MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE DOCKER RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER 2021 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.32am.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

COUNCIL RESOLUTION - ATTENDANCE

DRLA2021-041 **RESOLVED (Ruby James/Winsome Newberry)**

The Docker River Local Authority noted the attendance at the meeting held 9 December 2021 as detailed below.

Local Authority Members:

Ruby James, Rosina Kunia and Winsome Newberry.

Councillors:

Councillor Abraham Poulson.

Council Employees:

Sabine Wedemeyer, Director Community Services, Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Compliance, Stephen Trindle, Council Services Coordinator, Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Admin Officer.

Guests:

Robin Hall, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies: There were no apologies for this meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION - ABSENTEES

DRLA2021-042 **RESOLVED (Ruby James/Rosina Kunia)**
The Docker River Local Authority noted that members Meryvyn De Rose and Priscilla Abbott were absent for the meeting held 9 December 2021. The Authority also noted the absence of Cr Marlene Abbott.

3.3 Resignations

Nil.

3.4 Terminations

Nil.

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
At the meeting held 6 February 2020, Mr Bernard Bell and consequently Mr Barnaby Kunya from the meeting held 15 October 2020, were revoked as members of the Docker River Local Authority due to being absent from two consecutive Local Authority Meetings.

A nomination from Community resident Rita Okai has been received. It is the recommendation that Council endorses the nominee of the Docker River Local Authority.

New members are nominated and appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*, Ministerial Guidelines and Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedure, MC02-P2.

Council appoints Local Authority members based on the recommendations of the Local Authority.

DRLA2021-043 **RESOLVED (Ruby James/Abraham Poulson)**
That the Docker River Local Authority:

a) notes and accepts the nomination received from Community resident Rita Orai;

b) recommends that Council appoints the nominee to the Docker River Local Authority; and

c) calls for community nominations to remain open for a further 21 days to cover the remaining vacancy.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

DRLA2021-044 **RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)**
That the Docker River Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

DRLA2021-045 **RESOLVED (Ruby James/Abraham Poulson)**

That the Minutes of the Docker River Local Authority:

a) Ordinary Meeting of 5 August 2020 be adopted as a resolution of Docker River Local Authority;

b) Provisional Meeting of 15 October 2020 be adopted as a resolution of Docker River Local Authority; and

c) Provisional Meeting of 17 March 2021 be adopted as a resolution of Docker River Local Authority.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

DRLA2021-046 **RESOLVED (Ruby James/Rosina Kunia)**

That the agenda papers for the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held 9 December 2021 as presented be received for consideration at the meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

DRLA2021-047 **RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)**

That the Local Authority Members raised no matters of General and Non-Council items of concern.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

DRLA2021-048 **RESOLVED (Ruby James/Rosina Kunia)**

That the Docker River Local Authority notes the Conflict of Interest policy and declares no conflicts.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

DRLA2021-049 **RESOLVED (Ruby James/Winsome Newberry)**

That the Docker River Local Authority notes the progress report on actions from the minutes of the previous meetings as received and approves closure of Action Item 1.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet *(DCM&C)* and invested in projects to benefit and improve the community.• Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.

- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.

- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.

- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

As part of the 2021/2022 Project funds grant, the Department of Chief Minister & Cabinet released a partial allocation of $7,691.00 towards Community Projects.

$39,409.00 was retained by DCM&C as these funds were not spent within the timeframe specified of the 2018/2019 grant.

To receive the balance of the 2021/2022 project grant, these funds must be expended *(with goods received)* by 28 February 2022.

There is currently $41,766.00 of unallocated funds to spend on Community projects.

$34,075.42 remains from the 2020/2021 funds and must be expended before 30 June 2022.

$7,691.00 is from the 2021/2022 funds released by the DCM&C and must be expended by 30 June 2023.

DRLA2021-050 **RESOLVED (Ruby James/Rosina Kunia)**
That the Docker River Local Authority:

a) notes and accepts that the funds from the 2019/2020 grant were fully allocated within the specified timeframe;

b) notes the partial release of the allocation for the 2021/2022 project grant;

c) notes the progress of current projects as follows:

- **Project 2121 – the BBQ trailer has been delivered. It is anticipated that the remaining funds will be expended on tress for Eagle Park.**
- **Project 2122 – The Information Bay is to be removed from this project. The quotation provided for the Scoreboard of $38,115 has been accepted. It is anticipated that the remaining funds will cover the cost of the new playground once CLC approval for a licence to maintain the lot.**
- **Project 2125 – the estimate of $12,000 to carry out the necessary works was approved by the Local Authority with an additional $6,000 to be committed to this project.**

- **Project 2126 – An undertaking was given that this project will be completed**

community shop.

d) **notes the funds released by DCM&C, and discusses projects to commit these funds as follows:**

- **New window for the church – the SDC to determine the scope of the work.**
- **Additional solar lighting – the SDC to investigate whether there are lights already at the community, whether additional lights need to be purchased and liaise with the members regarding the placement of the lights.**
- **Shade cover for the softball diamond – the SDC to determine the scope of the works and provide quotations.**
- **Construction of toilet at sorry camp – the SDC to determine the scope of the works and provide quotations.**

9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Local Authority is granted $4,000.00 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money must benefit everybody.

This money cannot be carried over from year to year and it must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

DRLA2021-051 **RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Rosina Kunia)**
That the Docker River Local Authority:

a) **notes the spending of their 2020/21 Discretionary Funds; and**

b) **notes and discusses the spending of their 2021/2022 Discretionary Funds and determines that the funds will be expended on a community Christmas celebration.**

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report is an update on Council delivered services in Docker River across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

DRLA2021-052 **RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)**

That the Docker River Local Authority note and accept the attached report prepared by Stephen Trindle, Council Services Coordinator, Docker River.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.
DRLA2021-053 **RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)**
That the Docker River Local Authority note and accept the Community Services report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The expenditure report shows spending until 31 October 2021 in the Local Authority Community.

DRLA2021-054 **RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Ruby James)**
That the Docker River Local Authority note and accepts the expenditure report as at 31 October 2021.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Members of the Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised for discussion at item 12.1 - General Business.

DRLA2021-055 **RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)**

In response to the Finance Report the Docker River Local Authority discussed the employment of local people within the community. It was accepted that this is a problem which needs to be addressed as a whole-of-government strategy.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Representatives from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet attends the Local Authority meetings to present any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members of the Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.
DRLA2021-056 **RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Ruby James)**

That the Docker River Local Authority:

a) **notes and discusses the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3; and,**

b) **note the updates and progress on actions provided by the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet as follows:**

- **Item 1 – the matter of inviting the Minister, etc., to a meeting of the LA was closed.**
- **Item 2 – Mr. Hall undertook to ascertain the situation regarding the Draft Community Use Plan and provide an update at the next meeting.**
- **Item 3 – Mr. Hall commented that the matter of options for a Domestic Violence Service was an ongoing issue which involves many factors – he will provide an update at the next meeting.**
- **Item 4 – LA members agreed that police patrols have improved significantly and there was no longer concern in the community – this item is to be closed.**

14 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 12.25pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 9 December 2021 and were confirmed Wednesday, 11 May 2022.