

Beswick Local Board Meeting Minutes

Held in the Board Room, Beswick Service
Delivery Centre.

17th February 2014
10.am

Meeting opened at 11.15am by Richard Kennedy who has been designated Chair at this Beswick Local Board Meeting

1. Present:

1.1 - Elected Members – Cr. Selina Ashley.

Trephina Bush
Richard Kennedy
Raelene Bulumbara
Jenny Bush
Adam Bostock

1.2 - Shire Staff –

Sharon Hillen – Director Technical Services & Infrastructure
Jo Nicol – Local Authority Support Officer
Helen Hawkins – CSM Beswick
Vicki New – Family Service Coordinator
Don Blackman – RJCP Coordinator

1.3 – Visitors/Guests –

William Rosas – Dpt. Local Govt.
Moira McCreesh - Alcohol Policy & Strategy.
Nigel Povey -GEC
Steven Hill – Principal School
Peter Mitchell – Outback Stores (Left Early)

2. Apologies:

Sam Ashley
Deanne Kennedy
Dwayne Billy
Sasha Ashley

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Approved by: Adam Bostock
Seconded by: Raelene Bulumbara

4. Business Arising/Action List;

4.1 – Previous minutes action List - NA

5. Correspondence

5.1- **Outgoing Correspondence** – Sharon Hillen has written to Dept Roads concerning condition of Central Arnhem Highway. Waiting on a reply

5.2 – Incoming Correspondence – NA

6. General Business

6.1 – Councillors Report – Verbal Report given, last Ordinary Council Meeting was held at Barunga. School bus to be shared with Beswick, Barunga and Manyallaluk

6.2 – Council Service Managers Report – Municipal team very busy at the moment. We had problems with graffiti. Surveillance cameras are going to be erected in our workshop area, signs going up first. Residence fencing has started and a list of houses can be obtained from this office.

6.3 – Family Services Coordinators Report – Children will be picked up and delivered for Crèche, starting soon. Staff study nearly finished. Wanting a big push for computer studies. Want to start up a newsletter for elder residents; want a name if anyone has a suggestion. We will soon have a bus service for elderly residents to attend activities.

6.4 – RJCP Coordinators Report – School attendance program working well, talking to families of kids not at school. No School no Sport & Rec.

Pending projects: Sunrise Health wheelchair access ramp, almost complete
Shelter and BBQ area at falls- Need TO's clearance first.
Aged care working with RJCP
Maybe some Ranger projects may be undertaken
Adopt a tree project.

Looking to hire a trainee employment officer. We have 170 RJCP'ers on the books.

6.5 – AMP – Concern that there is no Police based in Beswick. Moira asked that locals ring the 131444 number with police problems. Not enough people are ringing so it looks like there are no problems at Beswick so there is no need for a Police Officer based at Beswick.

ACTION: RGRC to write to Govt advocating on behalf of Beswick LA outlining size of the area, the issues and request a full time Police presence in Beswick.

The few changes to the AMP were explained and all were asked if they were approved. All agreed. It was stressed that the plan must be finalised. A group needs to be formed to make manage the plan to make it work.

ACTION: Cr. Ashley to talk to Community in small groups to take ownership of the plan and ensure it works. Maybe use BRACS broadcasting.

6.6 – Counter Disaster Plan - Police are ultimately in charge when there is a disaster. Police notify CSM. School is currently not being notified.

ACTION: CSM to use stakeholders list to pass information on from Police.

Concern was noted that the gates closest to the Community are in front of a deep area in the road that is always flooded.

ACTION: CSM to ask OIC Maranboy Police if the gates can be moved to enclose this area.

6.7 – Policy updates – New Local Authority Policy passed by Council. There must be 50% + 1 for a quorum and Councillors will be paid for each sitting. There must be a minimum of 6 meeting a year.

Motion: That Beswick Local Board accepts the name change to Beswick Local Authority in line with NTG Local Government reform of the Local Government Act. .

Move to change the name. Moved: Richard Kennedy

Seconded: Cr. Ashley

All in agreement by way of general consensus

6.8 – Town Priorities – Part of the new changes will be that a budget and town priorities be presented at each meeting. Advice is being sought of how this is to be presented although there will be the budget at the next meeting.

Priorities were discussed and are to be updated at each Local Authority meeting.

6.9 – VSA – The Local Authority was asked to view the poster concerning VSA abuse and it was noted that it was too hard to understand. Too wordy, Is Opal the correct name not just a brand name, too complicated.

It was suggested that the subject be brought up at the next Council meeting in March.

7. Other Business

7.1 – Discussion with Federal Govt – Nigel Povey. Opal fuel bowser in Beswick. The push has received a lot of support; 75 Community members attended the last meeting and a petition is being distributed for total community support. RGRC, Roper River Transport offered to transport free of charge, Outback Stores, The Community and Police are keen to have it installed as soon as possible.

7.2 – Time frame from Federal Govt for a stand alone Opal Fuel Bowser – Nigel Povey. Maybe Christmas 2014 or 2015. With the new shop but this is not guaranteed. The contract to build the Opal Fuel storage in Darwin has already been let. The Community needs to come up with a way to put the fuel in at the old shop so that Opal Fuel gets here at the earliest possible time. All LA members were urged to speak to Bess Price. MLA. Nigel Scullion MP and Cr Ashley RGRC about getting Opal

ACTION: CSM to invite Bess Price MLA to Opal meeting on 10th March 2014.

7.3 – Nigel Povey gave Peter Mitchell's shop report in his absence. The new store has been signed off and currently waiting for a section 19 which is taking some time. Two new pool tables have been purchased out of club profits. Good trading over the last couple of Months. AGM was 3 weeks ago and a new committee has been elected. Next meeting Monday 3rd March 2014

7.4 – Solar light is broken – CSM has taken action.

7.5 - William Rosas from the Department introduced himself and handed out information about the new reforms.

7.6 – Local Authority members asked if Mick Madigan gravesite could receive some attention, it has been there since 1950's

7.7 – Street naming – the funding is in place and the Place Names Committee has approved the street names that were put forward.

7.8 – Richard Kennedy moved the motion: to accept all reports presented. Seconded Cr Ashley, all in agreement by way of consensus.

8. Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 1.30pm

Next Beswick meeting: Monday 14th April 2014

To be signed once minutes are confirmed on the 14th April 2014

As the Chair at the Beswick Region Local Board Meeting held on the 17th February 2014. I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.

Richard Kennedy