
Meeting was opened by Chair Helen Lee at 10.20

1. Present:

1.2 Elected Members, Cr Anne-Marie Lee

Local Authority Members, Helen Lee, Jamie AhFat, Ruth Kelly , Anita Painter, David Oenpelli

Staff, Michael Berto (CEO), Robert Campbell (CSM), Catherine Proctor (Director Community Services), Manjinder Singh (RJCP), Mary Cunningham (Sport & Rec) Jo Nicol (Governance)

Visitors/Guests, William Rosas (Dept Local Government), Moira McCreesh (Alcohol Policy Strategy).

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/Absent:

Nil Apologies.

3. Conflict of Interest-Members & Staff:

Nil

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Previous Minutes Accepted, Moved: Anne-Marie Lee

Seconded: Anita Painter

5. Business Arising/Action List;

5.1. Previous minutes action List

6. Correspondence

6.1. Outgoing Correspondence: Letter to NLC Chair and CEO re: Feral Animals

6.2. Incoming Correspondence: Nil

ACTION: Actions will appear under each point like this

7. General Business

- 7.3 ***Elected Member Report:** In August the OCM met at Numbulwar, the next OCM is to be held in Ngukurr 29th October Cr Lee is an apology and unable to attend. The Electoral Review was discussed at the last OCM and Councillors supported Numburindi Ward to have another Councillor as there is currently only one Councillor to represent over 600 people.
- 7.4 ***Council Services Managers Report:** Staffing is a critical issue at the moment there are a number of positions that need to be recruited to can everyone please encourage people to apply for the jobs that are available otherwise outside recruitment will be the only answer. Buffaloes huge issue parks ceased to be watered to see if that would help unfortunately it didn't. A trip to Katherine Dump to get some new ideas about setting up Community Dumps.
- 7.5 ***Council Financial Reports:** Nil
- 7.6 ***Town Priorities:** Robert went through Town Priorities these were discussed with LA Members view to spending the LA Grant Money \$43,000 given by the NT Government. Members were asked to think about suitable projects and talk to Community members and bring plans back t next LA meeting Tuesday 18th November
- 7.7 ***Governance Updates:** The next OCM will be in Beswick 11-12th November and everyone is welcome to attend. Governance has a new Team member Rebecca Brydon.
- 7.8 ***Complaints Register:** No complaints, LA members are encouraged to use the RGRC Complaints process the form is at the Council Service Office, on website or contact CSM or Jo, this is the most efficient way to get complaints into the system and resolved. It is important for LA Members to encourage Community members to use the complaints process.
- 7.9 **RJCP- Remote Jobs and Communities Program:** Currently the Beswick Supervisors need for RJCP are doing their Cert 3 Training so projects will commence after that except the fencing program will start with the supervisor from Beswick. More Supervisors are still need ed TOs and Elders please encourage everyone to be responsible to the program.
- 7.10 ***Alcohol Management Plan:** Moira discussed where the plan was at, LA Members had asked that the TOs be consulted with the writing Robert has spoken to some TOs and were happy fopr LA to go ahead with doing the Draft.
- 7.11 ***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.
- 7.12 ***Work Health and Safety:**

7.13 Sport & Recreation Report:

7.13 Sport & Recreation Report: There is a new Staff member Scott Lee starting next week, planning day will be held. Helen Lee congratulated Sport & Rec on the great job they did running the Basketball Competition with other Communities. Currently schedules are being done for Basketball Jan-April 2015 and Softball May-July 2015. Football and Netball dates are yet to be confirmed. Please encourage residents to make suggestions and pass to Sport & Rec Staff. The jumping Castle can be booked any time but requires supervisors to run it.

7.14 Aged Care Presentation: Catherine Proctor presented to videos to LA Members one highlighting what being in Aged Care is about and the other highlighting Aged Care as a career. It is envisaged that many more people will be requiring Aged Care services as populations grow old and life spans are longer. A series of logos were presented to LA members and there was a discussion around best fit for merchandise for the 2015 RGRC Festival season.

8. Other Business

Chair Helen Lee asked if Barunga was going to lose the RGRC Bus, it was noted the buses were now old and in constant need of repair, Council was still looking for Bus funding but the current crop would possibly be Auctioned when a final decision was made. New buses cost \$140,000 each.

9. Meeting Closed

* Denotes permanent Agenda items