

10-09-2014

This Meeting was opened at 11.30 by Chair Cr Daphne Daniels and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

1. Present:

- 1.2 Elected Members,** Cr Daphne Daniels
Local Authority Members, Peter Daniels, Bobby Nungumajbarr, Ian Gumbula, Andrew Robertson, Walter Rogers, Keith Rogers,
Staff, Paul Amarant (CSM) Jo Nicol, Marc Gardner (CATS) Barbara Maddern, Amanda Fowke (RJCP)
Visitors/Guests. Surinder Crichton (Dept Business) Rob Knight (Dept Prime Minister & Cabinet)

2. Apologies:

Cr Eric Roberts, Carol Robertson, Jerry Ashley, Grant Thompson , Olga Moved Bobby Nungumajbarr Seconded: Walter Rogers All Agreed

3. Conflict of Interest:

NIL

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The Minutes were read aloud. Moved: Bobby Nungumajbarr Seconded: Ian Gumbula All Agreed

5. Business Arising/Action List;

5.1. Previous minutes action List

7.1 In the Elected Members report the Traffic Management Plan was discussed and the danger of Bodhi Bus parking at the shop.

ACTION: CSM and Marc to write a letter to Bodhi Bus Manager and discuss alternative arrangements for picking up Passengers.

6. Correspondence

6.1. Outgoing Correspondence:

Nil

6.2. Incoming Correspondence:

Community Grants Program - Round Two 2014-2015. Roper Gulf Regional Council Community Grants Round is open and Community groups are encouraged to apply \$1000/\$3000

ACTION: Actions will appear under each point like this

7. General Business

7.1. *Elected Member Report:

Cr Daniels discussed the Electoral Review- Council was looking to support having another Councillor at Numburindi Ward.

The OCM in Numbulwar went very well and the next OCM is being planned for Ngukurr Wednesday 29th October. This will be a good opportunity for Local Authority members and Community members to meet with Councillors and discuss Ngukurr.

TCU is currently not open which is making it difficult for people to get money, similarly Housing is being affected also. Keith proposed involving Elders and Parents to find a solution.

7.2. *Council Services Managers Report:

Upgrades to the Office are going ahead to improve energy efficiency, service delivery, IT Services and staff and customer comfort. Installation of Private Mail Boxes is proceeding and regular Staff meeting are occurring.

New Public Toilets on the oval are being locked to stop any damage occurring. Re-Fiberglassing and installation of the 3 small pools. Construction of the new Chemical Shed at the pool. The large pool will cost \$100,000 to upgrade.

7.3. *Town Priorities:

Marc discussed current Town Priorities and aligning the NT Government Local Authority Funding to already identified Town Priority Projects. Marc also noted that the guidelines on Grant funding need to be taken into account when choosing how the funding should be spent. It was decided by LA members to hold an out of session meeting on Tuesday 16th September and invite Paul so he could advise on costing and feasibility.

ACTION: LA Members to meet on Tuesday 18th September and discuss LA Grant Funding project and bring priority list back to next LA meeting on 15th October.

Recommendation: Ngukurr Local Authority recommend to Roper Gulf Regional Council that a designated area is established and a permanent Bus Stop fixture built, near the shop at Lot 384.

7.4. *Governance Updates:

The Electoral Review Survey was handed out to LA members.

Two new nominations for Ngukurr Local Authority membership were tabled; Tanya Joshua and Gwen Rami Moved: Bobby Nunggumajbarr Seconded: Ian Gumbula All Agreed

Members were reminded that only legitimate apologies will be accepted and must be given to Chair, CSM or Governance.

7.5. *Complaints Register: NIL

7.6. *RJCP- Remote Jobs and Communities Program:

Barbara Maddern gave an update on RJCP emphasising the importance of the new rules around commitment to work. Bobby raised the issue of fencing work that was undertaken by Yugal Mangi. Cr Daniels said better communication with stakeholders in the community about projects that can be done and the need for better follow up. Rob Knight outlined Federal Government's "Indigenous Advancement Strategy" and discussed how RJCP can be progressed as part of the "Work Force Development Strategy". This gives a strategic approach to getting unemployed people working. All Training should be linked to a job and an "Operational Strategy" that each community has developed.

ACTION: Marc Gardner to follow up and liaise with Bill Blakely to solve any issues with the Yugal Mangi fencing Project and the management of RJCP.

7.7. *Alcohol Management Plan: Surinder gave an overview of where the AMP is currently at. The AMP is being finalised and will come back to the Ngukurr Local Authority as a DRAFT for approval.

7.8. *Policy Updates:

One new policy the Caretaker Policy this is to ensure when Elections are held Roper Gulf can still function as an Organisation. Two updated policies Bully and Harassment and Confidentiality Policies. All policies are available on the website or you can get a copy from CSM at the office.

7.9. *Work Health and Safety:

This month is "Safe September" at Roper Gulf Regional Council. Safe workplaces is a priority and there will be a staff presentation to highlight safety issues on the 24th September. Local Authority Members are welcome to attend.

Ian Gumbula discussed that it was important for Council workers to be role models for safety at work and outside work. Paul said that worker were reminded to be safe at all time but unfortunately they cannot be made to do so when out of work.

7.10- NT Police Report

The Police have had a bad week with intoxicated drivers(one causing an accident) and drinking in the community. There has been some instances of student Chroming and the Principal and Police are working together to find a solution. Education, restricting access at the shop and ensuring visitors are not caring potential problems \Police will be out in force over the weekend in the whole region for Footy Finals.

8. Other Business

8.1 More traffic Management is required; speed bumps and new traffic signs, currently signs are being ripped out and destroyed everyone needs to play their part when they see someone destroying community property.

9. Meeting Closed

* Denotes permanent Agenda items