

Meeting opened at 10.10 by Cr Timothy Baker Jnr who has been designated Chair at this Jilkmिंगgan Local Authority Meeting

1. Present:

1.1. **Elected Members:** Cr Timothy Baker

1.2 **Local Authority Members:** Patrisha Baker, Ossie Baker, Wendy Daylight, Adrian Doctor, Lisa MacDonald, Maxie Millar, Fay Roberts, Steven Rory, Wayne Roy.

1.3 **RGRC Staff:** Alan Mole(CSM) Sharon Hillen (DITS), Nerine Purton (RJCP) Stephen Roper & Jo Nicol (Governance)

1.4 **Visitors/Guests:** Willy Rosas & Colvin Crow (Dept Local Government) Helena Lardy (JCAC), Shelia Conway.

2. Apologies:

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane, Cr Annabel Daylight, Aaron Holtze, Cheryl Lardy.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion to accept the previous Minutes from the 3rd December 2013
Moved: Ossie Daylight, Seconded: Patrisha Baker, All in favour by general consensus.

4. Business Arising/Action List;

4.1. Previous minutes action List:

6.2 Re: drinking sign being reinstated – Sharon to look into new signs,

Action: Sharon to get some sign options ready to be tabled at the next LA meeting.

5. Correspondence

5.1. Outgoing Correspondence:

5.2. **Incoming Correspondence:** Email from Lara Brennan(Regional Manager FACS) Confirming the Creche is open and the Official Opening date as the 28th March 2014. Also confirming discussions to rectify road and pedestrian issues with the new creche.

ACTION: Actions will appear under each point like this

6. General Business

- 6.1. ***Elected Member's Report:** Cr Baker gave a brief overview of the recent OCM in Barunga. He talked about Animal Management issues that most residents within the Councils area have and that council are looking to introduce by-laws to make people more accountable for their animals, noise and litter. The vet is coming in April.
- 6.2. ***Council Service Manager's Report:** Alan gave a verbal update, there were no problems over the Christmas period and he thanked staff for doing a great job in his brief absence. The new Creche is operational now and training for staff will begin soon. The Muns team have been working well with a team of RJCP participants supporting them. There are some issues with some RJCP participants not turning up for work. RJCP Farm Project will start in February, Aged Care is going well, The new CSO is doing a fantastic job, The horse and dog problem has been discussed with Gary Hillen and he will be down as soon as he can to help with the problem. CSM in Katherine at CSM Forum Wednesday & Thursday. Christmas Party went really well.
- 6.3. ***Town Priorities:** Sharon outlined the current Town Priorities and discussed the process of strategic prioritising. Local Authority members and community members were asked to look over the current Town Priorities and discuss what should be planned for the 2014-2015 year. Town Priorities will be workshopped at the next Jilkminggan Local Authority.

Action: CSM to distribute copies of Town Priority list to Local Authority Members and Community members.

- 6.4. ***Governance Updates:** NIL
- 6.5. ***RJCP- Remote Jobs and Communities Program:** Nerine distributed RJCP "Community Action Plan" and gave a talk on Regional Priorities. A range of community projects have been identified as suitable for RJCP participants. There is an opportunity for community organisations to apply for the RJCP funding but remember to reference application back to the CAP document. Training will begin in the first week of March for Cert 2 in Horticulture with the expected outcome that participants will be able to support the farm to keep going. Nerine will speak to JCAC about sharing the responsibilities of the Farm. Steven Rory noted that training to do Repair & Maintenance of housing would be extremely useful and added Certified Training for this is important for ongoing work for participants. Council is currently looking at a general maintenance course through Batchelor College. Requests from LA members that a Riverbank clean up and traffic control at the river could be part of an RJCP project. The licence Mob will be in Jilkminggan in 3 weeks to do Ls, currently there are 12 people waiting to resit. Discussions with RJCP about projects that could include crossing, between Creche & School, footpath, seating. Old Creche to be handed

back to JCAC.

Action: SSM to inform P&W to turn off utilities and hand keys to JCAC

- 6.6. *** Alcohol Management Plan:** NIL to discuss
- 6.7. *** Policy Updates:** Jo gave brief overview of new Local Authority Policy that was passed by Roper Gulf Regional Council at the January Ordinary Council Meeting.
- 6.8. *** Work health and Safety:** The new Work Health & Safety Coordinator, Mathew Galloway has started at Roper Gulf Regional Council so there will be an increased attention to WH&S issues.
- 6.9. **Motion** to change name of Jilkminggan Local Board To Jilkminggan Local Authority members moved the following **Motion; *The Jilkminggan Local Board accept the name change to Jilkminggan Local Authority in line with Northern Territory Government's Local Government's reform of the NT Local Government Act.*** Moved: Ossie Daylight, Seconded: Adrian Doctor, All in favour passed by general consensus.
Local Authority members discussed appointing a permanent Chair, and decided to hold this over to the next LA meeting.

Action: Local Authority members to discuss for next meeting.

- 6.1.1 **Tidy Towns** – Jo presented the Tidy Towns applications for members to peruse. It was noted that this involves a whole of Community effort if participating.
- Action:** Alan to discuss with members after meeting and come back to Local Authority.
- 6.1.1 **Volatile Substance-** Jo presented poster, to members, from NT Health Department that requires mandatory reporting of Volatile Substance Abuse. Helena Lardy noted there have been discussions with Sunrise Health and the Store has removed Volatile substances from shelves and asks that contactors are informed, Sharon noted that anyone working for Roper Gulf are required to use opal fuel.
- 6.1.2 **Reconciliation Action Plan** – Sharon gave a brief overview of the RAP that Council has asked for with consultation at Local Authority meeting. Council is requesting input from LA to create a working framework that formalises what Roper Gulf Regional Council currently do and could do better with respect to achieving Aboriginal equality and acknowledging cultural mores as part of How Roper Gulf works.

7. Other Business

- 7.1. **Office Security** – SSM explained the new security for the Council Office, there will now be a keypad and staff will have the code, visitors will be escorted when coming into building, this will improve security and WH&S. Local Authority members agreed the new changes would improve the office area.
- 7.2. **CSO position**- Welcome to Anne Marie McDonald who is the new Customer Services Officer, she has been doing a great job.
- 7.3. **Grass Wallaby Sculpture**- There was a general discussion about this issue that ended with a general consensus that the Grass Wallaby issue should be dealt with by JCAC and the Community and not the Local Authority and Council. Local Authority members were happy for this outcome to remove the responsibility for the decision back to JCAC and Community and moved the following ***Motion: Jilkminggan Local Authority instruct council to leave the Grass Wallaby statue in its current location and also place an explanatory sign at the place.*** Moved: Adrian Doctor Seconded: Cr Timothy Baker Junior, Agreement by general consensus.

Action: Sharon Hillen to organise signage to be installed

- 7.4. **Red Tail Black Cockatoo Sculpture**- Further to the Grass Wallaby Sculpture the Red Tail Black Cockatoo Sculpture was discussed and the following motion was moved: ***Jilkminggan Local Authority instruct Roper Gulf Regional Council to relocated the Red Tail Black Cockatoo Sculpture to another town not within the Roper Gulf Council boundary.*** Moved: Lisa McDonald Seconded: Patrisha Baker ,Agreement by general consensus.
- 7.5 Ablution Block at Sports Oval: Shelia Conway discussed the condition of the floor at the ablution block near the Oval, she asked if the floor could be looked at and fixed as it was not stable.

Action: CSM to check it out and get it fixed.

8. Meeting Closed 12.17

Next meeting: Tuesday 1st April

To be signed once minutes are confirmed on the <DATE>:

As the Chair at the _____Local Authority Meeting held on the _____ I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.

Chairperson

* Denotes permanent items