

MINUTES OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, FINANCE AND
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT CENTRE
2 CRAWFORD STREET, KATHERINE, NT
ON WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 9:00AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

- Mayor Tony JACK (Chairperson);
- Deputy Mayor Helen LEE;
- Councillor Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR (via videoconference);
- Councillor Owen TURNER; and
- Independent Member Awais UR REHMAN (via videoconference).

1.2 Staff

- Marc GARDNER, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- David HURST, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Maricar RHODES, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer; and
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Officer (minute secretary).

1.3 Guests

Nil.

2 MEETING OPENED

The Finance Committee Meeting opened at 9:42am. The Mayor welcomed members and staff to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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79/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee accepts the tendered apologies from Councillor Samuel EVANS and Annabelle DAYLIGHT.

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Finance Committee Meeting.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE PREVIOUS MINUTES – 26 JULY 2023

80/2023 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee confirms the minutes from the meeting held on 26 July 2023 and affirms them to be true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ACTION LIST - FICM

81/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

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

7 CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- Community Master Plan and Town Planning Update – CEO;
- Upcoming Tidy Town Awards – CEO;
- Local Authority Meeting Reschedule for November round – CEO; and
- Reschedule the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting date – CEO.

8 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

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82/2023 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) accepts the incoming correspondence report; and
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to write a letter to Dr Frank DALY, Chief Executive Officer, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet in regards to Funding Levels and Consumer Price Index increases.

9 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

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83/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Outgoing Correspondence; and
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to follow up with Telstra and Government about mobile phone coverage in Urapunga and to provide report back to October OMC.

10 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

10.1 FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

84/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Member Attendance Report.

11 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISIONAL REPORT

11.1 REMOTE POOLS PROJECT UPDATE

85/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That the Finance & Infrastructure Committee receive and note this report.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 am for Morning Tea and reconvened at 11:03 am.

11.2 SPORT & RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

86/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance & Infrastructure Committee receive and note this Sport & Recreation Master Plan Update report.

11.3 AGED CARE STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

87/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That the Finance & Infrastructure Committee receive and note this Aged Care Strategic Plan Update report.

12 CORPORATE SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISIONAL REPORT

12.1 DEED OF VARIATION - 4-GBMIB7M – COMMUNITY NIGHT PATROLS PROJECT 2023-24

88/2023 RESOLVED (Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance & Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Deed of Variation - 4-GBMIB7M – Community Night Patrols Project 2023-24 report;
- (b) approves the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Deed of Variation for \$58,313.18 funding; and
- (c) approves the use of common seal on the funding agreement documents.

12.2 DEED OF VARIATION - 4-HY28ZJ6 – JILKMINGGAN AND BESWICK OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE 2023-24

89/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That the Finance & Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Deed of Variation - 4-HY28ZJ6 – Jilkmिंगgan and Beswick Outside School Hours Care 2023-24 report;
- (b) approves the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Deed of Variation for \$19,554.75 funding; and
- (c) approves the use of common seal on the funding agreement documents.

12.3 DEED OF VARIATION - 4-HY7S67G – SCHOOL NUTRITION PROJECT BULMAN 2023-24

90/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That the Finance & Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Deed of Variation - 4-HY7S67G – School Nutrition Project Bulman 2023-24;
- (b) approves the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Deed of Variation for \$9,075.00 funding; and

- (c) approves the use of the common seal on the funding agreement documents.

12.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

91/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure committee receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update report.

12.5 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31.08.2023

92/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the financial reports as at 31 August 2023.

12.6 DEED OF VARIATION - 4-HWITPNJ– SCHOOL NUTRITION PROJECT - MANYALLALUK 2023-24

93/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Deed of Variation - 4-HWITPNJ– School Nutrition Project - Manyallaluk 2023-24;
- (b) approves the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Deed of Variation for \$6,995.70 funding; and
- (c) approves the use of the common seal on the funding agreement documents.

12.7 DEED OF VARIATION - 4-IOCURSF– INDIGENOUS YOUTH RECONNECT PROJECT 2023-24

94/2023 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Deed of Variation - 4-IOCURSF– Indigenous Youth Reconnect Project 2023-24;
- (b) approves the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Deed of Variation for \$74,677.50 funding; and
- (c) approves the use of the common seal on the funding agreement documents.

12.8 DEED OF VARIATION - 4-IQ35OES– INDIGENOUS SPORT AND RECREATION PROJECT 2023-24

95/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That the Finance & Infrastructure Committee:

- (a) receives and notes the Deed of Variation - 4-IQ35OES– Indigenous Sport and Recreation Project 2023-24;
- (b) approves the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Deed of Variation for \$58,313.18 funding; and
- (c) approves the use of the common seal on the funding agreement documents.

12.9 AUDIT UPDATE

96/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the Audit update.

13 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AND PLANNING DIVISIONAL REPORT

13.1 MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT

97/2023 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the Major Projects report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 pm for Lunch and reconvened at 1:17 pm.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 COMMUNITY MASTER PLAN AND TOWN PLANNING UPDATE - CEO

98/2023 RESOLVED (Awais Ur REHMAN/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the verbal update on Community Master Plan and Town Planning provided by the Chief Executive Officer.

15.2 UPCOMING TIDY TOWN AWARDS - CEO

99/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Edwin NUNGGUMAJBARR) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee receives and notes the verbal update on Upcoming Tidy Town Awards scheduled to be held on 24 November 2023 provided by the Chief Executive Officer.

15.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING RESCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER ROUND - CEO

100/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Helen LEE) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee postpones the Local Authority Meeting scheduled for the November round due to clash of dates with Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Annual General Meeting (AGM).

- Jilkminggan Local Authority - 07 November 2023 to 13 November 2023;
- Mataranka Local Authority - 07 November 2023 to 13 November 2023;
- Larrimah and Dalywaters Community Consultative Meeting - 8 November 2023 to 23 November 2023;
- Borroloola Local Authority Meeting - 09 November 2023 to 21 November 2023; and
- Robinson River Local Authority Meeting - 09 November 2023 to 21 November 2023.

15.4 RESCHEDULE THE FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE - CEO

101/2023 RESOLVED (Helen LEE/Owen TURNER) CARRIED

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee postpones the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting from 22 November 2023 to 29 November 2023.

14 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL

102/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Awais Ur REHMAN) CARRIED

That pursuant to *section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

14.1 Confirmation of Finance and Infrastructure Committee Previous Confidential Minutes - 22 March 2023 - The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(e),

information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

14.2 Borroloola Sport Court Resurfacing Project - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(i), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

14.3 Local Authority Review - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(c)(iv), information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

14.4 Lease of Lot 58 Larrimah - *The report will conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 s51(1)(b) (c)(i) (c)(ii) (c)(iii) (c)(iv) (e) (f), information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer; AND 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 maintenance or administration of the law; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; 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 condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest; AND information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.*

The meeting moved to the Confidential Session at 1:49 pm

RETURN TO OPEN

103/2023 RESOLVED (Owen TURNER/Helen LEE)

CARRIED

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be re-opened to the public.

The meeting re-opened to the public at 2:13 pm.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 2:16 pm.

This page and the proceeding pages are the Minutes of the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 September 2023 and will be confirmed on Wednesday, 22 November 2023.

Mayor Tony JACK
Confirmed on Wednesday, 22 November 2023.