

Jilkmिंगgan Local Authority Meeting Minutes

Held in Jilkmिंगgan at RGRC
Conference Room

3 February 2015

This Meeting was opened at 11.00am by Chair Cr Annabelle Daylight and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

1. Present:

Elected Members,

Deputy Mayor Judy McFarlane
Cr Annabelle Daylight
Cr Timothy Baker

Local Authority Members

Steven Roy
Lisa McDonald
Cheryl Lardy
Patrisha Baker
Wayne Roy

Staff

Antony Lynch- CSM
Jo Nicol- Governance

Visitors/Guests.

William Rosas - Department of Local Government
Rosina Farrell - Community Member

2. Apologies:

Fay Roberts, Wendy Daylight, Ossie Daylight

3. Conflict of Interest:

Nil

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Cheryl Lardy. Seconded: Steven Roy. All Agreed by way of consensus.

5. Business Arising/Action List;

5.1. Previous minutes action List

DM Judy McFarlane enquired about the status of the drinking signs that were to be relocated.

Action-CSM to follow up.

DM Judy McFarlane enquired about the status of the new playground. There was a new discussion on the suitability of site and that Town Park may be a better option.

Action: CSM to approach Director Council Services and Infrastructure Sharon Hillen and JCAC regarding location of playground site.

Action: CSM to follow up on Grave site identification with Elder Kerry Roberts and Kevin Lirriwe.

6. Correspondence

6.1. Outgoing Correspondence:

Nil

6.2. Incoming Correspondence:

- Letter from Roper River Land Care re: wavering of fees for Mataranka Community Hall for Map Exhibition. – LA members were asked to consider a permanent home for the Art Work.
- Letter from Department of Local Government and Regions re: Proposed Cemeteries Act – Public Consultation
- Email from Grants Coordinator re: Jilkminggan Sport & Rec Hall upgrades.
- Letter from Department Sport & Rec re: Unsuccessful grant

7. Financial Reports

7.1. ***Financial Report:** Report will be tabled at next LA meeting 03.03.2015.

8. General Business:

8.1 Elected Members Report:

No Smoking areas will be mandatory, signs to be placed around the community.

RGRC have rejected the proposed JCAC lease agreement and negotiations towards a suitable outcome will continue.

Cr Daylight will be attending the Australian Local Government Women's Association Conference in Adelaide in March.

RGRC has been looking into options for a joint administration building in Katherine.

8.2 ***Council Services Managers Report:**

CSM Antony Lynch is now back full time after relieving duties at Ngukurr.

The Jilkminggan street names have been agreed upon both by LA Members and at a Community Safety Meeting December 2014. LA Members have given final agreement which will now be sent to Director Contracts and Technical Services Marc Gardner to action.

Sport and Rec is going well with a full team of 5 staff. Unfortunately programmes have no funding for fuelling the bus, it will be parked up until further notice.

The community is looking very tidy and the Municipal team should be commended for all their hard work, they are currently busy weed spraying.

8.3 **RJCP:** No Report.

8.4 **RASA:** Rosina Farrell is very happy with the way RASA is going and encouraged with the results of the increased school attendance. RASA Staff are not permitted to enter homes or yards so are trying to talk to parents and encourage them to send children to school.

8.5 Community Services:- Since Andrew Unwin, Community Services Regional Coordinator has been visiting weekly with much needed support there has been a massive improvement with the quality of the service CS are providing.

8.6 Aged Care: Staff and family are concerned about the quality of the food being delivered to Jilkminggan. A meeting with Community Services staff from Mataranka has been requested to address any issues.

Action: CSM to arrange a meeting with Jilkminggan aged care staff/Family members and Community Services Staff.

8.7 *Town Priorities: A list of the Town Priority was handed out to all LA members for their perusal to discuss at the next LA meeting.

8.8 *Governance Updates: Local Authority Members were informed that RGRC now has a Facebook page. Local Authority Coordination Officer explained how one can find Roper Gulf page in their Facebook and requested members to “like” the page so that they will be able to view all the latest updates; news, jobs and relevant council information.

8.9 *Complaints Register: Nil

8.10 *Alcohol Management Plan: Nil Updates

8.11 *Policy Updates: No new policy at this stage. All updated Policies are on the RGRC Website or copies can be obtained from the CSM.

8.12 *Work Health and Safety: We are continually improving things, updating and informing our staff on new information and events.

9. General Business

9.1 William Rosas (DLG) reported back to Jilkminggan LA on the Local Government Review that has been taking place since the new Local Government Reforms came to pass. The Department is very pleased that Jilkminggan LA Meetings have a good turn out, a quorum is reached most of the time and that LA members speak out for their community.

9.2 Deputy Mayor MacFarlane showed a sign that had been placed on the highway. Deputy Mayor mentioned that the sign is offensive and advised Members that people should look out for anyone acting suspiciously on the side of the highway and report to Police.

9.3 The idea of Members having a proxy was raised, it was explained that this could be difficult to manage in terms of absent notifications and payments. Members were happy with the status quo.

10. Meeting Closed 12.40pm

Next Meeting 3rd of March 2015 10.00 am.

As the Chair at the Jilkminggan Local Authority Meeting held on the 2nd February 2015 I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.