



MINUTES OF THE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
HAASTS BLUFF COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 10:39AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was held via video link and declared open at 10:39AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR

HBLA2021-043 RESOLVED(Peter Turner/Derek Egan)

The provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, made a recommendation to Council that Member Simon Dixon was nominated as Chairperson of the meeting, 24 November 2021.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Simon Dixon

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members and MRC staff attending from the Haasts Bluff Council Office

Member Derek Egan, Member Simon Dixon and Natalie Fong-Yip (Council Services Coordinator),

Councillors attending from their respective Council office

Councillor Jason Minor and Councillor Peter Turner

Deputy President Dalton MacDonald attended the meeting at Head Office

Council Employees and Guests attending from MRC's Head office

Simon Murphy (Director Technical Services) and June Crabb (Governance Officer)

Guests:

Eric Turner (Regional Development and Community Planner, Department Chief Minister & Cabinet)

3.1 ATTENDANCE TO THE MEETING

HBLA2021-044 RESOLVED(Derek Egan/Dalton McDonald)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and accepted the attendance to the meeting.

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

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Nil

Absentees:

Nil

3.3 Resignations

Nil

3.4 Terminations

3.4.1 TERMINATIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIPS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The appointment of Local Authority members is terminated in accordance with para.4.15.1 of Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedures (MC02-P2) which reads:

"It is important that Local Authority members attend meetings wherever possible. Appointment of a local authority member may be revoked or otherwise cease if the person:

- c. Is absent for 2 consecutive meetings without the permission of the Local Authority."*

It is to be noted that the last meeting attended by members Billy Pareroultja was the 25 March 2020 and Jeffrey Zimran, on the 17 June 2020.

Members Suparkra Jugadai (*Chair*), Francis Marshall and Sonia Jugadai did not attend the meetings held 24 March 2021 and 9 June 2021 and subsequently a recommendation was resolved for Council to revoke the memberships of the five (5) members for being absent without permission.

At the Council meeting held 25 June 2021, a resolution was passed for Council to:

Res.077 – c) write to Haasts Bluff Local Authority members who are no longer residents in the community requesting whether they intend to attend future Haasts Bluffs Local Authority meetings or do they wish to tender their resignations.

A response has not been received from the members.

HBLA2021-045 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Dalton McDonald)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the resolution passed by Council at the meeting held 25 June 2021;**
- b) noted the attached correspondence sent to the five members;**
- c) revoked the membership of Suparkra Jugadai, Sonia Jugadai, Francis Marshall, Jeffrey Zimran and Billy Pareroultja from The Authority; and**
- d) recommended that Council endorses the revocations.**

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 MEMBERSHIP TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to note changes to the membership of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority as a result of the Local Government election held in September 2021.

Appointments to Local Authorities have also been affected by changes introduced in the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act) implemented on 2 July 2021 and this paper also reflects those changes.

Five (5) vacancies on the Authority has been created due to the revocation of members Suparkra Jugadai, Sonia Jugadai, Jeffrey Zimran, Francis Marshall and Billy Pareroultja for being absent from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

Nominations to be considered as Local Authority members have been received from Roseranna Larry, Larry Butler, Martin Jugadai, Douglas Multa and Kieran Multa

HBLA2021-046 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Derek Egan)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) welcomed Peter Turner and Jason Minor as Councillors to Luritja Pintubi ward;**
- b) noted that the memberships of previous Councillors Tommy Conway and Sarah Stockman are revoked;**
- c) noted that the President is no longer a member of the Authority;**
- d) noted and accepts the nominations submitted to the Authority;**
- e) recommended that Council endorse Roseranna Larry, Douglas Multa, Kieran Multa, Randall Butler and Martin Jugadai as members to the Haasts Bluff Local Authority.**

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

HBLA2021-047 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Peter Turner)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

HBLA2021-048 RESOLVED(Dalton McDonald/Derek Egan)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- c) resolved the minutes of the Local Authority meeting on the 24 March 2021 held as a Provisional meeting; and**
- d) resolved the minutes of the Local Authority meeting on the 9 June 2021 held as a Provisional meeting.**

The Local Authority did not discuss the minutes of the meeting held 25 March 2020 as a provisional meeting cannot resolve the minutes of an ordinary meeting and they did not discuss the 25 November 2020 meeting as members from the provisional meeting of 24 November 2021 were not in attendance and could not verify the minutes.

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

HBLA2021-049 RESOLVED(Dalton McDonald/Peter Turner)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and accepted the papers circulated for consideration at the meeting.

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

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

HBLA2021-050 RESOLVED(Derek Egan/Peter Turner)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, did not provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

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

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

HBLA2021-051 RESOLVED(Derek Egan/Jason Minor)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, did not provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

HBLA2021-052 RESOLVED(Derek Egan/Peter Turner)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

HBLA2021-053 RESOLVED(Derek Egan/Peter Turner)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

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.

HBLA2021-054 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Peter Turner)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received;
- b) kept open action - Telstra Services’;
- c) kept open action – Basketball Court until completed;
- d) kept open action – Material to complete projects (Church and Sorry Camp facilities).

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.

Examples of *acceptable* purposes for expenditure include:

- 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.

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet has elected to withhold the Haasts Bluff Community's 2021/2022 project grant due to \$27,101.00 of project funds not being spent within the timeframe specified.

*\$5,101.00 is from the 2017/2018 project funds grant.
\$22,000.00 is from the 2018/2019 project funds grant.*

These funds must be expended (with goods received) by 28 February 2022 in order for the 2021/2022 project funds to be released.

The Project funds from the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 grant were fully allocated to Infrastructure projects within the Community.

HBLA2021-055 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Jason Minor)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted that the 2021/2022 Project funds had been withheld;
- b) noted the deadline to spend the expired funds and discussed projects to commit these funds to;
- c) noted and accepted that the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 project funds were fully allocated;
- d) noted the progress on their projects;
- e) kept open project 2142 – Outdoor fitness equipment amending the project name to Outdoor fitness equipment and facility and committing \$5,101.00 from the 2017/2018 project funds and \$22,000.00 from the 2018/2019 project funds, noting to add a shade structure and concrete slab to the project.
- f) kept open project 2143 – Solar lights at Sorry Camp, accepting the reallocation of \$2,076.69 from project 2141;
- a) kept open project 2144 – Church noting that work on the inside of the church is moving along slowly; and
- g) closed project 2141 – Sorry Camp Facilities, reallocating the underspend of \$2,076.69 to project 2143 - Solar lights for Sorry Camp.

9.3 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.

HBLA2021-056 RESOLVED(Peter Turner/Derek Egan)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council that:

- a) the spending of their 2020/21 Discretionary fund was noted; and
- b) noted and discussed the spending of their 2021/2022 Discretionary fund, committing \$1,000.00 towards a Christmas celebration.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Haasts Bluff across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

HBLA2021-057 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Peter Turner)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, recommended to Council that the report prepared by Natalie Fong, Council Services Coordinator, Haasts Bluff was noted and accepted.

At this point Director Technical Services informed the Local Authority that the loader team was currently in Areyonga and once the damage to their road is fixed, they will be sent to Haasts Bluff to start on repairing the damage caused by the recent rain.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Service program delivery.

HBLA2021-058 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Derek Egan)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, recommended to Council that the Community Service report was noted and accepted.

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.

HBLA2021-059 RESOLVED (Derek Egan/Peter Turner)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, recommended to Council that the expenditure report as at 31 October 2021 was noted and accepted.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority notes and discusses the General Business items raised at Item 6.2.

No General Council Business items was raised for discussion.

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 provide 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.

HBLA2021-060 RESOLVED(Peter Turner/Derek Egan)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted that no Non-Council Business items was raised at item 6.3;**
- b) noted that all previous action items for the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet had been addressed; and**
- c) raised the following item for discussion.**

1. Clinic.

The Local Authority raised concerns regarding the Clinic not being open.

When access into the community is limited, especially during prolonged periods of wet weather, the Authority would like to know if there is a plan in place for residents to receive their medication.

The Representative will respond at the next Local Authority meeting.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WILL BE ADVISED

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:55 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 24 November 2021 and were CONFIRMED on 10 March 2022.