



MINUTES OF THE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
BOUGAINVILLEA THEATRE ON WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2020 AT 11:00AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:46AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country & Prayer – Sonia Jugadai

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chair Suparkra Jugadai, Francis Marshall, Sonia Jugadai, Jeffrey Zimran

Councillors:

Cr Tommy Conway

Council Employees:

Simon Murphy (Director Technical Services), Dyrone Griffin (ESO Haasts Bluff), Kathy Abbott (Area Manager), Min Roebuck (Community Engagement Officer), Jeff Tan (Coordinator Communications and Engagement), Zoe Lang (A/Coordinator Aquatic Facilities and Projects), (Robert Rabotot Governance Officer)

Guests:

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

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny, Billy Pareroutja, Simon Dixon

Absentees:

Derek Egan, Dalton McDonald, Cr Sarah Stockman

Attendance, Apologies and Absentees

HBLA2020-023 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Zimran/Francis Marshall)

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

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

3.3 Resignations

Nil

3.4 Terminations

Nil

3.5 Nominations

Nil

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

HBLA2020-024 RESOLVED(Sonia Jugadai/Tommy Conway)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Haasts Bluff of 25 March 2020 be adopted as a resolution of Haasts Bluff Local Authority.

Note: As this meeting was held as a provisional meeting, the minutes of the Haasts Bluff of 25 March 2020 could not be approved and will be presented at the 16 September 2020 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

HBLA2020-025 RESOLVED(Suparkra Jugadai/Francis Marshall)

That the provisional meeting of Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note that the papers circulated were received 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

HBLA2020-026 RESOLVED(Suparkra Jugadai/Francis Marshall)

That the provisional meeting of Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note the notification of matters raised in general business as follows:

1. Roads
2. Basketball Court
3. Playground

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

6.3 Notifications of Non-Council Business Items

HBLA2020-027 RESOLVED(Suparkra Jugadai/Francis Marshall)

That the provisional meeting of Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note the notification of matters raised in general business as follows:

1. Sewage/Septic Tanks
2. Airstrip
3. Bush Bus Stop
4. Boundary Fence

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

HBLA2020-028 RESOLVED(Tommy Conway/Suparkra Jugadai)

That the provisional meeting of Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to inform Council that the Conflict of Interest policy was noted.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

HBLA2020-029 RESOLVED(Tommy Conway/Suparkra Jugadai)

That the provisional meeting of Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note that the members of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING PROGRAM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Senior Land Use Planner will present the Community Land Use Plan program to the Haasts Bluff Local Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) **Note and accept the presentation;**
- b) **Provide feedback about the future land use in their community; and**
- c) **Approve the Senior Land Use Planner to undertake a field survey in their community.**

Note: This was not resolved as the Senior Land Use Planner was not in attendance at the meeting, this presentation did not happen.

Note: The Chairperson accepted the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development representative to address to the Local Authority at this point of the meeting to facilitate with the representative's travel arrangements.

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.

HBLA2020-030 RESOLVED(Sonia Jugadai/Tommy Conway)

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

- a) Note that the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3 were discussed as noted below;**
- b) Note and accept any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development; and**
- c) Close the item Airstrip Fence.**

1. Sewage/Septic Tanks

The Local Authority members raised that there are often issues with septic tanks relating to odour, sometimes overflowing and not able to cope with visitor numbers this creating major health risks/issues.

NTG rep (Enock Menge) noted that all Housing R&M matters need to be reported so they can be actioned.

MRC rep (DTS Simon Murphy) requested NTG Housing to provide 'cyclic maintenance' where a specialist is sent around to each house to check issues and 'bundle' all works for a dedicated quarterly septic tank R&M visit by NTG Housing plumbing contractor.

2. Airstrip

This item was discussed and resolved (see 'c' above) as part of the NTG Action Register.

3. Bush Bus Stop

This discussion item was dropped.

4. Boundary Fence

This discussion item was dropped.

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.

HBLA2020-031 RESOLVED(Jeffrey Zimran/Suparkra Jugadai)

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

- a) Note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received; and**
- b) Close Item 3 – Invite Liz Scott – Haasts Bluff MacSafe Manager.**

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.

HBLA2020-032 RESOLVED(Sonia Jugadai/Francis Marshall)

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

- a) **Note and accept the progress of their projects; and**
- b) **Allocate the remaining funds of \$24,220.66 and open a new Project – Outdoor Fitness Equipment to be placed at new basketball court.**

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.

HBLA2020-033 RESOLVED(Francis Marshall/Jeffrey Zimran)

That the provisional meeting of Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note and accept the report.

Note: Jeff Tan (Coordinator Communications and Engagement) consulted with the Local Authority members and documented their initial ideas towards establishing the Haasts Bluff Infrastructure Plan.

9.4 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Haasts Bluff Local Authority discuss the spending of their 2019/2020 discretionary funds.

Note: As this meeting was held as a provisional meeting, this item could not be discussed.

9.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY ENGAGEMENT AND 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 2019-20 Regional Plan and the 2020-21 Regional Plan.

HBLA2020-034 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Sonia Jugadai)

That the provisional meeting of Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note and accept the report.

9.6 COUNCIL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Toward the end of the Council term the NT Electoral Commission seeks comment on the effectiveness, or not, of the MacDonnell Regional Council boundary and the four ward boundaries within. The Local Authority is invited to record its comments to inform Council's response to the electoral commission about the current electoral structure and whether it provides the most effective possible representation for constituents.

HBLA2020-035 RESOLVED (Suparkra Jugadai/Francis Marshall)

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

- a) Note and accept the report; and**
- b) Note the comments provided were to stay in the same ward and to have one Councillor per community.**

9.7 COVID19

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a new virus. Symptoms include fever, coughing, a sore throat and shortness of breath. The virus can spread from person to person, but good hygiene can prevent infection. MRC in response to the COVID-19 outbreak has identified and is managing various risk through guidelines and regular communication with staff to ensure compliance.

HBLA2020-036 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Sonia Jugadai)

That the provisional meeting of Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note and accept the report on COVID-19.

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.

HBLA2020-037 RESOLVED (Jeffrey Zimran/Francis Marshall)

That the provisional meeting of Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note and accept the attached report prepared by Kathleen Abbott, Manager Service Centre Delivery.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

HBLA2020-038 RESOLVED (Sonia Jugadai/Francis Marshall)

That the provisional meeting of Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note and accept the Community Services report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2020 in the Local Authority's community.

HBLA2020-039 RESOLVED(Suparkra Jugadai/Jeffrey Zimran)

That the provisional meeting of Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note and accept the expenditure report as at 31 March 2020.

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.

HBLA2020-040 RESOLVED(Sonia Jugadai/Tommy Conway)

That the provisional meeting of Haasts Bluff Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note that the General Business items raised at Item 6.2 were discussed.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

Item - 13.1 Other Non-Council Business - has been moved to another part of the document.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER, 2020

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 2:35 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 17 June 2020 and were confirmed on Wednesday, 25 November 2020.