

14 April 2015

This Meeting was opened at 10.40am by Chair Cr Selina Ashley and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

1. Present:

Elected Members:

Cr Selina Ashley

Local Authority Members:

Richard Kennedy

Sasha Ashley

Joseph Brown

Sam Ashley

Staff:

Helen Hawkins – Council Services Manager

Kristine Mulholland – Interim RJCP Coordinator

Darcie Boon – Governance Officer

Jo Nicol – Local Authority Coordination Officer

Sharon Hillen – Director of Council Services and Infrastructure

Lara Brennan – Regional Manager of Community Services

Catherine Proctor – Director of Community Services

Mary Cunningham – Sport and Recreation Coordinator

Visitors:

William Rosas – RLGCS

Jodie Lock – Bess Price MLA

Fred Ryan – Beswick resident

Joyce Torres – Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

Lidia DiLembo – Department of Chief Minister

Douglas Kelly – Alcohol & Other Drugs, Katherine

Gavin Stephens – Beswick Store Manager

Ross McDermott – Outback Stores

Moira McCreesh – Alcohol Management Strategy Unit

2. Apologies:

Lorrain Bennett, Trepina Bush.

3. Conflict of Interest:

Nil

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Richard Kennedy **Seconded:** Sasha Ashley. All agreed by way of consensus

5. Business Arising/Action List:

Previous minute's action List was presented to Local Authority.

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*

7. General Business

7.1 Elected Members Report:

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is to be held in Barunga on Thursday, 30th of April. Everyone is welcome to attend.

7.2 Council Service Managers Report:

Local Authority Members were asked where the large steel speed bump should be positioned; all agreed it should go half way down Jangula Rd in New Sub-division.

CSM advised the members that he is currently waiting for the Loader to be available so the moving of dead vehicles can continue. Beswick now has its own plate compactor; roads are listed to be repaired.

Members were advised that CSM had a conversation with Police about relocating the Community entrance gates to the southern end of the town oval, northern side of butterfly creek and Police have agreed and have referred Roper Gulf to DPI's gates.

ACTION: Director of Council Services and Infrastructure to follow up with DPI on moving the gates.

7.3 *Council Financial Reports:

Nil

7.4 *Governance Updates:

• Town Priorities:

Town Priorities were amended and updated for the 2015/2016 Council Regional Plan. The Local Authority members were advised that the Draft

Regional Plan will be made available for making comments for 21 days towards the end of June before it is finalised in July.

- **Complaint register:**
Nil
- **Policy updates:**
Nil

7.4 RJCP- Remote Jobs and Community Program

- Heavy vehicle training has been completed.
- Cert II in Horticulture for men and women about to start, which will go for 8 weeks.
- The Driving Licence course was being held over three days for L & P Plates.
- Upcoming projects includes Lot 120, Aged Care concrete path, White Card holders for the new shop

7.5 Alcohol Management Plan:

Local Authority Members were advised that the Alcohol Management Plan needs to be broadly discussed in the community and there needs to be a Community group to take over the implementation of the plan. Moira McCreesh from Alcohol Management Strategy Unit advised the members that she is available to talk to anyone about the plan. Moira also mentioned that If Community prefers a male representative, then Douglas Kelly from Department of Alcohol & Other Drugs will be available to discuss with groups.

The Local Authority requested that Mr Samuel Bush-Blanasi, Chairperson Northern Land Council and other Traditional Owners be invited to the next Local Authority meeting for their input into who will manage the Plan.

ACTON: CSM to invite Mr Bush-Blanasi and Traditional Owners to the next Local Authority meeting on 18th May to discuss the Wugular Alcohol Management Plan and ownership of the plan.

7.6 Club – Changes to Licencing conditions.

Local Authority members were asked for input into the proposed change of licencing conditions at the Club. Currently the licence stipulates several conditions for Friday Night trading that have become untenable for the Licence holders. The change requested will offer patrons a maximum number of cans instead of unlimited liquor with Security Guard requirements this will allow the Club to open on Fridays as it is currently shut due to the store being incapable of obtaining Security Guards.

Motion: That the Beswick Local Authority support Outback Stores in its application to change to the Club's current Liquor Licence so the Club can trade on Friday night with a can limit.

Moved by: Sasha Ashley

Seconded by: Sam Ashley

ACTION: Governance to report Council that Local Authority supports the proposed changes to the licence.

7.7 Joyce Torres – Government Engagement Officer

Main concern; People in jobs, School attendance and Community Safety.

School attendance is up from 50% to 90% over the first term. This is due to the greater involvement families are having with the school during the day.

8. Other Business

Nil

9. Meeting Closed 12:45pm

Next meeting: Monday 18 May 2015

As the Chair at the Beswick Local Authority Meeting held on the 14th April 2015 I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.

Chair Cr Selina Ashley