



MINUTES OF THE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2020 AT 10:00 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:25 AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Suparkra Jugadai

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Suparkra Jugadai (Chair), Francis Marshall, Sonia Jugadai, Billy Pareroultja, Jeffrey Zimran, Derek Egan and Simon Dixon

Councillors:

Cr Tommy Conway and Cr Sarah Stockman

Council Employees:

Simon Murphy (Director Technical Services), Liz Scott (Manager Community Safety and Library Services), Richie McWaters (Coordinator Community Safety), Rachel Kantawara (CSC Haasts Bluff) and Robert Rabotot Governance Officer)

Guests:

Enock Menge (Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny and Cr Dalton McDonald

Absentees:

Nil

Attendance and Apologies

HBLA2020-001 RESOLVED(Suparkra Jugadai/Francis Marshall)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted the attendance and apologies of the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

Nil

3.4 Terminations

Nil

3.5 Nominations

Nil

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

HBLA2020-002 RESOLVED(Sonia Jugadai/Jeffrey Zimran)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

HBLA2020-003 RESOLVED(Francis Marshall/Jeffrey Zimran)

That the Minutes of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority meetings of:

- a) 13 June 2019 with amendments**
- b) 28 November 2019**

be adopted as a resolution of Haasts Bluff Local Authority.

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

HBLA2020-004 RESOLVED(Derek Egan/Billy Pareroutja)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority received 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 Business Items

HBLA2020-005 RESOLVED(Suparkra Jugadai/Sonia Jugadai)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority provided notification of matters to be raised in general business as follows:

- 1. Playground Solar Lights**
- 2. Mechanics**
- 3. Grader team**

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

6.3 Notifications of Non-Council Business Items

HBLA2020-006 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Zimran/Derek Egan)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority members provided notification of matters to be raised in general business as follows:

1. Airstrip Fence
2. Roads
3. Water Leaks

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

HBLA2020-007 RESOLVED (Francis Marshall/Suparkra Jugadai)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) **Noted the Conflict of Interest Policy;**
- b) **Members did not declare any conflict of interests with the meeting agenda.**

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE NEW GUIDELINE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development is providing the Local Authorities an overview of some of the proposed changes to the Local Government Act and the Guideline relating to Local Authorities and is asking for comments and feedback of the proposed changes.

HBLA2020-008 RESOLVED (Sonia Jugadai/Jeffrey Zimran)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) **Noted and accepted the deputation and provided comments and feedback on the proposed changes;**
- b) **Raised questions and were recommended to email any further questions to DLGHDG.**

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.

HBLA2020-009 RESOLVED (Suparkra Jugadai/Simon Dixon)

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

Note: Action Item 1 – Telstra Services was deferred to a further time of the meeting.

HBLA2020-010 RESOLVED (Sonia Jugadai/Jeffrey Zimran)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority kept the Action Item 2 – Basketball Court open.

HBLA2020-011 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Derek Egan)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) Requested signs to be provided;
- b) Closed Action Item 3 - Softball Pitch Discussion.

HBLA2020-012 RESOLVED(Suparkra Jugadai/Jeffrey Zimran)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) Kept the Action Item 4 – Invitation to Liz Scott open;
- b) Noted and accepted the Community Services report presented by Liz Scott and the responses to questions she was asked;
- c) Requested MRC to contact Funders of School Nutrition Program to look for solutions on how children of people moving between communities could still get access to their meals.

HBLA2020-013 RESOLVED(Francis Marshall/Derek Egan)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority kept the Action Item 5 – PA System open.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

There is a total un-committed balance of \$24,220.66 to allocate in their community. \$2,100.66 is from the 2018/19 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2020. \$22,120.00 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

HBLA2020-014 RESOLVED(Jeffrey Zimran/Billy Pareroutja)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) Noted and accepted the progress of their projects;
- b) Requested MRC to provide the material needed to complete the projects so that the Haasts Bluff Civil Work and CDP could do the work.

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 spend (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

HBLA2020-015 RESOLVED(Sonia Jugadai/Suparkra Jugadai)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority

- a) Discussed the spending of their 2019/2020 Discretionary Funds;
- b) Allocated the remaining of the funds for an Easter Community BBQ.

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

HBLA2020-016 RESOLVED (Derek Egan/Francis Marshall)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the correspondence from the department.

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.

HBLA2020-017 RESOLVED (Suparkra Jugadai/Billy Pareroultja)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the Council Service Coordinators report prepared by Rachel Kantawara, CSC Haasts Bluff.

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.

HBLA2020-018 RESOLVED (Sonia Jugadai/Derek Egan)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 December 2019.

11.2 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.

HBLA2020-019 RESOLVED (Suparkra Jugadai/Francis Marshall)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) **Noted and accepted this report and provided the feedback to keep the start of the Local Authority meetings at 11:00 am.**

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 listed below:

HBLA2020-020 RESOLVED(Sonia Jugadai/Jeffrey Zimran)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority noted and discussed the General Business items raised at Item 6.2.

1. Playground

The Haasts Bluff Local Authority requested the solar lights to be relocated close to the church, the swing to the South side of the playground on the East of the oval.

The ELT member requested the Local Authority to draw a map showing where the items should be moved and the map to be sent to MRC Head Office so that the concerned department(s) could look into it.

2. Mechanics

The Haasts Bluff Local Authority inquired about the possibility of the MRC Mechanics to help fixing private cars in the community as residents are facing the difficulties of bringing cars to be repaired to proper facilities where qualified mechanics and spare parts are found, Alice Springs being the nearest place but yet far when a car has broken down.

The ELT member advised that the MRC Mechanics were not allowed to work on private vehicles but only on MRC vehicles.

The Haasts Bluff Local Authority then inquired about the possibility of a Car Maintenance & Repairs course to be organized in the community.

The ELT member advised that MRC does not have such training program.

3. Grader

The Haasts Bluff Local Authority inquired as to when the grader team will be attending to the Council roads of Haasts Bluff.

The ELT member advised that the grader team was under travel restrictions due to COVID-19.

9.1 ACTION REGISTER - Continued

Action Item 1 – Telstra Services

HBLA2020-021 RESOLVED(Sonia Jugadai/Jeffrey Zimran)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) Kept the Action Item 1 – Telstra Services open;
- b) Requested an update from Director Service Delivery Centre.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Local Government Housing and Community Development 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.

We are now discussing the matters raised as listed below:

HBLA2020-022 RESOLVED(Derek Egan/Billy Pareroutja)

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) **Noted and accepted any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development;**
- b) **Requested DLGHCD to check with DIPL if maintaining the Airstrip Fence is part of their contract;**
- c) **Closed the Item – Roads;**
- d) **Kept the Item - Water leaks open.**

Note: It was agreed that the CSC Haasts Bluff would inform Enock - DLGHCD on the closest lot number in an effort to help locating the leaks.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE, 2020

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:52 PM.

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