

Mataranka
**Local Authority Meeting
Agenda**

To be Held in **Mataranka Community Hall**

5.30pm Wednesday 2 September 2014

Meeting opened at 5.40pm by Chair Deputy Judy MacFarlane

1. Present:

- 1.1 **Elected Members:** Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane

- 1.2 **Local Authority Members:** Di Angel, Di Jones, Leah Niehus, Tracey-Anne Wilson, Michael Cowan, Veronica Russo, Sue Edwards.

- 1.3 **RGRC Staff:** Sharon Hillen, Michael Solar (CSM), Jo Nicol

- 1.4 **Visitors/Guests.** Virginya Boon, William Rosas, Nicholas Sharah (Dept. Local Government)

PLEDGE: "We pledge to work as one towards a better future through effective use of all resources. We have identified these key values and principles of Honesty, Equality, Accountability, Respect, and Trust as being integral in the achievement of our vision that the Roper Gulf Regional Council is Sustainable, Viable and Vibrant".

2. Apologies:

Biddy Hamilton

Moved: Di Angel, **Seconded:** Sue Edwards. All agreed by way of consensus

3. Conflict of Interest:

Di Angel declared a conflict of interest with item 7.16 Rubbish Dump

Moved: Veronica Russo, **Seconded:** Sue Edwards. All agreed by way of consensus .

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes Attached.

That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2014 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Di Angel **Seconded:** Leah Niehus

Carried

5. Business Arising/Action List;

5.1. Previous minutes action List.

Moved: Sue Edwards **Seconded:** Veronica Russo All agreed

6. Correspondence

6.1. Incoming Correspondence:

6.1.1 Leah Niehus email re: Agenda items as in Agenda

6.2. Outgoing Correspondence:

6.2.1 Refer Attached

7. General Business

7.1. *Elected Member Report:

- The last OCM was in Numbulwar, what a fantastic place to live.
- LA funding concurrent for next 4 years.
- 2.7million Budget of which \$809,387 is roads funding and rest general purpose funding-capped for the next 3 years
- DM has petitioned hard for Sport & Rec Bus , a 14 seater bus will be made available by end of September. If Sport & Rec at any time need more seat the RJCP Troopie (adults only) will be made available.
- Multi Purpose Sports Hall Grant has been sent - \$200,000 grant total cost of project \$250,000 the \$34,000 LA Grant will go towards MPS Hall. This will complete Stage One; surface, roof, power, etc.
- Lachlan Kessall has left Lands & Planning, Coral Brown has taken his place. The Land Release is well on track; 6 subdivided blocks on Stirling Street, 16 at Sterling Street/Beswick Street, 10 Gunns/Carew Roads and 10 acreage blocks at Carew, these plans will be completed by end of September then onto Power and Water then signed off by NLC. Approximately a 4-5 year plan.
- FBT- \$830,000 has been lodged with the ATO still awaiting reply.
- Vet will be visiting on 18.09.2014 morning session at Mulgan Camp 9am and afternoon session at Sport & Rec 1pm.

7.2. *Council Services Managers Report:

CSM has got Muns crew checking Fire Breaks and liaising with FERG.

7.2.1 Refer Attached

7.3 *Town Priorities:

- The \$34,000 NTG LA Grant will go towards the Multi-Purpose Centre alongside the \$200,000 NTG Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Grant Application.
- The DM has had preliminary discussions with Sunrise Health Service re: Aged Care Facility. They are having a meeting on Thursday to discuss further.
- Skate Park- Investigate the viability of the Rampage Design option for Mataranka

ACTION: That the proposed Aged Care Facility is put up to the IAS(Indigenous Advancement Strategy) as a going concern with Sunrise support.

ACTION: Sharon to undertake investigating the Rampage Design option and all LA members to meet at Sport and Rec Facilities at 5pm before the start of next LA Meeting (Tuesday 7th October) to look at suitable area for placement.

7.4 *Governance Updates:

Electoral Review; LA members have an opportunity for input with the survey
Next OCM is on Wednesday 29th October at Ngukurr

7.5 *Complaints Register:

One housing complaint - in hand

7.6 *RJCP- Remote Jobs and Communities Program:

Veronica is spending 2 days/ week at Manyallaluk and 3 days/week Driver Training is coming up

ACTION: CSM to invite Nerine Purton to next LA meeting.

7.7 *Night Patrol

Operations have changed inline with Federal Government Priorities. Night Patrol will work at supporting RSAS (Remote School Attendance Strategy) this means they will be unavailable for Friday and Saturday nights.

ACTION: CSM to investigate and follow up and mention LA Support
Moved: Leah Niehus Second Sue Edwards All Agreed

7.8 *Alcohol Management Plan:

Discussed in Action List, opportunity to have Surinder Creighton attend Mataranka Local Authority meeting.

ACTION: Jo to invite Surinder Creighton to next LA Meeting

7.9 *Policy Updates:

- One new policy - Caretaker Policy –this policy is for Elections time and how RGRC operates during an Election.
- Two policies were updated:
 1. Bullying and Harassment Policy
 2. Confidentiality PolicyAll policies are on the website and at the Roper Gulf Regional Council's Mataranka Service Delivery Centre or ask CSM or Jo for a hard copy.

7.10 *Work Health and Safety:

This month is September Work Health & Safety Month each work place will be having a safety presentation.

7.11 Rates

Community members have spoken to LA Members about an issue with some Rates notices being incorrect.

ACTION: Sharon will speak to Executive Management Team

7.12 Solar Lights

Light placement was discussed, lights will go between Banyan Tree and Toilet Block and in Brunos park at either end of parking bays.

7.13 Better Half Club/Community Hall MOU

This meeting will go ahead as soon as all representative of the Better Half Club are available, about 2 weeks away.

7.14 NT Gov. Local Authority Grants

Discussed in Town Priorities

7.15 Skate Park

Discussed in Town Priorities

7.16 Rubbish Dump

Leah Niehus talked about the dump getting lit and how giving people warning would be good, CSM Mick has said there is no reason to light the Dump it is illegal and to please contact him if it happens.

7.17 Rodeo Grounds

Discussion about Rodeo Grounds and how Portable Panels should be purchased and stored in the Moroak Bar. Announcers Box needs to be demolished as soon as possible, it is an OH&S issue. Erecting a new box will be an RJCP project.

ACTION: Mick to contact Nerine see when Announcers Box project will commence.

ACTION: Seek a recommendation from RGRC at the October OCM to seek funding for the Purchase Portable Panels.

7.18 Police Increase

Leah Niehus discussed the need for more police in Mataranka. DM responded that a presentation to Council by Police informed them that there would be no more Police Officers employed. LA members were advised that there is currently a position advertised for an ACPO (Aboriginal Community Police Officer) LA members would like to see the advertising done locally.

ACTION: CSM to invite Thomas Chalk to the next LA meeting in October.

7.19 Fire Truck Unit

CSM informed LA members there were 2 Fire fighting units.

7.20 Library

Unfortunately the School no longer has Library visits, Library Statistics are down. How can the Library be reinvigorated. It was noted that NT Library Services would be a good resource to consult with and get advice from.

ACTION: CSM to speak with Lara Brennan-Community Services Manager

7.21 Special Event Position

Leah asked if this could become a specific position, unfortunately there is no funds for RGRC to do this and in most small communities Events are organised and run

by volunteers. DM asked that support from the community be given for next years Mataranka Festival. RGRC **supports** Festival Events in all its communities.

8. Other Business

8.1 Sue discussed the glass issue in Mataranka which has become a big issue and what can be done. Sharon said it was an issue everywhere, Katherine is especially bad, this is an issue that the AMP may be able to address.

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th October 2014

10. Meeting Closed 8pm

* Denotes permanent Agenda items