

Borroloola Local Authority Meeting Minutes

Held in RGRC Board Room

Thursday 30th January 2014

Meeting opened at 10:20am by Chrissy Joll who has been designated Chair at this Borroloola Local Authority Meeting

1. Present:

1.1. Elected Members:

1.2 Local Authority Members:

Chrissy Joll	Marlene Karkadoo
Maria Pyro	Geoff Hulm
Bernie Redfern	Mike Longton

1.3 RGRC Staff:

Jo Nicol	Val Rogers
Bob Pahl	Sharon Hillen

1.4 Visitors/Guests:

Patrick Flemming – Government Engagement Coordinator
Jason Elsegood – Community Benefits Trust
Roberta Kalinic – Indigenous Engagement Officer
Willie Rosas – LGANT
Beatty Retchford
John Putney – Water Services
Peter Lockert – Power & Water

2. Apologies:

Mayor Jack, Councillor Allen, Councillor Garner and Trish Elmy

3. Conflict of Interest:

Chrissy Joll said that she will provide a sample Conflict of Interest Policy, for members advice. To be discussed at next LAM.

ACTION: Chrissy Joll to provide copy of Conflict of an Interest Policy to LA Members for perusal.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting: Approved by way of general consensus.

Moved: Geoff Hulm

Seconded: Mike Longton

5. Business Arising/Action List:

5.1. Art work on Council Buildings

Brian Hume is the local artist, approved by Traditional Owners in Borroloola. Waiting on comparisons between hardened glass and transparent coating. Mike has organised a meeting with T.O's, Brian and himself to discuss Brian's fee, which will also include artwork on the airstrip building.

ACTION: Mike Longton to give update on progress of Artwork on Council buildings.

5.2. Traffic Management

- Funding for CBD where there are traffic problems
- Crossings from school to shop and school to Youth Centre
- Wheel chair access on pathways
- Signage

ACTION: DITS to send Risk Assessment for Borroloola Traffic Management for next Local Authority Meeting.

5.3. Cemetery Management Plan

- Documents were tabled at OCM yesterday 29th Jan 2014, DIT's to send to LAM
- Running out of room, looking at closing current area and set up shaded areas for people to sit in comfort
- Issues of family being together, consultation processes required
- Plan and map out new plots, formal layout
- Unmarked graves – mark with symbolic symbol and landscape
- Access roads and parking

ACTION: DITS to send Cemetery documents that were tabled at OCM on 29/01/2014 for next Local Authority Meeting.

5.4. Renovations to Lot 382 Broad Street

- \$90K grant to renovate RGRC house on Broad Street

ACTION: Project Manager to do scope of works for renovations to house on Lot 382 Broad Street.

5.5. Youth Voice

- Aim to get Youth Voice to attend LA meetings and become a LA Member
 - Allow scope for a bracket to include people aged between 25 – 35 year olds
- Youth Voice has invited the Mayor to address their meetings

6. Outgoing Correspondence

Community Events Calendar

A Community Events Calendar was sent to all Borroloola stake holders and event organisers twice, asking them to submit event details, dates and contact details. We have had no response from anyone as yet. LA Members to encourage local event organisers to contribute to this Calendar.

ACTION: SASO to send copy of Community Events Calendar to LA members

6.1. Incoming Correspondence:

Remembrance Day – James Dash

All LA members were asked if RGRC had ever held events for Remembrance Day and should we hold a Remembrance Day Event in the future. Members unanimously agreed that we have not put on an event and didn't see cause to, but agreed to advertise the event in the Borroloola Matters and advertise around town and on local radio.

ACTION: CSM to check if reply has been sent to writer

7. General Business

7.1. *Council Service Manager's Report:

Received and Noted

7.2. *GEC Report:

Patrick Fleming introduced himself and explained what his role and responsibilities are for Borroloola and Robinson River and looks forward to working in with the Local Authority.

7.3. *Counter Disaster Management:

Nil content for consideration

7.4. *Policy Updates:

Authority members were informed of the new policies and were told where to download them, and if they wanted a hard copy to ask staff at reception for a copy.

ACTION: SASO to send link for RGRC Policies to LA Members. Also send list of acronyms.

7.5. *Alcohol Management Plan:

Nil content for consideration

7.6. *Town Priorities:

- Are ongoing and always updated in the Annual Council Plan
- Changes of Budgets and Town Priorities must be submitted by the end of April in order to meet closing deadlines.
- Chrissy Joll will organise an out of session meeting with Authority Members and Councillors to go through the Materiality Assessment to prioritise the needs of the town in order to have them ready for next LAM on 3rd April 2014.

ACTION: Chrissy Joll to arrange out of session meeting with Authority Members and Councillors to work on Materiality Assessment for Town Priorities, to be ready for next LAM on 3/4/2014.

7.7. *Pool Committee Minutes:

There hasn't been a meeting for nearly a year. The next Pool Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for 14th February 2014, the minutes and action list from this meeting will be included in the next LAM.

7.8. *OCM Councillor Report:

- A report was not available for this meeting, as Councillors were in Barunga for the OCM held on 29th January 2014, and they were unable to attend this meeting.
 - Sharon gave a brief outline on some items discussed at the OCM.
 - Name change from Shire Council to Regional Council.
 - Shire Service Managers now called Council Service Managers.
- ACTION:** Council to write to CHIP – to update Local Authority Members on housing.

7.9. *Unofficial Minutes LBM 10th October 2013:

Guideline 8 - Regional Councils and Local Authorities – Terms of Reference was tabled.

7.10. *Cemetery Update:

Act is being revised, Roper Gulf waiting for this to finalise.
See 5.3

7.11. *Stormwater Drain Cnr Anyula St & Robinson Road:

Bollards have been ordered as per RGRC sub divisional guidelines.

7.12. *Local Area Traffic Management Project:

Local area traffic management project to include a children's crossing on Anyula road from the school to the basketball/tennis courts. See 5.2

8. Other Business

8.1. Power & Water

- John Putney, Water Services gave an update on Borroloola sewerage upgrade.
- Getting close – In rehab phase – Fixing faults – Mainly Sub division.
- Connections to do.
- Roads, verges etc dependant on weather.
- Power & Water will have a continual presence in town.
- Mark Walker is the local contact for any water or sewerage issues in town.
- P&W working with Council to finish work to standard.
- Complaints process for locals is the P&W Hotline.
- Infrastructure – RGRC to ensure final work is up to standard. There is a 2 year maintenance period.
- Local bore rehabilitated near the school. It is non drinking water. P&W could let pool utilise it at a cheaper rate.
- Tourist sewerage dump point – P&W working with RGRC to hook into sewerage gravity System.
- P&W to forward report on collapse at Gulf Mini Mart.

8.2. Change in Name of Local Board

A motion was put forward by members of the Local Board
That Borroloola Local Board accept the name change of Local Board to Local Authority in line with NTG Local Government reform of the Local Government Act.

Moved: Geoff Hulm

Seconded: Mike Longton

Unanimous

8.3. Carpentaria Highway

There is a bad washout on Carpentaria Highway 2k's past Ryans Bend. Members were told DOI were coming to Borroloola and would hopefully inspect road conditions.

8.4. Oil Waste

CSM was asked why he closed the Oil Waste facility in town. He said that TJS and Gulf Mini Mart have organised their own systems for managing their oil waste. He also said that Oil Waste is a commercial service which may happen when the Waste Management Strategy comes into force, as well as educational awareness. At the moment locals may have to make arrangements with TJS or GMM to dispose of their oils.

8.5. Untidy Dump

It was mentioned that the dump was in an untidy state. CSM said because of the amount of rain we have had recently, it was impossible to get the backhoe in to do the work.

8.6. Yanyula Camp Road

The new bitumen on the Yanyula Camp road is breaking up because of drainage. It was also mentioned that the bitumen isn't thick enough. DITS are communicating with contractors.

8.7. Australia Day

Complaints that there was no advertising for this event. CSM said that he will take this on board to ensure that it doesn't happen again.

8.8. Local Authority Member Nomination

Beatty Retchford asked to be a Local Authority Member. Her nomination was accepted by the LA members.

8.9. Closure of Foster Court track

CSM was asked why he closed the track from Foster Court to Searcy Street. He said that discussions had taken place with stakeholders before this happen, he also said the run off of water down this track is washing away the edges of Searcy Street.

8.10. Garawa 1 Road

Councillor Allen requested that this road be repaired as it is very poor. DITS will be inspecting it within the next two days. There is no lighting on the bottom road at Garawa 1.

8.11. Environment

The drinking area near the spring is covered with gold cans and is a disgrace. This is crown land but nobody is responsible for keeping the area clean and tidy. It was suggested that it could be a community venture for Clean Up Australia Day. It was also suggested that if Work For the Dole and Corrections Program's comes into effect, this could be on a list of community actions for these programs.

8.12. Borroloola Clinic

Local people are complaining about the hours of the clinic. They don't open until 9.00am and are closed on Thursday mornings. Sick people are being turned away. Sharon said that she will send the Health Hotline to Val. Patrick Fleming said that he will make some enquiries and give feedback to CSM.

ACTION: Sharon Hillen to give Health Hotline number to Val.

ACTION: Patrick Fleming to make enquiries about clinic operating hours and why people are being turned away. To give feedback to CSM.

9. Meeting Closed

Thursday 3rd April 2014 Meeting closed at 1:30pm

As the Chair at the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on the 30th January 2014, I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.

Chairperson

