

At this meeting of the Ngukurr Local Authority Cr Daphne Daniels Chaired the Meeting.
The Meeting started at 10.45 am

1. Present:

1.2 Elected Members:

Cr Daphne Daniels, Cr Eric Roberts

1.3 Local Authority Members: Bobby Nunggumajbarr, Carol Robertson, Ian Gumbula, Andrew Robertson, Olga Daniels, Peter Daniels,

1.4 Council Staff: Paul Amarant, Antony Lynch, Jo Nicol, Katrina Bushby, Lenny Wilfred (RJCP) Michael Berto, Enoch, John Forrest.

1.5 Visitors/Guests. Anthony Clarke (NT Police).Robert Roberts (Elder) Surinda Creighton(Dept Health), Ai(Business owner) .

2. Apologies:

Jerry Ashley

3. Conflicts of Interest:

Nil

4. Minutes of previous Meeting:

Minutes were read by the Chair. Minutes accepted, Moved: Peter Daniels,
Seconded: Eric Roberts. Passed by general consensus

5. Business Arising/Action List;

5.1. Previous minutes action List

ACTION: Actions will appear under each point like this

6. Correspondence

6.1. Outgoing Correspondence: Nil

6.2. Incoming Correspondence:

NT Department of Local Government, Local Authority Funding Guidelines. Suggested spending ideas were; Swimming Pool shade, Community BBQ area, Cemetery, Memorial, Sound proof Music Room, Gym. It was decided LA Members would need more time to discuss the funding and Cr Daniels suggested meeting once a week in the future to work out the best way to spend the funding.

ACTION: Meeting to be called by Cr Daphne Daniels regarding funding allocation.

7. General Business

7.1. *Elected Member Report:

- Rainbow Street drainage is a real problem and the community needs more consultation when such projects in the future are planned.
- Traffic Management Plan- The shop parking is very dangerous as well as the Bodhi Bus parking area. Paul Amarant(CSM) believes that the foot path plan will help with the problem. Michael Berto explained that the Planning Authority must listen and take action on the Local Authority's recommendations. A letter should be drafted outlining concerns and sent to the Planning Authority for further discussion.
- Electoral Review- Discussion on Ward boundary's, Representation and working closer with Numbulwar.
- Cr Daniels reiterated LA members must be on time for meetings and reaching a quorum is imperative as without it other members will not get paid the sitting fee of \$140.00 and no decisions can be made and actioned.
- Western Desert Resources application for Lot 292 is being contested by the TO's and Millwarrparra due to lack of consultation.

7.2. *Council Services Managers Report:

- Ngukurr is getting great feed back regarding the appearance of the community. We now have a lot more involvement from RJCP this has made management and the every day running of Ngukurr has been made a lot more efficient.
- RGRC signs are no longer getting vandalised and many of the negative problems that had been encountered on community are occurring a lot less frequently.
- Pool- We need to reduce the running cost, it is costing approx \$300,000 per year. Discussion into alternative funding methods has to be had. Other communities have converted swimming pool area into a water park, need to look at all options.
 - The White House Lot 425 is on cultural land and has to be moved ASAP to Lot 224.
 - There are new **No Smoking** signs up and around the community, please abide by them.
 - The trees that were planted are going very well, none dead and very healthy.
 - Foot path project will commence in the near future.
 - Mutju St Road needs fixing, the problems are exacerbated by teachers parking outside the school.
 - Machinery Use-The council needs a weeks notice regarding digging graves. Payments must be processed before work begins. Without sufficient notification, staff, are under too much pressure.

- RGRC are no longer allowed to dry hire equipment and all enquiries will be redirected to Yugul Mangi.
- Sport Transport Issues-Bobby Nungumajbarr asked why other communities are allowed to use their vehicles for transporting community members to and from sporting events while Ngukurr is not. Katrina Bushby believes it is a Work health & Safety issue. RGRC staff are not allowed to drive at night and funding limitations don't allow for teams to be accommodated over night in Katherine. Sport & Rec Unit have only one vehicle and no funding for buses. Teams need to be sponsored privately. Maybe the Bodhi Bus Co could be approached. Bobby believes Yugul Mangi is in the process of getting a suitable bus. Maybe the \$148,000 from the Local Authority Funding could be invested in a bus.

7.3. *Town Priorities:

Please refer to Draft Regional Plan.

7.4. *Governance Updates:

Jo Nicol explained her Unit is very short staffed at the moment but will endeavour to organise more governance training in the near future.

7.5. *Complaints Register:

None.

7.6. *RJCP- Remote Jobs and Communities Program:

- Pool shed project which will provide a Cert 2 in construction will commence next week.
- RJCP participants must still turn up for courses and interviews even if they are part of the ceremony.

7.7. *Alcohol Management Plan:

- Surinda Creighton who is responsible for working with Ngukurr Community on the AMP, now has a full-time permanent position, gave a brief history and update of the Ngukurr AMP .
- Once the Justice and Harmony group reach a decision on current issue's then the results will be brought to the LA for further discussion.

7.8. *Policy Updates:

No new policies.

7.9. *Work Health and Safety:

- Hazard Reports and Prestart checks are now being filled in regularly and the attitude to WH&S is improving considerably.
- Everybody has a right to go to work and come home uninjured. Safety begins with the individual. Any hazards perceived or seen must be reported for the good of the community.
- If there are any doubts or questions regarding WH&S then please contact the WH&S officer's Mel Taylor and Antony Lynch.

7.10 *NT Police report

- Anthony gave a Police Report, they are here to listen and assist but not influence decisions.
- There seems to be a small contingent of youth that are causing problems around the shop area, mostly graffiti and general damage.
- Lenny Wilfred has been commended on his great work with the Youth Diversion Unit.
- Police have been away for the past few days searching for lost tourists.
- The Hotel Darlala was very nearly lost due to fire, please be vigilant around the community regarding fires.
- Police are very happy with how Ngukurr is progressing; Alcohol crime is down, Domestic Violence is down, Unlawful entries are down.
- Ring Police to report any crimes with Alcohol or drugs also you pass this information onto Katrina and Night Patrol.

7.11 *Sports and Rec/ Community Safety.

- There will be a sniffing camp held at Mt Bundy St with professionals attending as well as A Tai Chi instructor.
- Health checks with parents are also addressing the problems of children that sniff.
- 15 boys attended a work shop on money management that went really well.
- Community garden workshop is coming along nicely so please come down and visit.
- There is funding for a bush tucker walk, planting native trees along the paths, naming them and their uses.
- The hair dressing course held at Katherine CDU campus was well attended and very well received.
- The Mental health First Aid course was attended by 12 participants.
- A graffiti work shop was held to try to channel creativity into positive art and graffiti skills.
- Our festival Basketball comp was a huge success with over 20 games being played.
- Night patrol is going very well with 2 cars and is now looking for a team leader. Also the team needs more women on board.
- Patrol cars can be used to bring women safely home at night from the ceremony.

8. Other Business

8.1 A business proposal was put to the Local Authority board regarding the use of the building in the pool area. It would be like a 7/11 with 3 staff which would also take care and maintain pool area. They would have movie nights once a week for families and educational purposes. Michael Berto explained the process for obtaining the area for a business is complicated as the council doesn't own that area.

Motion:

The LA receives and notes the verbal report given by Ai and gives "in principle" support to the shop at the pool venture. The LA awaits more details to be given at the next LA meeting. Moved: Peter Daniel, Second: Cr Roberts.

ACTION: CEO to follow up.

9. Meeting Closed 2.20pm Next meeting 10th August 2014

As the Chair of this Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on the Wednesday 9th July 2014 I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.

Cr Daphne Daniels

* Denotes permanent Agenda items