



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD IN THE DOCKER RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE
ON THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2020 AT 12:12 PM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 12:12 PM

DRLA2020-079 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Pricilla Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to note the nomination of Councillor Marlene Abbott as Chairperson for the Docker River Local Authority meeting of 15 October 2020.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Cr Marlene Abbott

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Ruby James, Winsome Newberry, Pricilla Abbott

Councillors:

Cr Marlene Abbott

Council Employees:

Ken Newman (Director Service Delivery Centre), Stephen Trindle (CSC), Min Roebuck (Community Engagement Officer), Robert Rabotot (Governance Officer)

Guests:

Maria Viegas (Department of Chief Minister & Cabinet)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny, Mervyn De Rose

Absentees:

Cr Selina Kulitja, Rosina Kunia, Barnaby Kunia

Attendance, Apologies and Absentees

DRLA2020-080 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to note the attendance, apologies and attendees of the meeting.

Ruby James arrived at the meeting at 12:15 PM.

Note: Quorum not met, this meeting was conducted as a Provisional Meeting.

3.3 Resignations

Nil

3.4 Terminations

3.4.1 TERMINATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the Docker River Local Authority meetings of 29 July 2020 and 15 October 2020, the absence of Barnaby Kunia was noted.

As per the Local Authorities Policy CP111, this revokes the appointment of Barnaby Kunia and a letter of revocation will be sent to his last known address.

DRLA2020-081 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to note and accept the termination of Barnaby Kunia and write a letter of revocation to be sent to the member.

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Following the termination of a member at the meeting of 6 February 2020 and another at this meeting, two vacancies in the Docker River Local Authority are open and as a consequence a call for nominations is recommended. In the event of a vacancy, a new member will be nominated and appointed in accordance with the Local Government Act, Ministerial Guidelines and Council Policy 111 Local Authorities.

Council appoints Local Authority members under the Local Government Act.

DRLA2020-082 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to call for community nominations to be opened in order to fill the two vacancies.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

DRLA2020-083 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to note the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Docker River Local Authority meeting of 5 August 2020 be adopted as a resolution of Docker River Local Authority.

This item was not discussed as this meeting was conducted as a Provisional Meeting.

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

6.1 That the papers circulated are received for consideration at the meeting.

6.1 Acceptance of the Agenda

DRLA2020-084 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Pricilla Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to note that the papers circulated for consideration at the meeting were received.

6.2 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

6.2 Notification of General Business Items

DRLA2020-085 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Pricilla Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to note that no notification of matters were raised in General Council Business.

6.3 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

6.3 Notifications of Non-Council Business Items

DRLA2020-086 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Pricilla Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to note that no notification of matters were raised in General Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

DRLA2020-087 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to note that the Conflict of Interest policy was noted.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

DRLA2020-088 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to note that no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda were declared.

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.

DRLA2020-089 RESOLVED (Pricilla Abbott/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of the previous meetings as received and keep open the Action Item, Sport Infrastructure Funding.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

There is currently a **total un-committed balance of \$69,075.42** to allocate in this community.

\$21,975.42 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

\$47,100.00 is from the 2020/21 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2022.

DRLA2020-090 RESOLVED (Pricilla Abbott/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to:

- a) Note and accept the progress of their projects;
- b) Keep all projects open;
- c) Request Director Technical Services to seek clarification for the land use in order to build the playground between Lot 71 and Lot 230;
- d) Commit \$10,000.00 to Project 2029, BBQ Trailer and Trees at Eagle Park, for a BBQ Trailer instead of a BBQ bringing the total committed at \$12,400.00; and
- e) Commit \$25,000.00 to Project 2170, Score Board, and have the score board stored in a container.

The Local Authority meeting stopped for lunch at 1:20 PM

The Local Authority meeting resume from lunch at 1:55 PM

9.3 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission *to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.*

An important strategy in the Regional Plan asks each Local Authority to guide the input into their Community Infrastructure Plan to meet a 2020-21 Regional Plan objective that MRC's infrastructure meets community needs.

DRLA2020-091 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to:

- a) Note and accept the report; and
- b) Provide feedback towards the Docker River Infrastructure Plan.

9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000 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.

All funds have been allocated. However, due to COVID-19 preventative measures, activities such as a community BBQ cannot be endorsed by MRC until the current circumstances have changed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority note and discuss the spending of their 2020/21 Discretionary Funds.

This item was not discussed as this meeting was conducted as a Provisional Meeting.

9.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY ASSISTANCE WITH THE REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission *to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.*

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff to meet the objectives of the 2020-21 Regional Plan.

DRLA2020-092 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Pricilla Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to:

- a) **Provide guidance and support for MRC staff to meet the objectives of the MRC 2020-21 Regional Plan; and**
- b) **Note and accept the report.**

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the delivery of Community Services program.

DRLA2020-093 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Pricilla Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to note and accept the Community Services report.

10.2 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Kaltukatjara/Docker River across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

DRLA2020-094 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Pricilla Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to note and accept the attached report prepared by Stephen Trindle, Council Services Coordinator, Docker River.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 2019-20 DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING ACQUITTAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To present to the Local Authority the Docker River Project Funding Acquittal for the 2019-20 financial year.

Income and expenditure for the period ending 30 June 2020

LAPF Grant 2019-20	\$47,400
Other income/carried forward balance from 2018-19	\$44,626
Other income/carried forward balance from 2017-18	\$0
Total income	\$92,026
Total expenditure including committed projects \$64,834	\$70,050
Surplus/ (Deficit) committed projects \$64,834	\$21,976

Docker River Local Authority would like to acknowledge the above Project Funding received by the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet previously (DLGHCD) for its continued support to the MacDonnell Regional Council's programs.

DRLA2020-095 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to note and accept the Local Authority Project Funding Acquittal for the 2019-20 financial year.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.2, members of the Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business. We are now discussing the matters raised as follow:

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority note and discuss the items raised at Item 6.2.

This item was not discussed as members did not provide notification of matters to be discussed at 6.2.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet will be in attendance 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. We are now discussing the matters raised as listed below:

DRLA2020-096 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority, by majority of vote,

recommended to Council to:

- a) Note and accept any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister & Cabinet;
- b) Request Director Community Services to invite the member for Gwoja regarding options for domestic violence service in Docker River including the possibility of a safe house; and
- c) Inquire with NT Police why regular police patrol in Docker River are not happening.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TO BE ADVISED

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 3:26 PM.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 15 October 2020 and were confirmed Thursday, 9 December 2021.

CONFIRMED MINUTES