

Beswick Local Authority Meeting Minutes

Held in the Board Room, Beswick Service
Delivery Centre.

12th May 2014
10.am

Meeting opened at 10.35am by Cr Selina Ashley who has been designated Chair at this Beswick Local Authority Meeting

1. Present:

1.1 - Elected Members – Cr. Selina Ashley.
Adam Bostock
Richard Kennedy
Sam Ashley
Deanne Kennedy
Sasha Ashley

1.2 - RGRC Staff – Helen Hawkins – CSM Beswick
Don Blackman – RJCP Coordinator
Stephen Roper - Communications
Jo Nicol – Local Authority Support Officer

1.3 – Visitors/Guests – William Rosas – Dpt. Local Govt.
Moirra McCreesh - Alcohol Policy & Strategy.
Nigel Povey -GEC
Steven Hill – Principal School
Stephen Charles (VSA)
Thomas Chalk (Maranboy Police)

2. Apologies:

Raelene Bulumbara
Trepina Bush
Peter Mitchell – Outback Stores

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Approved by: Richard Kennedy

Seconded by: Adam Bostock

Passed by general consensus

4. Business Arising/Action List;

4.1 – Previous minutes action List

5. Correspondence

5.1 - Outgoing Correspondence –NA

5.2 – Incoming Correspondence – NA

6. General Business

6.1 – Councillors Report – Verbal Report given. Last Ordinary Council Meeting was held at Mataranka.

6.2 – Council Service Managers Report –

Municipal staff have started back burning fire breaks round the community with the help of the NTES – residents are asked be careful when lighting fires. Please remove rubbish that has been thrown over the fences because we are trying to keep these areas clear.

New Housing Officer, Megan Thompson, has started.

Trees have arrived families can adopt a tree. Notices are out and already families want to be involved. The School will be invited to take part.

Community members who want to be a volunteer emergency persons please see the CSM. The names will be passed onto the NTES to action. NTES will train the volunteers and supply them with the safety gear etc. Inquiries can be directed to the office and talk to Helen. Men & Women are both welcome.

Jonathon Jackson has been appointed Municipal Supervisor and Adrian Ashley has left RJCP to take up the position of Municipal Officer. Both of these jobs are permanent positions. Joyce Robinson has secured the permanent part time position of cleaner with the possibility of this position being made full time in the future. These are good jobs for our Community members.

If the power goes out in the Community or if we have no water ring Power & Water.

The number for this is **1800245092**. This is not for domestic power or water issues; it's for the big stuff such as when all of Community is out of power or water, or a mains water pipe is broken or a power line is down. The number is also on our notice board. Street lights are in the process of being sorted. Ground crews are being sent out to Beswick to assess work needed before the crane arrives to do the high work. Vandals are damaging the Solar Lights. Please put the word out that these are very expensive items and were lucky to have them and should be respecting them.

6.3 – Family Services Coordinators Report – Nil

6.4 – RJCP Coordinators Report – 10 Youth currently on Youth Allowance have started 20hrs/week with RJCP doing Sport & Rec. These Youth will be offered training in Sport & Rec and Media. Currently there is not a lot of information around projects as the program has been put on hold due to Government Budget.

6.5 – AMP – Moira discussed the Draft AMP, the history has been updated and it has been handed to Ambrose for approval. There are still some issues to be followed up like Drinking Areas. Moira has approached Women's Groups at Jilkminggan, Manyallaluk and Barunga and today Beswick to see if they would like to meet two times/year, everyone is keen. Moira will look for some funding to facilitate the meetings that could include meeting at Banatjal. Still some questions to answer how to engage the community to accept the Plan and what group will manage the Plan. Local Authority members opted to think about this and discuss at next LA Meeting.

ACTION: Cr Ashley and Moira to talk to groups in the community about the Plan.

6.6 – Counter Disaster Plan - NIL

6.7 – Policy updates – NIL

6.8 – Town Priorities –Priorities were discussed and are to be updated at each Local Authority meeting.

6.9 – Local Authority Boundaries: Governance

Motion: *That Beswick Local Authority accepts the Nyirrangulung Ward as the boundary for the Beswick Local Authority.*

Moved: Richard Kennedy

Seconded: Cr. Ashley

All in agreement by way of general consensus

Motion: *That the Beswick Local Authority recommend to Roper Gulf Regional Council to remove Dwayne Billy from the Beswick Local Authority as he is no longer in Beswick and is not available to attend meetings.*

Moved: Richard Kennedy

Seconded: Sam Ashley

All in agreement by way of general consensus

6.10-Local Authority Members Financial Training: There were four Local Authority members and one Staff member attended the Financial Training. It was very well received in all communities and unfortunate many Beswick Local Authority Members did not attend. There may be an opportunity to attend the Training again in June.

7. Other Business

7.1 – School -. Stephen Hill informed the meeting that there has been no School Council Meeting in 2014 this is disappointing as Students head to Melbourne in 2 weeks and still there has been no meeting. There is U14 Football and Netball every week in Katherine, the U16s Football won the Premiership and a ceremony will take place when the cup arrives in Beswick. The new Music Room at the school is currently being built it will be equipped with Ten Thousand Dollars worth of Instruments. The school has lost 3 teachers in 3 years this has impacted on staff and students. Staff can not see everything that is happening and need parents to be involved at the school. An RJCP application was done but is still pending, it was put in but never got off the ground, Stephen has not been informed why.

7.2 –VSA- Stephen Charles presented the new LAF signs for Local Authority members to approve.

Motion: *The Beswick Local Authority accept the new updated LAF signage to be installed at 2 entry points to Beswick Community.*

Moved: Cr Ashley

Seconded: Deanna Kennedy

All agree by consensus

ACTION: Stephen to send Helen documentation that needs 10 Community signatures to amend the Plan to use the term LAF and not Opal Fuel.

ACTION: CSM to contact Nerine Purton to discuss signage as an RJCP project

7.3 – GEC – Deanna discussed that the Minister has approved installation of Browsers @ \$15,000. In the next few weeks training will be provided to staff doing the Remote Student Attendance Strategy also Night Patrol staff will also attend the training which will be 13 sessions. Alex Petredis from Men’s Shed Australia is currently in Beswick talking to RJCP. FAST Program participants will graduate this week. Lorraine Bennett has been chosen to go to Canberra to meet with the Office of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Indigenous Advisory Group. This is a great opportunity for Lorraine and well deserved.

7.4 – Police- Maranboy Police Officer Thomas Chalk discussed the Community Safety Plan meeting that will be held 27th May all are welcome and it is hoped that a reference group will be formed out of this meeting. Thomas is leaving and going to Mataranka so will update Cameron Vivian, his incoming successor, on the Bowser information. A reminder that the Barunga Festival will soon be upon us. Councillor Ashley thanked Thomas for his work with Beswick Community and told him he will be missed he has been a good Police Officer and friend to people, she wished him the best of luck in his new job from all the Community.

8. Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 12.05pm

Next Beswick meeting: Monday 14th July 2014

To be signed once minutes are confirmed on the 14th April 2014

As the Chair at the Beswick Region Local Board Meeting held on the 12 May 2014.
I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.

Cr Selina Ashley