

At this meeting of the Ngukurr Local Authority Cr Daphne Daniels Chaired the Meeting. The Meeting started at 12.30.

1. Present:

- 1.1. **Elected Members:** Cr Daphne Daniels, Cr Eric Roberts
- 1.2 **Local Authority Members:** Bobby Nungumajbarr, Robert Roberts, Walter Rogers, Carol Robertson, Ian Gumbula, Robin Rogers, Andrew Robertson.
- 1.3 **Shire Staff:** Paul Amarant, Antony Lynch, Sharon Hillen, Jo Nicol, Zachary Phillpot (RJCP)
- 1.4 **Visitors/Guests:** Stewart Innes (GEC), Peter Daniels, Grant Thompson, Keith Rogers, Kevin Rogers

2. Apologies:

Jerry Ashley

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes were read by the Chair. Minutes accepted, Moved: Bobby Nungumajbarr, Seconded: Carol Robertson. Passed by general consensus

4. Business Arising/Action List;

4.1. Previous minutes action List

6.4 Jo contacted Moira McCreesh, Surinda Creighton is responsible for Ngukurr AMP
7.5 NT Health, Adolescence Sexual Health Unit, previously Michael O'Halloran was to deliver this program has since left and a replacement has been engaged.

ACTION: Invite Adolescence Sexual Health Worker to next LA meeting

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:** Cr Daniels gave a verbal report about some of the highlights of the January OCM in Barunga. Council name changes, Ngukurr Outstations and spoke about all organisations using Local Authority Forum to communicate and work together for a more positive future for the community,

There was a discussion about leases, Bobby noted that there is a Yugal Mangi meeting on the 19th March everyone is welcome to attend.

Action: CSM to Invite NLC to next Meeting

6.2. ***Shire Services Managers Report:**

Paul spoke about the Dump and Cemetary both need a lot of work as the EPA will be coming to inspect soon. The dump will receive signs specifying where and what type of rubbish is to be dumped. There will be a stakeholders fee. Work has been done at the cemetary is has been cleaned up and Kevin Rogers has done a great job of helping identify names pickets with numbers are to follow and fencing. A new site is ultimately needed.

Ronnie Daniels has been doing a great job.

Roads are needing lots of work after heavy rain especially around the shop area. Street signs and bollards are up they look good and damage has ceased since Christmas. Swimming pool going well, open from 2-5pm everyday. No work at Outstation due to wet but will get out as soon as it dries off. Muns workers have cleaned up and mowed around the Church area making it look good. Advised Church to put in an RJCP application. Mechanic Services/Registrations equipment still being fixed at HQ.

Action: Carol will photocopy the Church Register and give to Paul

6.3. ***Town Priorities:**

Sharon led a discussion about Town Priorities and what can be omitted, kept or is new for the next round of Town Priorities. Operation items already budgeted for should be removed. Carol suggested a Water Park would be great to keep kids out of the river and needs less maintenance than a pool.

6.4. ***Governance Updates:** Jo gave an overview about Local Authority Members responsibilities need to come to meetings, payments, Complaints, The new Local Authority Policy, and the up coming Finance training. The Complaints statistics were presented to the Local Authority for January and February.

Motion: *That the Nukurr Local Board accepts the name change to Ngukurr Local Authority in line with the Northern Territory Government reform of the Local Government Act.* Moved: Cr Eric Roberts Seconded: Bobby Nungumajbarr Carried unanimously.

Three new nominations were presented to the Ngukurr Local Authority; Keith Rogers, Grant Thompson and Peter Daniels (Youth Voice Committee) Motion: *That the Ngukurr*

Local Authority accept all three nominations. Moved: Cr Eric Roberts, Seconded: Robert Roberts. Carried unanimously.

6.5. *RJCP- Remote Jobs and Communities Program:

Zachary Phillipot introduced himself as the new RJCP Coordinator for Ngukurr he gave a brief overview of himself. The RJCP has been currently engaged with Learner Driver activities and all that goes with that id's etc. Zac encouraged everyone to approach him with any ideas for projects and activities that can be done through RJCP. People need to be committed and come to work then Training can also be organised, Sharon gave examples about what other Communities were doing with RJCP and Bobby suggested RJCP participants could attend another community and get some ideas. Zac mentioned the Community Action Plan and Cr Daniels asked if we could have a copy for next LA meeting.

ACTION: Zac to provide copies of Community Action Plan to LA

6.6. *Alcohol Management Plan:

Jo said she had spoken to Moira and Surinda Creighton is responsible for the AMP. LA Members would like Surinda to come to the next LA Meeting and discuss the AMP

ACTION: Jo to invite Surinda to next LA Meeting

6.7. *Policy Updates:

New LA Policy as discussed above.

6.8. *Work Health and Safety:

Paul discussed some of the new WH&S that is being implemented; Pre start Check lists, PPE, safe Work place areas, Rain Water Tanks need NO DRINKING signage. Sharon mentioned that Roper Gulf Regional Council has a new WH&S Officer Mathew and he will be highly focussed ensuring Safety is a top priority for all in the Roper Gulf Region. Part of Mathew's job is to ensure that the contractors/services RGRC use are compliant also, those Organisations are being asked for documentation including the Barge.

ACTION: CSM to arrange for signage to go on rainwater tanks especially at the Airport.

6.9 *Community Safety Update

The Community safety Manager was away so there was nothing presented for this meeting.

Youth Forum – Jo mentioned that the Youth Voice Conference will be held in June, so Youth Voice members should be discussing what the program should be.

Youth Voice Meeting
Sport and Recreation
Night Patrol

7. Other Business

7.1 Ian Gumbula introduced his new position as the Program Coordinator for KRAHRS, the program comes under the Stronger Communities for Children, Commonwealth

funding. Ian will be working with groups to look at early learning, cultural camps and a range of other initiatives.

7.2 Andrew Robertson asked how much Lawn Mowing fees were Paul said \$50

7.3 GEC Stewart Innes reiterated the present Federal Governments focus which is; School, Employment, Community Safety. Stewart said that he will find out in the next few weeks if the getting to School Program will be coming to Ngukurr.

7.4 Bobby said that lack of repairs and maintenance to housing which is causing problems in the community ,people are relying on NT Housing and are feeling let down. Electrical or Plumbing Contractors come to Ngukurr and when asked if someones job is getting done they have no record of the job being logged. Members are interested in getting their own Tradies so work can get done, Sharon said that only Territory Housing can advise RGRC when to do maintenance and repairs otherwise they will not pay for them. Also who is responsible for maintenance on SIHIP houses many have issues.

ACTION: CSM to invite Territory Housing to the next LA Meeting

7.5 Roger gave a brief overview of the new Newsletter that Robin Rogers is currently putting together that will serve as a Community newspaper. All service providers are welcome to take out advertising or space for articles. The Newspaper will be translated into Kriol and then read in groups to people and put at the store and around town. It will run as a fee for service and local people will run the paper fortnightly. Contact details; ngukurrtaims@gmail.com or 0437664997

Meeting Closed **2.45pm** Next meeting **Wednesday 9th April**

* Denotes permanent Agenda items