



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE
ON THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:53 AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Winsome Newberry

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Winsome Newberry, Pricilla Abbott, Rosina Kunia, Bernard Bell

Councillors:

Cr Selina Kulitja, Cr Marlene Abbott

Council Employees:

Simon Murphy - Director Technical Services, Stephen Trindle - CSC Docker River, Yarran Cavalier - MacSafe Coordinator, Donelle Fraser - Regional Area Manager, Jeff Tan - Coordinator Communications and Engagement, Robert Rabotot - Governance Administration Officer

Guests:

Enock Menge - Department Local Government, Community Development and Housing, Susan Diver-Tuck – NIAA, Tony O’Donohoe - Harm Minimisation Unit

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Mervyn De Rose, Barnaby Kunia, President Roxanne Kenny

Absentees:

Ruby James

3.3 Resignations

Nil

Attendance and Apologies

***DRLA2020-001* RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Selina Kulitja)**

That the Docker River Local Authority noted the attendance and apologies of the meeting.

3.4 Terminations

3.4.1 TERMINATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the Docker River Local Authority meetings of 26 June 2019 and 18 September 2019, the absence of Bernard Bell was noted.

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

***DRLA2020-002* RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)**

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the revocation of Bernard Bell 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 this meeting, one vacancy in the Docker River Local Authority opens and as a consequence a call for nominations is recommended.

***DRLA2020-003* RESOLVED (Pricilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)**

That the Docker River Local Authority called for community nominations in order to fill the vacancy.

4 MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

***DRLA2020-004* RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Selina Kulitja)**

That the Docker River Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

5.1 Conflict of Interests

***DRLA2020-005* RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Selina Kulitja)**

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) Noted the Council Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) That no conflict of interests were declared.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held on 15 January 2020

***DRLA2020-006* RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Rosina Kunia)**

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting.

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

That the papers circulated are received for consideration at the meeting and that members provide notification of matters to be raised in general business

Notifications of General Business

DRLA2020-007 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority members:

- a) **Received the papers circulated for consideration at the meeting; and**
- b) **Provided notification of matters to be raised in general business as follow:**
 - 1. **Solar Lights**
 - 2. **Water Bubbler**
 - 3. **Trees**
 - 4. **Chairs and shades at the softball field and at the store**
 - 5. **Trees at the playground**
 - 6. **Block the road at the back of the oval towards the main road**
- c) **Did not provide any matter to be raised in General Non-Council Business**

Members declare any conflict of interest with the meeting Agenda

Conflict of Interest

DRLA2020-008 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted that no conflict of interests with the meeting Agenda were declared.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Deputations / Guest Speakers

DRLA2020-009 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Pricilla Abbott)

That the Docker River Local Authority requested Tony O'Donohoe to report on progresses made with the Alcohol Minimisation Program.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

9.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

DRLA2020-010 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of the previous meetings as received.

Cr Selina Kulitja left the meeting at 11:45 AM

Cr Selina Kulitja returned to the meeting at 11:55 AM

INVITATION

DRLA2020-011 RESOLVED(Selina Kulitja/Pricilla Abbott)

That the Docker River Local Authority invited the Manager of NPY Women's Council to the next Local Authority meeting.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from the NT Government Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Services for investing in local government community infrastructure projects.

There is currently a total un-committed balance of \$19,370.87 to allocate in this community. \$0.00 is from the 2018/19 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2020. \$19,370.00 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

DRLA2020-012 RESOLVED(Winsome Newberry/Selina Kulitja)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the progress of their projects.

DRLA2020-013 RESOLVED(Marlene Abbott/Selina Kulitja)

That the Docker River Local Authority kept the Project 2025, Information Bay, open.

DRLA2020-014 RESOLVED(Selina Kulitja/Pricilla Abbott)

That the Docker River Local Authority closed the Project 2026, Sign for Community Entrance, and credit the funds as Director Technical Services advised that Roads Budget will cover the costs.

DRLA2020-015 RESOLVED(Pricilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority kept the Project 2027, Shade Shelters for Parks, open.

Note: Designs and quotes will be provided at a future meeting.

DRLA2020-016 RESOLVED(Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)

That the Docker River Local Authority kept the Project 2028, Eastside New Playground, open.

DRLA2020-017 RESOLVED(Marlene Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority kept the Project 2029, BBQ and trees at Eagle Park, open and move to a BBQ Trailer.

Item 9.3 Local Authority Discretionary Funds - has been moved to another part of the document.

9.4 LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING MEMBERS AND NT ELECTIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On 20 December 2019 the Acting Executive Director of Local Government and Community Development wrote to President Roxanne Kenny to remind the MacDonnell Regional Council of important matters contained in recent communications.

The letter's two main points outline the need for Councillors and Local Authority members to:

1. disclose any conflict of interest that may arise from a matter before any Council or Local Authority discussion: and
2. stand down before nominating as a candidate in the NT Elections

DRLA2020-018 RESOLVED(Pricilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the correspondence from the department.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

DRLA2020-019 RESOLVED(Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)

That the Local Authority noted the contents of the attached report prepared by Stephen Trindle.

The Local Authority meeting did break for lunch at 12:55 PM
The Local Authority meeting resumed at 1:25 PM

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

DRLA2020-020 RESOLVED(Winsome Newberry/Pricilla Abbott)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2019 in the Local Authority's community.

DRLA2020-021 RESOLVED(Winsome Newberry/Marlene Abbott)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure Report as at 31 December 2019.

11.2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND THE REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) 2019-20 Regional Plan has been approved by the Council and is available at MRC offices and on the MRC website.

DRLA2020-022 RESOLVED(Marlene Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the report and provided feedback on their vision of the goal 'Empowered Communities'.

11.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PROCESS AND TIMING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The order of agenda items for Local Authority meetings was changed recently to align with changes made to the order of agenda items for Council meetings. While this was an adjustment made across all its meeting agendas, MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) is interested to know if this affects the running of Local Authority meetings and hear suggestions from members about other improvements that could be made to the meeting format and content.

MRC also asks the Local Authority to consider the impacts and benefits if it were to hold meetings at different times of the day. Particular consideration is asked of meetings being held after work hours and whether this would then appeal to a broader range of people becoming Local Authority members.

DRLA2020-023 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)
That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted this report and provided feedback.

Note: The feedback received from the Docker River Local Authority is that the timing as it is preferred.

9.3 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.

There is a current over allocation of \$272.73.

RECOMMENDATION (Selina Kulitja/Rosina Kunia)
That the Local Authority note and accept their over allocation of Discretionary Funding.

AMENDMENT (Selina Kulitja/Rosina Kunia)
That the Docker River Local Authority re-allocated the remaining funds of \$2148.77 to a community BBQ for the opening ceremony of the lights at the oval.

DRLA2020-024 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Rosina Kunia)
That the Docker River Local Authority re-allocated the remaining funds of \$2148.77 to a community BBQ for the opening ceremony of the lights at the oval.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 7, members of the Docker River Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

DRLA2020-025 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Pricilla Abbott)
That the Docker River Local Authority noted and discussed the items raised at Item 7 as possible future projects.

1. Solar Lights

- a) It appears that some discussion started between the Docker River community and the Central Land Council for the installation of lights at the Softball field.
 - The Director Technical Services will continue discussion with Central Land Council in regards to lights at the Softball field.
- b) The Docker River Local Authority requested four (4) solar lights to be installed at the T junction of the main entrance road.
 - This could possibly become a future project.

2. Water Bubblers

The Docker River Local Authority requested to have one (1) water bubbler to be installed outside the Sports & Recreation Hall.

- The installation of a water bubbler outside the Sports & Recreation Hall is not possible due to water and electrical connections.

3. Trees

a) The Docker River Local Authority requested to have a row of trees planted on the side of the main road.

- This could possibly become a future project.

b) The Docker River Local Authority requested to have trees planted around the spectators' area at the Softball field.

- This could possibly become a future project.

4. Chairs and Shades at the softball field and at the store

a) The Docker River Local Authority requested to have two (2) more bleachers installed at the Softball field.

- This could possibly become a future project.

b) The Docker River Local Authority requested to have chairs and shade installed at the store.

- As the store is being upgraded, it was recommended to speak to Peter from the store.

5. Trees at the playground

- This is already a project – Project 2029.

6. Block the road at the back of the oval towards the main road

- Council Technical Services and Service Delivery will look at how traffic can be altered to ensure safety for pedestrians.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development provide any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

DRLA2020-026 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

DRLA2020-027 RESOLVED (Pricilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority closed the item Outstations from Other Non-Council Business and transferred it to the Action Register for the Director of Community Services to approach the Homeland Officer of NTG and explore the possibility to get funding for Kunapula Outstation.

DRLA2020-028 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority keeps the action item, Minister Territory Families – Meeting Invitation, open.

Note: DLGHCD recommended that MRC write a letter to invite the Minister to attend the next Local Authority meeting.

DRLA2020-029 RESOLVED(Selina Kulitja/Marlene Abbott)

That the Docker River Local Authority closed the item, New Gate, after DLGHCD stated that NTG has no budget for more fencing.

DRLA2020-030 RESOLVED(Marlene Abbott/Pricilla Abbott)

That the Docker River Local Authority closed the item, Feral Pigs, after DLGHCD reported on feral pigs.

DRLA2020-031 RESOLVED(Winsome Newberry/Selina Kulitja)

That the Docker River Local Authority keeps the action item, Draft Community Land Use Plan, open.

Note: DLGHCD will refer this item to the Land Planner.

DRLA2020-032 RESOLVED(Rosina Kunia/Pricilla Abbott)

That the Docker River Local Authority closed the action item, “Your Voice, Your Community”, after DLGHCD reported on the matter.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 15 APRIL, 2020

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 3:52 PM.

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