

19/05/2015 at 10:00am

This Meeting was opened at 10.15am by designated Chair Mayor Tony Jack and the Roper Regional Council Pledge was read.

1. Present:

1.1 Elected Members:

Mayor Tony Jack
Cr Anne-Marie Lee

1.2 Local Authority Members:

Ruth Kelly
David Oenpelli
Anita Painter
Jamie AhFat

1.3 Staff:

Sharon Hillen Director Council Services and Infrastructure
Robert Campbell Council Services Manager
Jo Nicol Local Authority Coordination Officer
Leanne Gablonski Community Services Coordinator

1.4 Visitors/Guests:

William Rosas Department Local Government
Joyce Torres Government Engagement Coordinator
Moirra McCreesh Alcohol Management Strategy Unit

2. Apologies:

Helen Lee, Michael Berto- Chief Executive Officer.
Apologies Accepted, Moved: Cr Lee Seconded: Ruth Kelly

3. Conflict of Interest-Members & Staff:

NIL

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Previous Minutes

DEFERRED

5. Business Arising/Action List;

5.1. Previous minutes action List:

New cemetery Act to be introduced with consultation from the community

6. Correspondence

6.1. Outgoing Correspondence:

NIL

6.2. Incoming Correspondence:

NIL

7. General Business

7.1 *Elected Member Report:

NIL

7.2 *Council Services Managers Report:

Council Services Update:

Municipal Staff have been working well in preparation for the Barunga Festival in June. Staff have also been working on ensuring pot holes around the community have been filled and the roads are in good condition.

Municipal Staff have been engaging with Barunga RJCP participants and this relationship is working well.

Municipal Staff have been lopping and pruning trees in Barunga's parks and gardens. Street signs will be up in the next two weeks.

- *Work Health and Safety Update

NIL

7.3 *Council Financial Reports:

The Third Quarter Barunga Financial Reports were tabled and discussed.

7.4 *Governance Updates:

- *Town Priorities: NIL
- *Complaints Register: NIL
- *Policy Updates: *Reviewed- Alcohol & Other Drugs Policy*-Policy to promote prevention, reduction and elimination in the workplace. All policies available on the Roper Gulf Regional Council website.
- Council Welcomes new Councillor Daniel Mulholland for the South West Gulf Ward.
- Indigenous Women's Conference- Wednesday 17th- Thursday 18th June 2015 held in Katherine.
- Local Authority Financial Training-Monday 22th June @ 1.30pm
- Leadership Forum –Monday 20th- Tuesday 21st July- Katherine

7.5 *RJCP- Remote Jobs and Communities Program:

New RJCP Supervisor Chris Friday, currently recruiting for two positions and expanding Project portfolio. The RJCP programme is working well and we have a few projects going for them.

A range of training courses including; Welding have been undertaken to help Skinny Fish with stage upgrades and speaker brackets.

7.6 * Alcohol Management Plan:

A Women's Meeting is to be held Wednesday 27th May at 10am this is to discuss the Alcohol Management Plan. The Men's meeting has already taken place. There is still a decision to be made about who will manage the Plan.

Changes to the Northern Territory Government's Community Benefit Fund has increased the amount of Funding money now available for Community Grants.

Action: Bring feedback from Store Committee Meeting to next Local Authority Meeting.

8. Other Business

8.1 Government Engagement Coordinator Joyce Torres advised Local Authority members that there will be new changes to RJCP implemented after 30th June 2015. The details are still being worked on.

8.2 Northern Territory Housing issues were discussed, Housing Reference Group is not meeting regularly and issues are not getting resolved.

Action: Letter to the Minister for Housing re: Housing in Barunga

9. Meeting Closed 12 Mid Day

* Denotes permanent Agenda items