



MINUTES OF THE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
HAASTS BLUFF COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:26AM

1.1 NOMINATION FOR CHAIRPERSON

HBLA2023-022 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Tommy Conway)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority by way of ballot, chose Kieran Multa as Chairperson for the meeting held 13 September 2023.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Member Kieran Multa

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Simon Dixon, Member Roseranna Larry, Member Douglas Multa and Member Kieran Multa

Councillors:

Councillor Tommy Conway and Councillor Jason Minor

Council Employees:

Brian Robinson - Acting Director Community Services, Iryna Mustiats – Manager Children’s Services, Stuart Miller – Area Manager Service Delivery, Kelly Ryan – Acting Council Services Coordinator Haasts Bluff and June Crabb – Governance Officer

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe – Regional Manager, Department Chief Minister and Cabinet

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Derek Egan, Member Randall Butler and Member Martin Jugadai

Absentees:

Councillor Dalton McDonald

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

HBLA2023-023 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Roseranna Larry)

That members:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies received from Members Derek Egan, Randall Butler and Martin Jugadai; and
- c) **noted the absence without notice of Deputy President Dalton McDonald, requesting that the Councillor provide an explanation, on why he has not attended a meeting in person since March 2022.**

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NIL

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

HBLA2023-024 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Roseranna Larry)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

HBLA2023-025 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Jason Minor)

That the minutes of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority meeting held 12 April 2023 be adopted as a resolution of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

HBLA2023-026 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Kieran Multa)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

HBLA2023-027 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Tommy Conway)

Noted that the members provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

- a) Grading the roads
- b) Internet and Mobile Phone connections

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

HBLA2023-028 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Tommy Conway)

Noted that members provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business as follows:

- a) Telstra
- b) Outstations

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

HBLA2023-029 RESOLVED(Jason Minor/Tommy Conway)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

HBLA2023-030 RESOLVED(Jason Minor/Tommy Conway)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 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 Haasts Bluff Local Authority have \$24,144.18 project funds to spend on community infrastructure.

\$22,000.00 is the expected commitment from the NTG Project funds for 2023/2024 and \$2,144.18 are Project funds that are yet to be spent.

HBLA2023-031 RESOLVED (Kieran Multa/Jason Minor)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) anticipated receiving the NTG Project funds allocation for 2023/2024 of \$22,000.00, noting that members committed these funds to the current projects as below.
- b) noted and accepted the progress of their projects and kept open:
 - 2143 – Solar lights at Sorry Camp.
 - 2145 – Church Pews, committing an additional \$2,580.00, noting that the previous quote had expired and members then approving a new quote of \$7,580.00 received from Felton Industries for 12 x Bench Seats with back rests.
 - 2146 – Trevor Carpark, requesting the design be created with the colours of the Aboriginal flag.
 - 2147 – Amend the project name to Spencer Coffin trolley, seek quotes for the trolley noting that the Civil team can assist with the upgrade to the current Church Pulpit.
 - 2148 – Church Lectern – requesting that the Youth Board be asked for their help to sand, paint or varnish some of the furniture in the church.
- c) created new projects as follows:
 - 'Garden Shed with tools for the cemetery, same as the one being purchased for Mt Liebig, allocated \$5,000.00, noting to place the shed beside the Church.
 - Modular Stage, allocating \$7,600.00, requesting to purchase a similar model to that of Areyonga.
 - Upgrade the Umpire Box, allocating \$4,000.00 to the project.
 - Trees around the Park, allocating \$4,000.00 and that quotes be sought.
- d) members requested the Area Manager follow up with quotes for a sprinkler system for around the park or advise of alternative options.

9.2 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.

Due to an operational error, an omission to notify members at their April 2023 Local Authority meeting of their earlier spending to their 2022/2023 Discretionary funds gave rise to the Authority allocating and purchasing musical equipment which resulted in an overspend to the 2022/2023 Discretionary funds of \$2,541.54

HBLA2023-032 RESOLVED(Kieran Multa/Simon Dixon)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of their 2022/2023 Discretionary funds; and
- b) requests that the Authority not be penalised for the operational error and that Council approve to return their full 2023/2024 allocation to \$4,000.00.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 SCD - HAASTS BLUFF LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HBLA2023-033 RESOLVED(Kieran Multa/Roseranna Larry)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the Service Delivery report.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report tabled at this meeting provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

HBLA2023-034 RESOLVED(Roseranna Larry/Douglas Multa)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) accepted the Community Services report,
- b) Invites the Manager of MacSafe and the Manager of Youth Services to the November Local Authority meeting with responses to the following:
- c) MacSafe
 - Members sought an explanation on what the duties of MacSafe are,
 - What are the hours for Night Patrol, and
 - To clarify what areas are patrolled, how often and if that included Outstations.
- d) Youth Services
 - Members asked how often excursions were planned for their Youth,
 - Was there was a schedule or timetable available for the Youth excursions,
 - Does age restrictions apply when overnight camping trips are planned.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 July 2023 in the Local Authority Community.

HBLA2023-035 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Roseranna Larry)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 July 2023.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to give members the opportunity to discuss with Council the General Business matters raised at item 6.2.

HBLA2023-036 RESOLVED (Douglas Multa/Jason Minor)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and discussed the item raised at 6.2 as follows:

a) **Internet and Mobile phone connection.**

Members were advised that an email had been received from the Department of Social Services (DSS) regarding information on a Digital Connectivity Project. This project was looking at providing an uplift in Wifi and Mobile connectivity to communities where these services were non-existent or of a substandard quality, allowing for greater access to healthcare, employment opportunities, education, government and online services.

It was noted that Wifi connections would be delivered through Pivotel and Easyweb, and mobile connectivity with the NT Government.

Members requested that Council invite the Representatives of this Project for a discussion with the Local Authority prior to the LA meeting in November.

b) **Shade Structure outside Aged Care.**

Members agreed that the wooden shade structure outside the Aged Care facility be removed as it was a safety concern for the community residents. Members noted that the Work, Health and Safety team will work with the Area Manager to facilitate this matter quickly.

d) **Road.**

Noted that the road from the Cross into Haasts Bluff was in very poor condition, requesting MRC look into funding to seal the road.

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.

HBLA2023-037 RESOLVED(Douglas Multa/Kieran Multa)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) **notes and discusses the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3 as follows:**

- **Outstations**

In response to Member Douglas Multas' question on what funding is available for Outstations, the Representative from the Department Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) explained that the Federal Government had committed \$100 million towards upgrades on Outstations within the NT and currently had \$50 million still to be allocated.

Members were advised that these funds were being administered by Central Land Council (CLC) and it was in the interest of the Outstation residents to speak with the CLC Project Representatives as it was on their recommendations as to which Outstation received the funds.

Members also noted that certain conditions had to be met before an Outstation was eligible for the funding.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER, 2023

14 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 2:28 pm.

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