

Borroloola Local Authority Meeting Minutes

Held at Savannah Way Motel

Thursday 31st July 2014

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

1. Present:

1.1. Elected Members:

Councillor Garner
Councillor Allen

1.2 Local Authority Members:

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| Bernie Redfern | Beatty Retchford |
| Maria Pyro | Alison Doyle |
| Geoff Hulm | Lizzie Hogan |

1.3 RGRC Staff:

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| Bob Pahl | Sharon Hillen |
| Chantelle Johns | Jo Nicol |

1.4 Visitors/Guests:

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| Patrick Fleming | Elle Fuller |
| Natasha O'Keefe | Susan Twining |
| Paul Parker | William Rosas |

2. Apologies:

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| Mayor Jack | Marlene Karkadoo |
| Annie Roberts | Chrissy Joll |
| Mike Longton | Trish Elmy |

3. Conflict of Interest:

No conflict of interest was declared.

4. Guest Speakers:

Susan Twining – Borroloola Health Services

Sue updated LA members and visitors on the clinic renovations.

There was a brief discussion about the Borroloola Clinic Morgue being inadequate.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Bernie Redfern
Seconded: Maria Pyro

Voted: All agreed

6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

7. Previous Minutes Action List

See Attached Action List

8. Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence: Letter to Paul Flanagan

Sharon sent an email following up of the letter sent from Dept Infrastructure.
All issues regarding Infrastructure notify Dept of Transport these include Bridge Handrail and Searcy Street access.

8.1. Incoming Correspondence: Nil

Moved: Councillor Allen
Seconded: Geoff Hulm

9. General Business

9.1. GEC Report (Verbal)

- GEC gave feedback on SIHIP question that had been asked by LA members at previous Meeting. The Federal Government and NT Government are not in any negotiations and the NTG needs to make a submission to Federal Government.

ACTION: GEC to investigate further and circulate info to LA Members.

9.2. *Elected Member's Report:

- Councillor Garner and Councillor Allen discussed the last OCM meeting held on the 25th June 2014, discussions included ward zoning, roads, adopting the Budget and Plan. and Youth Voice Members attending Council meeting.
- Councillor Garner completed his senior First Aid training.
- Councillors spoke about the Youth Voice Conference and delegates attending the OCM meeting and would like more involvement with youth at LA and OCM meeting in the future.
- A Fracking Movie from the Lock The Gate Alliance was shown and Santos presented their pro Fracking stance.
- Community Grants August round is now available and Councillor Garner encouraged LA members to inform Community groups.

9.3. *Council Service Manager's Report:

- Buffer Zone – Buffer zone is still in place, restrictions have been lifted.
ACTION: Council to seek amendment to the planning scheme
- Dump Point –
ACTION: Sharon Hillen to follow up with PowerWater

- There are currently 3 job vacancies at Borroloola with Roper Gulf Regional Council
- Beatty thanked Council for fixing the water issues and congratulated all involved in organising NAIDOC Week.

9.4. *Town Priorities: Nil

9.5. *Governance Updates:

The Regional Plan has been sent to the printers and will be distributed when Governance get it.

9.6. *Complaints Register: Nil

9.7. *Borroloola Alcohol Management Plan:

- At last weeks meeting AMP members agreed the Plan area would include Borroloola Township and through to Heartbreak Hotel. The Plan is just being finished off and then it will be sent to the minister. Next meeting 26th August 2014

9.8. *Policy Updates: Nil

9.9. *Work Health and Safety: Nil

9.10. *Cemetery

- Bob explained the burial procedure to LA member and visitors, council needs 48hours notice to ensure all paper work and grave is ready for funeral.
ACTION: Chantelle to make notice to put around the community and radio.

9.11. *Swimming Pool

- Meeting date to be discussed and decided

9.12. *Youth, Sport & Rec Report

- Over the school holiday period some Borroloola Youth were selected to travel to Katherine for Youth Voice training where they learnt skills in public speaking etc. Throughout the school holidays Youth and Sport & Rec Coordinator worked closely with the School Attendance group to try and increase numbers of children attending activities averaging 176 children attending activities such as football, softball etc.
- With NADIOC celebrations the youth got to experience traditional dancing, sport, disco and lots more with around 750 youth aged form 5-25years throughout the week, following NADIOC Borroloola held their annual Dance Site Festival with 170 youth attending and participating in the dancing and BBQ lunches.

10. Other Business

10.1. Local Authority Funding Guidelines

- \$131,356 to Borroloola Local Authority

- LA awarded stage one CBD upgrade includes; engaging a Consultant to draw up Plan for CBD \$37,000 + GST

Motion: That Local Authority agrees to engage a Consultant to draw up Traffic Management Plan as part of stage one CBD upgrade

Moved: Geoff Hulm

Seconded: Bernie Redfern

All Agreed by way of consensus

ACTION: Distribute top 3 Town Priorities to LA members for a decision to be made on how to spend the remaining funding approx \$90,000.

ACTION: Send Materiality Report to Sharon and Bob

10.2. Review of Electoral Representation

- Sharon gave an overview on the Electoral Review, the current status and Representation

10.3. Elle Fuller – Department of Community Services

- Elle explained the “First Circle” Leadership Program, an initiative from the Chief Ministers Department to support emerging Leaders in Communities. For more information: Ph **8999 8385** or visit www.communityservices.nt.gov.au .

10.4. Proposed Itinerary – Minister Elferink Borroloola Visit

- LA Member agreed on meeting Minister Elferink on Thursday 14th August 2014

10.5. Resurfacing Sport & Rec Courts

- In the next 2 months a roller will be put over the court in attempt to flatten out the cracked surface

11. Meeting Closed

- Meeting Closed: 2:45pm
- Next meeting: Thursday 4th September 2014

To be signed once minutes are confirmed on the 04.09.14:

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

Chairperson Beatty Retchford

* Denotes permanent items

