford DUNCAN)

CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) Receives and notes the Numbulwar Numbirindi Ward Report; and
- (b) Approves the recommendations from the Numbulwar Local Authority meeting held on 23 June 2021.

### 13.4 YUGUL MANGI WARD REPORT

83/2021 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Deanna KENNEDY)

CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) Receives and notes the Yugul Mangi Ward Report; and
- (b) Approves the recommendations from the Ngukurr Local Authority meeting held on 24 June 2021.

### 13.5 SOUTH WEST GULF WARD REPORT

84/2021 RESOLVED (Marlene KARKADOO/Donald GARNER)

CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) Receives and notes the South West Gulf Ward Report;
- (b) Approves the recommendations from the Borroloola Local Authority meeting held on 03 June 2021; and
- (c) Approves the recommendations from the Robinson Local Authority meeting held on 03 June 2021.
- (d) Amends the minutes to reflect Councilor KARKADOO'S attendance at the 03 June 2021 Borroloola Local Authority meeting.

## 14 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 14.1 CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION

85/2021 RESOLVED (Annabelle DAYLIGHT/Marlene KARKADOO)

CARRIED

That Council prescribes Ordinary Meeting of Council dates and locations to be as follows:

29 September 2021 in Katherine Support Centre

27 October 2021 in Katherine Support Centre

### 14.2 CHANGE OF MEETING DATES

86/2021 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Owen TURNER)

CARRIED

That Council prescribes Finance Committee Meeting dates and locations to be as follows:

25 August 2021 in Katherine Support Centre

24 November 2021 in Katherine Support Centre

*Cr Deanna KENNEDY returned to the meeting, the time being 11:38 AM*

## 15 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

### 15.1 MAYOR'S UPDATE

87/2021 RESOLVED (Deanna KENNEDY/Selina ASHLEY)

CARRIED

That Council notes and accepts the Mayor's update report.

### 15.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

88/2021 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Annabelle DAYLIGHT)

CARRIED

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

### 15.3 ACQUITTAL OF 2017-18 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING

89/2021 RESOLVED (Samuel EVANS/Donald GARNER)

CARRIED

That Council;

- (a) Receives and notes the Local Authority Funding Project Certification Statements for Borroloola, Bulman, Jilkminggan, Ngukurr, Numbulwar, and Beswick;
- (b) Authorises a budget amendment for purposes of meeting Local Authority Project funding shortfall caused by Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF) being returned to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet for financial year 17/18;
- (c) Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to prepare a report in relation to this matter for the Audit Committee due to the financial risks involved; and
- (d) Requests Acting Chief Executive Officer to prepare a report to Council in relation to Local Authority Project Funding and its management.

*Cr Annabelle DAYLIGHT left the meeting, the time being 11:10 AM*

*Cr Annabelle DAYLIGHT returned to the meeting, the time being 11:14 AM*

### 15.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY - CALL FOR MOTIONS - OCTOBER 2021 GENERAL MEETING

90/2021 RESOLVED (Clifford DUNCAN/Donald GARNER)

CARRIED

That Council Submit motions to LGANT on issues of strategic importance, namely:

- (a) Demand for contracted services (roads and construction, assets and Service Coordination);
- (b) Lack of coordinated information provided to Councils and Communities regarding housing maintenance; and
- (c) Community social analysis and funding coordination.

*Mayor Judy MacFARLANE left the meeting, the time being 09:17 AM*

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

### 15.5 WASTE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GRANT (WARM) PROJECTS

91/2021 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

CARRIED

That Council:

- (a) allocates \$80,000 of the Waste and Resource Management Grant towards the Bulman Waste Management Facility fencing project;
- (b) allocates \$128,700 of the Waste and Resource Management Grant towards the development of a Council-wide Waste Management Strategy; and
- (c) approves an amendment to the budget to reflect the above allocations.

### 16 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

*PRESENTATION FROM NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT (DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF MINISTER AND CABINET) PERTAINING TO COUNCIL – GOVERNMENT CONTACT PROCESSES AND ROLES*

*\*no resolution*

### 17 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

Nil.

### 18 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

#### 18.1 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30.06.2021

92/2021 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Marlene KARKADOO)

CARRIED

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

*Cr Deanna KENNEDY left the meeting, the time being 09:38 AM*

*Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR left the meeting, the time being 09:39 AM*

## **18.2 COUNCIL POLICY - MEETINGS ADMINISTRATION**

**93/2021 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Clifford DUNCAN)**

**CARRIED**

**That Council:**

- (a) Receives and notes this Report;**
- (b) Rescinds the CL005 Meetings Procedure Policy;**
- (c) Adopts the Meetings Administration Policy.**

*Cr Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR returned to the meeting, the time being 09:42 AM*

*Cr Clifford DUNCAN left the meeting, the time being 09:42 AM*

## **19 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT**

### **19.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE**

**94/2021 RESOLVED (Selina ASHLEY/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)**

**CARRIED**

**That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update.**

### **19.2 VERANDA FOR BARUNGA LIBRARY**

**95/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Deanna KENNEDY)**

**CARRIED**

**That Council allocates a budget of \$ 60,000 for the construction of a veranda area in front of the Barunga library.**

*Cr Samuel EVANS left the meeting, the time being 09:43 AM*

*Cr Deanna KENNEDY returned to the meeting, the time being 09:43 AM*

### **19.3 MANYALALLUK PLAYGROUND SOFT FALL**

**96/2021 RESOLVED (Donald GARNER/Deanna KENNEDY)**

**CARRIED**

**That Council approved the allocation of an additional \$ 25,000 to the Manyalalluk Playground project utilising Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF).**

*Cr Samuel EVANS returned to the meeting, the time being 09:46 AM*

### **19.4 COUNCIL PROJECTS STATUS**

**97/2021 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Selina ASHLEY)**

**CARRIED**

**That the Council;**

- (a) Notes the Council Projects Status report;**
- (b) Requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to compile a report in relation to budget and costs to upgrade the Bulman sports hall; and**
- (c) Approves an amendment to the budget for the allocation of \$200,000.00 towards the costs associated with upgrading the Bulman sports hall.**

*Note: Barunga Night Patrol Office location to be amended in next report.*

*Cr Clifford DUNCAN returned to the meeting, the time being 09:52 AM*

*The Council broke for morning tea, the time being 10:03 AM.*

*The Council resumed the meeting, the time being 10:29 AM*

*Cr Marlene KARKADOO re-joined the meeting, the time being 10:43 AM*

## **20 CLOSED SESSION**

### **DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

**98/2021 RESOLVED (Clifford DUNCAN/Marlene KARKADOO)**

**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 Session Minutes** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(d).*
- 20.2 Aged Care Strategy** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(e).*
- 20.3 Borroloola Sports Courts - Project Update and procurement issues** - *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)(iv) (d) (e).*
- 20.4 Government Request Processes** - *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) (c)(iv) (e).*
- 20.5 Borroloola Showground Power & Water 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).*
- 20.6 Numbulwar - Local road upgrades tender update** - *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).*
- 20.7 Urapunga internal road resealing project - Tender assessemnt and award** - *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)(iii) (c)(iv) (e).*
- 20.8 Community Development Program (CDP)** - *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) (d).*
- 20.9 Council Property Land Tenure (Section 19) Agreement Report** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2) and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 reg 8(d) (e).*
- 20.10 Workplace Report** - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 s 65(2)*

## **RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

99/2021 **RESOLVED** (Samuel EVANS/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR)

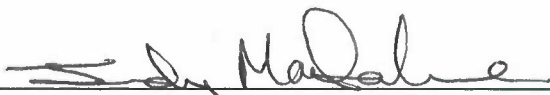
**CARRIED**

**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 12:41 PM.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 28 July 2021 and will be confirmed at the next meeting.



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Mayor

Confirmed on Wednesday, 29 September 2021.