1. Present:
   1.1 – Elected Members
       Tony Jack (Chair)
       Lizzie Hogan
       Sam Evans
       Don Garner
   
   1.2 – Shire Staff
       Candice Siedler-Twine
       Stephanie Chan
       Stephen Roper
       Val Rogers
   
   1.3 – Visitors/Guests
       Veronica Thorpe
       Jane Alley
       Martin Clive-Griffin
       Chrissy Joll
       Louise Beilby
       Belinda Carlson

Meeting opened at 10:45am by Tony Jack who has been designated Chair at this Borroloola Local Board Committee Meeting

2. Apologies:
   Stephen Anderson
   Trish Elmy
   Jack McElhinney

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:
   Minutes of previous meeting: Approved by way of general consensus, with the following amendment: Chrissy Joll was MRM representative at the previous meeting.
   Moved: Don Garner
   Seconded: Lizzie Hogan
4. Business Arising/Action List

Business Arising

4.1 – Dozer
There is a company in Katherine who may be able to repair the dozer.

4.2 – Local Flooding and Road Closures
Data on flood levels are being reviewed for this year, flood maps are being revised for the 100 year flood levels and should be due on line in March or April 2012. When flooding occurs the 3 access roads into Borroloola are closed:
- Back track from Carpentaria Highway into Mara Camp (private track). NLC have offered this track for use in emergencies, but it needs a lot of work done to strengthen the track, money that NLC do not have. This track can be used by the garbage truck when Searcy Street is closed.
- Searcy Street, from Robinson Road to Carpentaria Highway, has 2 floodways that need culverts put in to allow access to garbage dump and allow vehicles to get in and out of Borroloola.
- Rocky Creek Bridge is closed when flooding. This has a major impact on people’s health, as it is the only way an ambulance can take patients to the airport for Medivacs. It also cuts the town in half and nobody can get in or out of Borroloola. (Priority lobbying)?

4.3 – Street Lighting
Power Projects have completed a Schedule of Fees and works will start shortly.

5. Correspondence (Incoming & Outgoing)
Letter from King Ash Bay Fishing Club re Telecommunications in Remote Areas.
King Ash Bay is the biggest Fishing Club in the Territory and attracts a large number of tourists annually. These tourists can not get in touch with family when they arrive, as there is no access to mobile phones or internet at the club. The club is a non profit organisation and cannot afford the cost of $561,000 (ex GST) to have Telstra establish a 3G service there. This is a problem throughout the Shire, as there are black spots everywhere.

Resolution:

Moved: Lizzie Hogan  Seconded: Sam Evans  Carried
Local Board request Council write to Karl Dyason, Director of Implementation, Service Delivery Coordination Unit, DHLGRS, in support of priority 8.5 of the Economic Participation block within the Borroloola Local Implementation Plan (LIP), to improve mobile phone and internet access footprint at King Ash Bay Fishing Club.

Local Board request Council to lobby the NT and Commonwealth Governments on behalf of the King Ash Bay Fishing Club for Telstra to establish a 3G connection at the Fishing Club on a no fee basis in line with the LIP.
6. General Business

6.1 Community Benefits Trust Proposals
Teleconference with MRM CBT representative Charlotte Smith
Community identified 10 priority projects, of which 3 were picked as priority to be immediately developed. It is early days but more consultation with Local Board, community members and stakeholders are required, as well as who will be responsible for managing these projects once completed.

Flood maps will have an impact on Government spending money on major buildings. All building will have to meet town planning, zoning compliances and infrastructure.

1. **Multi Purpose Centre** is to offer space for community meetings, functions, a fully functional kitchen to be included, areas for arts and crafts and other activities.

   There are 3 options for location of the MPC:
   - Sports Ground (Cricket Club) - RGSC
   - Land behind Malandari Store – MAWA and Mabunji
   - Land near Museum – Northern Land Council

   Issues to deal with if built at RGSC sports grounds are:-
   - Distance from town, a bus service will be required.
   - Plans did not include sewerage.
   - Cost for digging through rock.
   - Pedestrian safety infrastructure.
   - Town water not connected.
   - Vandalism – will require live in caretaker and security.

2. **Business Hub** this facility is not designated for retail purposes. Its purpose is to provide office space for Government bodies such as MVR, Housing etc. MAWA and Mabunji have offered land at the back of Malandari store for this purpose.

3. **Student Accommodation** is to provide hostel style accommodation for middle and senior school students during the week, students can go home on weekends. Students from outstations and Robinson River can utilise during the wet season. It is envisaged that this facility be at the back of RGSC Youth Services and Sport & Rec area. The second stage will be the capacity of students and the resources to manage it.

MRM CBT will be in Borroloola on 17th to 19th April 2012 and these 3 proposals will be on the agenda for their Annual Planning. The CBT has agreed to attend the Local Board meetings for consultation on these proposals.

6.2 Alcohol Management Plan
Minister Macklin has put in place a Permit Management System for the consumption of alcohol for residents in and around Borroloola. The NT government is in agreeance and want a strong plan in place to assist in the prevention of suicide, binge drinking and domestic violence. This
system is working well in Groote and Nhulunbuy, with a huge reduction in alcohol related assaults and drop in clinic numbers. This System will include alcohol reforms and a banned drinker register (3 strikes in 12 months).

Concerns:
- Currently there is a No Alcohol Policy in town camps in Borroloola, people are safer drinking in their own homes, and this restriction should be lifted.
- Bulk buying of alcohol outside of Borroloola is an issue.
- Interstate tourists visiting Borroloola cannot get a permit to get alcohol.
- King Ash Bay Fishing Club is concerned with the Permit System.

The Federal minister can lift alcohol restrictions. There will need to be more discussion on options and extensive community consultation with all parties, geographical boundaries identified and restrictions set on what sort of alcohol can be brought and consumed.

6.3 Shire Service Managers Report.
- Received and noted.

6.4 Shire Plan Review
- Shire plan review has commenced – Town priority projects to be reviewed for 2012/13.
- Roads restoration – Steelcon need to reinstate roads in original condition.
- More public toilets including one at the cemetery.
- Improve and expand dump – manned physical station.
- Improve Marra back track so garbage truck can get to dump in wet season.
- Lighting on McArthur River Bridge.

Board Members to talk to residents asking what they want in the future planning of the Shire.

6.5 Shire Elections and Local Boards
- NT Council Elections – successful candidates to be confirmed on 2\(^{nd}\) April. Incoming new Council will be holding their first meeting on 12\(^{th}\) April 012, they will discuss if new Local Boards are to be formed. Borroloola LB next meeting is tentatively set for 5\(^{th}\) June 2012.

7. Other Business

7.1 Swimming Pool
- Candice is meeting with YMCA in Katherine on 29\(^{th}\) March 2012 to discuss how to run a pool on a shoestring budget.
8. Meeting Closed

- 1.30 pm

Next Borroloola Local Board Committee Meeting:
5th June 2012 Tentative, pending on New Council.

As the Chair at the Borroloola Staff Meeting held on the 27th March 2012, I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.

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Tony Jack
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