

Beswick Local Authority Meeting Minutes

Held in the Board Room, Beswick Service
Delivery Centre.
Monday 20th October 2014

Meeting opened at 10.20am by Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane who has been designated Chair at this Beswick Local Authority Meeting

Present:

1.1 Elected Members: Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane, Cr. Ashley, Cr. Lee,

1.2 Local Authority Members: Adam Bostock, Richard Kennedy, Sam Ashley, Deanna Kennedy

1.3 Council Staff: Bec Brydon – RGRC, Jo Nicol – RGRC, Catherine Proctor - Director Community Service, Don Blackman – RJCP Coordinator, Lorraine Bennett – School attendance Supervisor, Helen Hawkins – CSM Beswick, Vicki New-Aged Care

1.4 Visitors/Guests: Moira McCreesh – Alcohol Policy & Strategy, William Rosas – DLGR

2 Apologies:
Trepina Bush
Sharon Hillen

3 Conflict of interest: Nil

4 Minutes of Previous Meeting:

4.1 Approved by: Cr. Selina Ashley

4.2 Seconded by: Adam Bostock

5. Business Arising/Action List;

4.1 – Previous minutes action List

6. Correspondence

6.1 Outgoing Correspondence – Nil

6.2 Incoming Correspondence – Nil

7. General Business

7.1 Elected Members Report: Deputy gave the Elected Members Report, she has been busy with meetings, attended Mataranka, Jilkmिंगgan, Minyeri, Manyallaluk and Beswick LA Meetings. RG auction was on Saturday, Nerine, RJCP and Julie Cook, HR Manager, both have resigned and recruitment for these positions have commenced.

7.2 Council Service Managers Report: We have a full staff complement at the moment, although still waiting on our new Housing Officer to receive his Ochre card so he can start.

Work is being carried out by our Municipal team at the Heritage site behind this building. Anyone with stories or information about the old Beswick Station please come and talk to me so we can put it down on record.

Work at the Creche is nearly complete, RJCP is moving over to room 2 at the Sport & Rec building and the up grade to the office is due to start so this office will move over to room 3 while the work is being done.

The next round of Vet visits started today for two days. Notices have been up round the Community for a few weeks now.

The new RG signs have arrived and will be put up in the next couple of weeks.

It's disappointing to note that the river pump has been burnt out by vandals turning it on after pulling it out of the water and our Solar Lights being broken by slingshots. More money that should be going to the Community will need to be spent repairing the damage.

7.3 Town Priorities: No change. The question was asked about having all dead cars crushed and it was explained to the meeting the process and how expensive and difficult it was to do this.

ACTION: Municipal team to gather up as many dead cars on the outskirts of the Community and stack them in one place for when a solution is found.

Discussion was had about the unsealed road to the tip and if we get our own compactor how are we to use that road in the wet.

ACTION: CSM to speak with Director DCSI about this.

7.4 Governance up-dates: At a previous OCM two members were taken off the Local Authority due to nonattendance. Two new members have nominated they are; Lorraine Bennett and Joseph Brown. Motion to accept the nominations from Lorraine Bennett and Joseph Brown.

Moved: Richard Kennedy

Seconded: Dianna Kennedy

Cr. MacFarlane spoke of the recent Electorate review. There were 5 Wards and the review was to ensure all Wards were working correctly and that they were evenly balanced per population to Councillors, Council supported an extra Councillor at Numburindi Ward..

7.5 Complaints Register: Nil complaints.

7.6 RJCP report: Big group of RJCP participants received their learners licence and another group sat the drink driving course ready to follow through to their full licence. We have several courses happening at the moment:

- Literacy and numeracy with Mission Australia
- Cert 11 in Construction
- Cert 11 in Horticulture
- Youth Corp. Cert 111 in WHS

Remote School Attendance Strategy: Attendance is fluctuating. The two new staff members are working well.

Figures at end of term 3 had Beswick stats up at 57% compared to same time last year which was at 50%

7.7 AMP: Nearly finished and now needing another group to administer it, maybe the newly talked about "Community Safety Group" could be approached.

A discussion was held and talk of a committee of Men and Women to get together to help the Community deal with its problems and also take over the AMP.

Don Blackman, Sam Ashley and Lorraine Bennett are going to hold a separate meeting to get this group going.

The story in the AMP document needs to be verified and Deanna Kennedy will take it to a TOs for this.

ACTION: Moira to take AMP to Police and combine all in one Community Safety Group. Clarification was given on drinking permits and what the process if they were revoked. The first time lost can be from 3 months to 12 Months with no guarantee you will get it back. The second time revoked it is gone for 24 Months and again, with no guarantee of getting it back.

7.8 Policy updates: New policy, Caretaker policy. This Policy tells people how to behave while elections are on. Also updated Bullying & Harassment and Confidentiality Policy.

7.9 WHS. No change

7.10 Local Authority Grant: A decision needed to be made and it was agreed that \$30,000 be used for the Community Recreation area at Lots 57 & 58. \$10,000 to be put towards the Footpath project. And the final amount of \$31,000 towards more Solar Lights for dark areas.

Moved: Selina Ashley

Seconded: Deanna Kennedy

All agree by general consensus.

Concern was raised about the existing lights being broken by children with sling shots.

ACTION: CSM to contact RG and try and get the cherry picker to Beswick with experienced staff from Mataranka to repair the lights and put protective covers over globes.

7.11 Animal Management: Buffalo's are becoming an issue in Beswick as well. There was talk about the Buffalo catchers that were at Bishops Bore were maybe pushing them towards Beswick.

ACTION: Councillors to write a letter to NLC asking for Buffalo catchers to operate in this area. Also to write to Jawoyn Association and Sunrise Health on behalf of Barunga and Manyallaluk.

8. Other Business

8.1 Aged Care Report: Crèche is to be signed off tomorrow. When they move back in Kids will be picked up. The aged care is doing well.

Strong concerns were raised about no overnight staff at the Aged Care facility.

A long discussion was held regarding this issue. There was also issue with the use of term "High Needs" and this was asked to be clarified. Catherine clarified that the Aged Care Facility is for "Low Needs" clients the option is for "High Need" Clients to be sent into Katherine.

Action: Cr. Lee and Cr. Ashley are advised to contact CSM and put concerns in writing so the concerns can be addressed. Deputy Mayor was to have an inspection of the facility with Director of Community Services.

8.2 Deanna Kennedy, PMC: GEC living at Bulman and will be on rotational visits to 4 Communities. The new store will be opening soon.

8.3 Jo Nicol – Training is available for Staff/LA Members, Minute Taking and Chairing Meetings will be held in Katherine on Friday 14th November for any one who would like to attend.

8.4 A discussion was held concerning the lack of water for public use in Beswick. Pumping from the river impossible this time of year as river is dry and vandalism has destroyed the river pump.

ACTION: CSM to discuss with Director of DCSI on the feasibility of having a bore drilled for public use. Power and Water have bores so there is water down there.

9. Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 12.50pm

Next Beswick Local Authority Meeting: Monday 17^h November 2014

To be signed once minutes are confirmed on the 17th November 2014

As the Chair at the Beswick Region Local Board Meeting held on the 20th October 2014.
I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane