

At this meeting of the Ngukurr Local Authority Bobby Nunggamajbarr Chaired the Meeting. The Meeting started at 11.00 am

1. Present:

1.1. **Elected Members: NIL**

1.2 **Local Authority Members:** Bobby Nunggamajbarr, Walter Rogers, Carol Robertson, Ian Gumbula, Robin Rogers, Andrew Robertson, Derek Thompson.

1.3 **RGRC Staff:** Paul Amarant, Antony Lynch, Sharon Hillen, Jo Nicol, Zachary Phillpot (RJCP)

1.4 **Visitors/Guests.** Keith Rogers, Kevin Rogers, Bill Blackley(CEO Yugal Mangi), Dwayne Rogers, Grant Thompson, Kate Ganley (Dept Local Government), Tom Girdler (Territory Housing)

2. Apologies:

Jerry Ashley.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Sharon Hillen read minutes, Motion to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting. Moved: Carol Robertson, Seconded: Ian Gumbula. Passed by general consensus

4. Business Arising/Action List;

4.1. **Previous minutes action List**

ACTION: Jo Nicol to invite Surinda Creighton to next 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: Nil, Cr Daniels and Cr Roberts did not attend Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting. Local Authority members asked if Councillors could please attend or put in Apologies.

Welcome to Territory Housing representative Tom Girdler and Kate Ganley Department Local Government.

Sharon spoke about previous meeting having no quorum, it is unfair to the people that attend when others do not show up to meetings.

Sharon went to a planning meeting re: Lot 22 Western Desert Rezoning for Training/Accommodation building, Stage 1 Western Desert have said they have consulted still awaiting approval.

6.2 * Council Services Managers Report: Paul spoke about the Dump and Cemetery both are looking good, a lot of work has been carried out and the community has given a very positive response. The dump has new signs specifying where and what type of rubbish is to be dumped. Community mob are still burning rubbish, this could entail a \$50,000 fine. Grant Thompson and Keith Rogers are to highlight the problem on BRACS Radio. Bylaws regarding waste management, animal management and noise management have been drafted and will apply to Ngukurr when passed by Council. Senior staff will be expected to uphold and enforce these laws and can fine community members for breaking these laws.

New signage is being vandalised, Council asks the community to help in these matters. The signs are for the safety of the whole community.

The oval is looking very good and since the last meeting rubbish is no longer an issue. There are problems with getting local and council vehicles registered at Ngukurr. Police do not have the time and consequently there are many unregistered vehicles around. Jason our local mechanic is in the process of obtaining a licence to register vehicles and is also taking on more staff to ease backlog of vehicles that need to be fixed in his yard. Any RGRC vehicle that is unregistered must not be used. MVR has been invited to Ngukurr to use a room to register cars but until now have not taken up the offer. The RGRC Service Office has offered to check on line the date of registration for any community members cars.

The issue of the use of RGRC machinery used for funerals and who should pay was discussed. All use of machinery should be booked well in advance and come with payment or a PO.

New laws regarding cemetery's are being brought in. They now must be registered with no burying outside the designated area. The LA must decide where the new cemetery should go. Also a discussion on burials and the need to give suitable lead in time, this needs to be done at least 7 days prior to burial, Bob asked everyone give 2 weeks notice.

6.3 * Town Priorities: Sharon read and led a discussion about Town Priorities and their funding. Sites for waste facility and cemetery must be identified. New site for cemetery should be sandy as the old site was too rocky. Suggested sites were shown on a map. Also a new subdivision site should be found.

Two new Ngukurr Town Priorities to go in Plan

1. MVR advocate

2. Progress subdivision requirements

6.4* Governance Updates: There are four new Local Authority nominations waiting for approval. Olga Daniels, Dwayne Rogers, Keith Rogers and Grant Thompson. Some Local Authority members have not been showing up for meetings for at least 6 months, this has made having meetings difficult with no quorum.

Motion: *The Ngukurr Local Authority requests Council revoke the following memberships; Sammy Ponto, Robert Roberts, Derek Thompson and Jonathon Farrell, and accept the new Members Olga Daniels, Dwayne Rogers, Keith Rogers and Grant Thompson.* Moved: Walter Rogers. Seconded: Ian Gumbula. Carried unanimously.

ACTION: Governance to write letter to old members that they are no longer required to attend meetings and thank them for their time.

6.5* RJCP- Remote Jobs and Communities Program: Zac gave update and spoke about the new compliance rules around working for community while getting centrelink. Zac presented and explained the Community Action Plan. The RJCP has put on a Cert 2 in Agriculture but numbers attending are disappointing. A green house will be installed in the works yard to provide jobs, training and produce for the community.

Ammeretta Wesan won Employee of the Month.

There has been a 21.6 % increase in school attendance since The Remote Schools Attendance Scheme was put in place. 30 community members have been employed in the last 2 months through RJCP. Bus stops are wanted.

6.6* Alcohol Management Plan: Jo has spoken to Moira McCreesh and Surinda Creighton who are responsible for the AMP. Surinda has been out bush so was unable to make the meeting, LA Members would like to discuss the AMP with Surinda.

ACTION: Jo to invite Surinda to next LA Meeting

6.7* Policy Updates: No new policies

6.8* Work Health and Safety: Paul discussed some of the new WH&S that is being implemented; Beacons for all cars. Pre start Check lists and hazard forms to be filled out regularly .PPE to be worn at all times.

ACTION: SASO to arrange follow up on signage to go on rainwater tanks especially at the Airport.

6.9 * Community Safety Update: The Community Safety Manager was away but tabled a Report. Dwayne asked about the upcoming hairdressing course and could it be extended to include boys.

ACTION: Zac to arrange Male Hairdressing Course.

7. Other Business

7.1 Robin Rogers raised the issue of substance abuse, deodorant and insect repellent are currently being sniffed. Bill Blackley will get all spray cans removed from the shop. Zac will arrange a programme to help substance abusers in Ngukurr.

Paul Amarant suggested the Youth Service Programme should be addressing these issues and organise counselling. The school should also be approached also and have a programme put into place.

It was also noted that Community Elders need to play a larger role in protecting the young from known drug dealers. The community as a whole has to come together to tackle this problem and report law breakers.

7.2 Robin Rogers believes the swimming pool is not open enough. Paul Amarant explained due to a lack of staff, opening hours have been cutback. There is a need for more community support to help the Life Guards. Many people were trained in the bronze medallion but have not come to help out in the pool which is very disappointing.

7.3 NT housing was questioned about the safety of the single men's quarters. Tom explained that there is no tenancy agreement and rent is not collected. The building will soon be condemned and taken down. No replacement housing will be provided due to lack of funding.

No business can legally be run from NT house on community.

Lot 218 Needs to be resecured, but no funding has been given to fix it up.

Robin Roger asked about stoves/ovens. NT Housing says if your stove lasts 3 years then it will be replaced.

Lot 224 that belongs to the RGRC will have to be replaced and will be auctioned off. The floor will need replacing.

8. Meeting Closed 2.45pm Next meeting Wednesday 9th July 2014

* Denotes permanent Agenda items