

16 March 2015

This Meeting opened at 3.00pm by Chair Robert Williri and the Roper Gulf regional Council Pledge was read.

1. Present:

Elected Members:

Local Authority Members:

Robert Williri (Chair),
Isaac Dai,
Shaunette Mumbin,
Rosemary Sullivan

1.2 RGRC Staff:

Marc Runyu - Municipal Services Officer
Daryl Watson - Sport & Recreation Officer
Matt McGinness - Municipal Works Supervisor
Anne-Maree Low - Council Service Manager
Sharon Hillen - Director of Council Services and Infrastructure
Jo Nicol – Local Authority Coordination Officer

1.3 Visitors/Guests:

William Rosas - Department Local Government

2. Apologies:

Eileen Lawrence
Moir McCreech
Cynthia Andrews (LA)
Andrew Hood (LA)

Apologies Accepted, Moved: Rosemary Sullivan, Seconded- Shaunette Mumbin

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved – Rosemary Sullivan, Seconded– Isaac Dai

4. Conflict of Interest:

Nil

5. Business Arising/Action List;

5.1. Previous minutes action List:

Nil

6. Correspondence

6.1. Outgoing Correspondence:

Letter to NT Electoral Commissioner re: South West Ward Vacancy
Letter of Support to ABA re: NAAJA

6.2. Incoming Correspondence:

Resignation Letter from Councillor Stan Allen
Letter of Support for Roper Gulf Regional Council Funding Application from Department Correctional Services
Invitation to attend Kimberly Zone WALGA Forum "The Next Port of Call"
Letter of Support Funding Application Indigenous Community Volunteers

ACTION: Actions will appear under each point like this

7. General Business

7.1. *Elected Member's Report:

Councillor Lee unable to attend Meeting, Sharon Hillen gave an overview of the OCM Agenda that included by-laws.

7.2. *Council Service Manager's Report:

- Municipal Supervisor Matt McGinness updated Local Authority members
- Ongoing mowing of community parks, school, open spaces, yards
 - Airstrip surface has been slashed and mowed and the fence line sprayed
 - Rubbish dump water pump is currently being fixed
 - Ongoing erosion ratification works on all community roads
 - Maintaining the crèche grounds,
 - Some equipment (mini backhoe, slasher, prowlter ride-on mower waiting for parts and repairs
 - Council teams continue to work safely.

7.3. *Council Financial Reports

Nil

7.4. *Town Priorities:

Local Authority (LA) was asked by Sharon Hillen to make a decision on how the Local Authority grant of \$14,386 is to be spent, and to keep in mind that the Town Priorities were a good guideline to use and to consider using each grant to complete existing projects first, before starting new projects.

Local Authority members were asked to consider combining the \$14,386 Local Authority Funding with the \$20,000 grant from Local Member Bess Price MLA that was for netting at the basketball Court. This would give \$34,386 for a complete upgrade of the Basketball Court including;

- a) Putting a cement border about 1 or 2 meters wide around the basketball court to stop dirt and stones getting onto the court and also to fill the gap between the court and back fences and cement under the spectator stands to stop weeds.
- b) Build higher fences at the back of Lots 20a&b to stop the ball going into the back yards
- c) Pave between the basketball court and stage, creating wide seating and a water course.

- d) Replace the bollards with a fence, to stop the ball (and children) running out onto the road.
- e) Purchase another set of spectator stands if there is enough money.

Resolution: Local Authority Members gave approval for RGRC to complete the upgrading of the Basketball Courts with the combined Local Authority Grant of \$14,386 and the Grant from Bess Price MLA \$20,000 total \$34,000.

7.5. *Governance Updates:

A reminder about Local Authority training on Monday 20th April at 3.00pm - Understanding Council Finances and being a Local Authority member.

Sharon Hillen explained the roper Gulf Regional Councils Reconciliation Action Plan And asked Local Authority Members to read and make comment.

7.6. *Complaints Register:

Nil complaints registered.

The issue of Buffalo returning to the community has started again this poses a safety risk to residents and especially children.

7.7. *Policy Updates:

Travel Policy for Councillors and Employees (meals, mileage and accommodation) has been updated.

7.8. *RJCP- Remote Jobs and Communities Program:

Nil

7.9. *Alcohol Management Plan:

Nil

7.10. *Work health and Safety:

Sharon Hillen informed members that WH&S accident statistics for beginning of March have risen due to a vehicle roll-over out near Bulman.

Biggest WH&S issue is 4x4 speeding on dirt roads by employees.

7.11. *Sport and Rec Hall Project:

Refer to unfinished work at Basketball Court.

7.12. *Solar Lights:

Three new solar lights have been installed along the entrance road to the community between the jump-up and the community. These lights now make driving that stretch of road safer at night.

Two new solar lights have been allocated to Manyallaluk.

Action: Robert Williri to decide position of two new solar lights in Central Park

7.13. *Road Maintenance:

Local Board members inquired about having the Eva Valley Road regularly graded to maintain a safe road surface.

Sharon Hillen explained that \$49,000/year is allocated to Eva Valley Road maintenance this includes:

- First grade in July before Wet Season
- Second grade and major works after Wet Season

The cost of sealing roads is very expensive, the cost is around \$500,000 per kilometre to build a single car road (eg. Central Arnhem Highway) it is unlikely given the small population at Manyallaluk, that Eva Valley Rd would be prioritised for this type of funding. Regular grading is the only option at present.

8. Other Business

- 8.1.** Buffalo in the community each night are presenting a safety issue for all residents lack of wet has seen the Buffalo move back into the Community.
- 8.2.** Local Authority members would like to see a pedestrian crossing between the basketball court and clinic as part of a Local Traffic Management Plan
- 8.3.** Speed Bumps are required along the entrance road to slow down local drivers (Local Area Traffic Management) Locals worried about children and pets being hit by speeding drivers.
- 8.4** Change time of Local Authority Board meeting to 2.30 to enable Rosemary and Eileen time to attend once school is finished.

9. Meeting Closed 3:47pm

Next meeting: Monday 18 May 2015

As the Chair at the Manyallaluk Local Authority Meeting held on the 16th of March 2015 I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.

Chairperson