



MINUTES OF THE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
HAASTS BLUFF COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2023 AT
10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared to be Provisional and opened at 11.30am

Members of the Local Authority chose Member Simon Dixon as Chairperson for the meeting held 22 November 2023.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country.

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /
NOMINATIONS**

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Simon Dixon, Member Derek Egan, Member Randall Butler and Member Roseranna Larry.

Councillors:

Councillor Tommy Conway (via Teleconference), President Roxanne Kenny (via Teleconference)

Council Employees:

Aaron Blacker, Director Technical Services, Gina Lacey, Director Community Services, Barbara Newland, Executive Services Manager, Mark O'Brien, ESO, Teresa Peeke, MacKids, Emily McBride, MacCare, Liz Scott, MacSafe and Valentine Orian, MacSafe.

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe – Regional Manager, Department Chief Minister and Cabinet, Katherine O'Donoghue, (via Teleconference), Office of the Hon Chanston Paech, Minister for Local Government.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Members accepted the apology received from Member Martin Jugadai and Deputy President Dalton McDonald.

After the meeting it was found that Councillor Jason Minor had been unable to attend due to the road conditions. He had no mobile reception and was unable to contact Members to advise of his situation. Given the circumstances his apology is accepted.

Absentees:

Members note that Member Kieran Multa and Douglas Multa were absent from the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NIL

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

HBLA2023-038 RESOLVED (Roseranna Larry/Derek Egan)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority notes the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

HBLA2023-039 RESOLVED (Randall Butler/Roseranna Larry)

That the minutes of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority meeting held 13 September 2023 was not resolved as the meeting held 22 November 2023 was a provisional meeting.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

HBLA2023-040 RESOLVED (Simon Dixon/Tommy Conway)

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

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

HBLA2023-041 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Tommy Conway)

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

1. Night Patrols
2. Home Care
3. Child Care

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

HBLA2023-042 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Tommy Conway)

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

1. Atji Outstation

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

HBLA2023-043 RESOLVED(Randall Butler/Tommy Conway)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority note the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

HBLA2023-044 RESOLVED(Randall Butler/Tommy Conway)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority declared no conflicts 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.

HBLA2023-045 RESOLVED(Roseranna Larry/Tommy Conway)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority notes the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as follows:

- **HBLA2023-034 – Liz Scott joined the meeting to provide responses to and discuss in detail the Community Safety matters which had been raised. She joined with Gina Lacey in addressing the matters regarding Youth**

Services. Consideration will be given to working with the school and Night Patrol to collaborate on camping trips to address staff shortage issues.

- **MRC is asked to write to the CLC on behalf of the Local Authority to urge them to provide security when royalty payments occur and to notify the police as to where and when the royalty meetings are to be held.**
- **HBLA2023-036 – this action is to be closed – this is a Federal Government matter.**
- **Aaron Blacker undertook to obtain and circulate information to Members regarding Starlink.**

Minute note: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.55pm and resumed at 1.30pm.

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 Haasts Bluff Local Authority have \$964.18 of unallocated funds to spend on community infrastructure.

It is important to note that \$20,308.87 are funds that are at risk of being returned to NTG.

This amount is from funds committed to current Projects but remains unspent as well as unallocated funds.

HBLA2023-046 RESOLVED (Roserranna Larry/Derek Egan)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) notes an underspend to the project – Outdoor Fitness Equipment, that was closed at the March 2023 meeting and approves to return \$189.00 to unallocated funds;**
- b) notes that \$20,308.87 is funds at risk of being returned to NTG; and**
- c) notes and accepts the progress of their projects.**

9.3 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.

At the October Ordinary Council Meeting, Council made the following resolution to the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

OCM2023-147 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)
That Council:

- d) considered the request of the following Authority's and approved to return their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds as follows:
 - o \$2,541.54 to the Haasts Bluff Local Authority

HBLA2023-047 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Tommy Conway)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) notes that Council has agreed to reinstate \$2,541.54 to the 2023/2024 Discretionary funds for Haasts Bluff; and
- b) determines that this funding will be expended on community events to be held Christmas, New Year and Easter.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

HBLA2023-048 RESOLVED(Randall Butler/Simon Dixon)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services report.

10.2 SCD - LA REPORT - HAASTS BLUFF

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HBLA2023-049 RESOLVED(Roseranna Larry/Derek Egan)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority notes and accepts the Service Centre Delivery report.

Minute note: Member Roseranna Larry left the meeting at 2.17pm.

10.3 TECHNICAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Works completed in Haasts Bluff by Technical Services between July and November.

HBLA2023-050 RESOLVED(Tommy Conway/Simon Dixon)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority accepts the Technical Services report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 OCT 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

HBLA2023-051 RESOLVED(Simon Dixon/Randall Butler)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority notes and accepts the expenditure report as at 31 October 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.

HBLA2023-052 RESOLVED(Derek Egan/Tommy Conway)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority notes that the items raised at 6.2 were fully considered in the discussion regarding the Action Items and that no further action is required.

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.

HBLA2023-053 RESOLVED(Derek Egan/Tommy Conway)

That the provisional meeting of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the Non-Council Business item raised regarding the Ajti Outstation at Item 6.3;**
- b) notes and accepts the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet as follows:**

- It has been determined that all of the Federal Government funding of \$100m has been fully committed and spent. Bruce provided a detailed update on funding allocations.
- Members have been updated regarding the Telstra services which may be completed within 18-24 months.
- Members were advised that the NTG's \$30m housing program will result in old houses being demolished with new houses built in their place – this means that additional housing is not being created.
- There have been bad bushfires of late which have been caused by discarded matches on the side of the road. Bruce urged Members to talk to community members about this.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING -

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 2.45pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Provisional Haasts Bluff Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 22 November 2023 and are CONFIRMED.