

15/07/2014

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## 1. Present: Members read the Pledge

- 1.1. **Elected Members:** Cr Anne-Marie Lee
- 1.2 **Local Authority Members:** Helen Lee (Chairperson), Anita Painter, Jamie Ah Fat, David Oenpelli.
- 1.3 **RGRC Staff:** Robert Campbell (CSM), Marc Gardner (Director Contracts & Technical Services), Jyoti Pudasaini (Manager Governance) Jo Nicol (Local Authority Coordination Officer) Barbara Maddern, Kelly Mumme RJCP
- 1.4 **Visitors/Guests:** Kevin Wanganeen, Elle Fuller, Amanda Ngalmi

## 2. Apologies:

Scott Lee, Ruth Kelly, Moira McCreesh.

Motion to accept apologies, Moved Cr Lee Seconded: David Oenpelli.

It was also noted by the Local Authority that Clarette had not been attending meetings and no longer has time to be a Barunga Local Authority Member. LA Members moved to accept her resignation Moved: Jamie AhFat Seconded: Anita Painter.

## 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes were read by the Chair then Moved: Cr Lee Seconded: David Oenpelli

## 4. Business Arising/Action List;

### 4.1. Previous minutes action List

- 6.3.1 CSM to invite S & R Manager to next LA Meeting-ongoing
- 6.6 Moira has sent copy of current AMP, CSM to distribute to LA members
- 6.6 Robert still talking to TOs
- 6.10 Robert still arranging a date with Stephen from VSA Unit
- 7.1 Anita to attend next Festival Committee Meeting – August
- 7.2 LA Members to attend Community Safety Meeting , Robert to find out when next one is on.

## 5. Correspondence

### 5.1. Outgoing Correspondence:

### 5.2. Incoming Correspondence:

**ACTION:** Actions will appear under each point like this

## 6. General Business

### 6.1. \*Elected Member Report: NIL given

### 6.2. \*Council Services Managers Report: Robert gave a verbal report and presented the Monthly Stats Report.

- Contractors unloading waste at the dump in the wrong place. Contractors need to report to Council Office. Contractors will be engaged to push up the dump.
- Buffalo Issue is ongoing and getting worse as animals come in for feed during the dry. Letters have been sent to Bagalar and Jawyon to let them know how dangerous the situation has become. LA Members expressed they would like this issue dealt with asap.
- 22 new Fencing jobs and 18 repairs.
- Lot 186 getting the damaged fence repaired.
- Pot holes will be attended to soon
- The RJCP supervisor is having no luck with getting participants to attend with only a 10% attendance rate.
- New sign for Cemetery was to be a RJCP project, this is currently stalling
- There is no room at the Cemetery and at previous funerals remains have been excavated. Community members need to agree to new Cemetery soon.

### 6.3. \*Town Priorities: Briefly discussed.

### 6.4. \*Governance Updates: The Regional is currently with the printers and will be distributed to Local Authority members as soon as it arrives.

### 6.5. \*RJCP- Remote Jobs and Communities Program: Barbara and Kelly updated the LA on RJCP issues saying that it was taking some time to get programs established in Barunga and wanted to hear what programs people in Barunga wanted.

**Action:** Kelly will organise a morning tea and invite community members to attend and consult with them re: Projects

### 6.6. \*Alcohol Management Plan: CSM to distribute Plans to LA members

- 6.7. **\*Policy Updates:** No new policies
- 6.8. **\*Work health and Safety:** Report tabled with June monthly statistics, CSM spoke to report.
- 6.9 **Remote Indigenous Leadership Program:** Kevin and Ella presented “First Circles” an initiative of the Chief Ministers Department to identify Leaders in Communities and foster them with opportunities for Study, support for identified Community projects, Conference, travel and accommodation support. Nominations open only 15 top end places.
- 6.1.1 **Community Dogs at large:** Dogs were discussed and are still an issue
- 6.1.2 **Police in community:** Community members are having no luck getting Police to attend Barunga for Gambling and loud noise. LA Members were asked to ring Police and ask for a job number. Also LA Members were reminded to ring Territory Housing and complain about excessive noise.
- Action:** CSM to invite Maranboy Police to next LA Meeting
- 6.1.3 **By-laws-** Jyoti discussed By-Laws are currently being drafted and will be presented to Local Authorities for their input before Council endorses them.

## 7. Other Business

- 7.1 LA Members were not happy with the demise of the Civil Works Dept as there was a general consensus that this could lead to a decrease in employment opportunities for local Barunga people. **Marc Gardner**, Director of Contracts & Technical Services, was available to address these concerns;
- over 4-5 Financial years the Civil Dept has not been able to cover its own costs,
  - It was a hard decision but big contracts with the NT Govt were getting harder to secure,
  - Big Machinery not used frequently enough to be viable and was still expensive to maintain,
  - Local people will still be used by RGRC for Municipal work ,Contractors will do big jobs,
  - Some machinery will be relocated to communities and some machinery will be auctioned, this is still being worked out.
  - Local people will now be given opportunity to work and not the crew from Town. 5 staff at Emungalan Rd will be leaving
- 7.2 Amanda Ngalmi gave a report as the representative of the Office of Prime-Minister & Cabinet. Amanda recently attended a workshop in Katherine that discussed the School Attendance Program unfortunately Barunga and Beswick are the only 2 communities where school attendance is decreasing. A BBQ is being organised with the community with a range of stakeholders that may be able to come up with some solutions. The biggest issues are; children gambling (8-9 year olds) and loud music. A reminder to report these issues to Police

- 7.3 The old Police Station at Maranboy is closing and a new one will be built at Beswick.
- 7.4 LA members asked about the Grafitti on Council Office Building- Robert said it will be painted over very soon and may apply for funding to get Katherine Signs to refresh signage.
- 7.5 CEO has sent out a funding opportunity for a Skate Park or BMX track. Robert is looking into obtaining funding and will report back to LA.

Next Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014

## **8. Meeting Closed 12.45**

\* Denotes permanent Agenda items