



Special Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday 19 December 2019

12:00 pm

Council Chambers, Civic Centre,
Stuart Highway, Katherine

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL HELD
AT THE KATHERINE CIVIC CENTRE THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER 2019 AT
12:00PM**

1. Present:

Mayor Fay Miller (videoconference)
Deputy Mayor Jon Raynor
Alderman Toni Tapp Coutts
Alderman Lis Clark

Claire Johansson – Acting Chief Executive Officer – (A/CEO)

5 x Members of the public

Minute Taker: Rosemary Jennings – Executive Manager Community Services (XCS)

2. Apologies and Leave of Absence:

Alderman Peter Gazey
Alderman Matthew Hurley
Alderman John Zelle

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

Nil

4. Reports of Officers

4.1 LEIGHT CREEK CROSSING BRIDGE ON EMUNGALAN ROAD

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Mayor Miller – I invite all elected members to make comment on this item prior to moving and seconding.

Alderman Clark – There is over 12 years of interest on the Emungalan Bridge Funding. What is this figure?

CEO – As at 30 June there has been \$68,000 interest earned. The interest is quarantined for this project. The expected interest has also been taken into account in preparation for today's motion and considered with the figure requested.

Alderman Clark – Is this the actual figure extra? Is it likely to be anymore?

CEO – At this point it is a 90% design estimate through acquiring quantity survey report. This is not 100%. There could be some variances. The issue is that we have been asked to make a decision by DIPL as if we are not prepared to put the additional money in then the finalised design will be affected, affecting usage and maintenance of the bridge.

Mayor Miller – In relation to the interest, that has already been taken in to account and the \$700,000 is in addition?

CEO – Yes.

Alderman Tapp-Coutts – Happy to move on this project. This has been ongoing for a long time and the longer we wait the higher the costs will be.

Deputy Mayor Raynor – Could there be any more money required? I don't believe we are in a position to add anything further. Anything further will need to come from the Northern Territory or Federal government. I agree with Alderman Tapp-Coutts, this project has been going on for a long time and we need to get this project moving.

CEO – To be clear, this money is for the bridge component only. There will be other expenses relating to other works such as road works, acquisition of the land etc. This is only the bridge part.

Mayor – I am a bit like the residents. I am fed up with the length of this project and we need to get on with it and the price will only increase the further we leave it. We will just need to add more money later.

MOVED: Tapp- Coutts / Clark

Resolution:

That Council resolve:

That the Council endorse the allocation of Council funds of \$700,000 towards the Leight Creek Crossing Bridge on Emungalan Road

CARRIED: 4 / 0.

7. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 12.16pm

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fay Miller', is written over a light blue grid background.

Fay Miller
MAYOR OF KATHERINE