

28 May 2015

This Meeting opened at 10:00am by Chair Maria Pyro and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

1. Present:

Elected Members:

Mayor Tony Jack
Councillor Don Garner
Councillor Daniel Mulholland

Local Authority Members:

Bernie Redfern
Elizabeth Hogan
Marlene Karkadoo,
Maria Pyro (Chair)
Mike Longton
Beatty Retchford

RGRC Staff:

Nathan McIvor – Council Services Manager
Sharon Hillen – Director of Council Services and Infrastructure
Chantelle Johns – Customer Services Officer (Minute Taker),
Robbie Collin – Municipal Staff
Jerry Anderson – Municipal Officer

Visitors/Guests:

Shonada Anderson – Indigenous Liaison Officer
Rebecca Gentle – McArthur River Mine
Nic Sarah – Department of Local Government
Nat Knapp – Department Local Government & Community Services.

2. Apologies:

Geoff Hulm, Trish Elmy, Patrick Fleming

3. Conflict of Interest:

NIL

4. Guest Speakers:

Peter Sheppard, Peter Johnston – Multi Purpose Centre- Project Group

5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Beatty Retchford
Seconded: Mike Longton
All Agreed -Carried

6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

7. Previous Minutes Action List

Action List listed on Agenda was discussed, no updates

8. Correspondence

Incoming Correspondence:

- *Roadside Information Bay*: Members received information for their records.
- *Email Chrissy Joll*: Resignation from Borroloola Local Authority tendered. Sharon advised members of the resignation of Chrissy Joll, and nominations for a new chairperson resulted in Maria Pyro being elected as the new chairperson for the Borroloola Local Authority.
- *Acknowledgement of passing*: The recent passing of a loved Roper Gulf Regional Council employee was acknowledged.
- *AGENDA- Ordinary Council Meeting April 30th 2015 Ward Reports*. Information given and brief overview of the South West Ward report, Governance to look at first page and add Beatty Retchford as her name is not on there.

9. General Business:

9.1. *Elected Member's Report:

- Councillor Mulholland introduced himself and gave Local Authority Members a brief background on himself, Members congratulated him on his outstanding work in the community and Welcomed him as the new Councillor for the South West Ward.
- Mayor Jack briefed the Meeting on the recent Ordinary Council Meeting at Barunga, the swearing in of Councillor Mulholland and a new policy approved – Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy. A reminder that no confidential information is to go into the Local Authority Agenda and be recorded, Elected Members also had a Finance meeting on the 27th May in Katherine. The next two Ordinary Council Meetings will be held in Katherine where the new Council Budget will be presented.
- Councillor Garner–Attended the Kimberley Zone of Western Australia Local Government Association, Western Australia & Northern Territory Forum in Darwin with Councillor Eric Roberts. It was a great two days the food and accommodation was amazing, Forum was run very efficiently with great technology to assist people attending, it was unfortunate that there were not more Northern Territory representatives.
- Mayor Jack, Councillor Garner and Councillor Mulholland will be attending the National General Assembly in Canberra for 4 days in June.

9.2. *Council Service Manager's Report:

- Municipal services are running smoothly, the crew is working to progress services to the town, despite being short staffed jobs are being completed. Dawn Baker and Rodwell Walden have been commended on their hard work in the team.
- Sport & Recreation are struggling due to staffing issues. There have been no activities run however the Youth Centre has been open each day for children to use. The Sports Ground gate is locked; CSM advised that the gate needs to be locked. Lizzie and family have cleaned the toilet block.

ACTION: CSM to put sign on left side walk way gate to tell people to use that gate.

9.3. *Council Financial Report:

- The 3rd Quarter Financial Report was tabled and discussed. Local Authority members were advised to check Reports carefully.
- Another round of Financial Training for Borroloola will be held on Thursday 2nd July, emails reminders will be sent out.

9.4. *Governance Updates:

- Town Priorities:
Local Authority Members were given updated Town Priorities, the Annual Plan will be out in July, with a period of 21 days to give feedback, Local Authority can hold a Special Meeting to discuss if needed.
Engineer is scheduled to be in Borroloola next week for CBD area; Local Authority members were reminded that the Local Authority Grant expenditure was currently-\$37,000 for Engineer and \$94,000 remained.

Motion : That \$20,000 or how much it takes be spent on getting the Electronic Score board for the sports ground.

Moved: Beatty Retchford Seconded: Councillor Garner

- Complaints Register:
One dog complaint received for March- resolved
- Policy Updates
New Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy, approved by council at last OCM meeting
- Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities for Local Authority Members;
Ordinary Women/Extra Ordinary Lives Conference in Katherine-Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th June.
Leadership Forum in Katherine on 19th-21st July, Local Authority members were given details/contact information and encouraged to attend.

9.5. *RJCP – Remote Jobs and Communities Program:

Motion: Send Invitation to Bruce Gibson to give an RJCP update at the next Local Authority meeting. Moved: Mike Longton Seconded: Beatty Retchford

9.6. *Alcohol Management Plan:

- The Alcohol Management Plan Minutes state 8,000 people are presenting to the clinic.
Motion: Local Authority Members invite an AMP Member attend next Local Authority meeting to discuss. Moved: Mayor Jack Seconded: Mike Longton

9.7. *Cemetery:

- A Draftsman is currently mapping the Cemetery Plan, when completed Director Council Services & Infrastructure will give all Local Authority Members a copy for comment.

9.8. *Youth, Sport & Rec Report:

- Wednesday 27th May Council was advised that Sport & Rec has received funding for two more years; this does not include Youth Diversion Program which will now be done by YMCA. LA would like to invite the CEO of YMCA to a future meeting to discuss the plans for Youth Diversion in Borroloola.

9.9. *Swimming Pool:

- Pool is running well; numbers have dropped due to cooler weather. CSM is trying to organise State Wide Pool Service to come out and service the pumps, the new automatic computer system will be in Borroloola soon.
- Life Guard training was delivered in April resulting in 23 people trained including 11 Roper Gulf employees, 2 RJCP participants and 10 volunteers.

9.10. *Clinic:

- Complaints from community members about issues at the Health Clinic – Sharon Hillen gave online Health Complaints address, this will be sent to all stakeholders to make official complaints.

ACTION: LA members request Council writes a letter to the Department of Health addressing the Community's issues.

10. Other Business

10.1. Solar lights – One solar light has been positioned near the river at the park, LA Members commented the light and position is great, Cairns Industries are having trouble locating some of the cables under ground. Three lights are still to be installed 1) Tamarind Park, 2) Sports ground gate – left hand side and 3) Across the river either the car park or family tree depending on land tender.

10.2. LA members were given draft RGRC Reconciliation Plan 2014-2015 for their comments.

10.3. *Multi Purpose Centre Group:* Peter Sheppard and Peter Johnston spoke to LA members regarding the MPC plans, members agreed scaling down design would be beneficial and put more money back for operational costs as well as a user pay for entry system. YMCA are still considering the possibility of managing the facility, Peter Johnston also suggested getting PCYC (Police and Citizen Youth Club) in to help introduce the user pay system as it has worked in various other places. Both Peter's are doing four consultations over two days to ensure that the next building plans will be more suitable.

10.4. Information given to members present regarding round four Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program grants.

10.5. LA members would like more plaques to be put on the stone at Tamarind Park.

Motion:To use a portion of Local Authority LA funding on Plaques for the stone in Tamarind Park. Moved: Beatty Retchford Seconded: Mike Longton

MRM have donated their information sign to Council, which is currently out the front of council office at the park for displaying history photos etc.

10.6. Bernie Redfern has been looking into the switchover to 4G Telstra, the Telstra tower is in the wrong spot to receive full reception of 4G.

Motion: Request Council write a support letter to move the Telstra tower up the hill to receive full coverage. Moved: Bernie Redfern Seconded: Councillor Mulholland

10.7. Update on the SIHIP Funding of 14.6 million for Borroloola, originally Borroloola was to receive 56 million in 2008 and then in 2009 it dropped to 14.6 million, Local Authority would like Bernie Redfern to continue looking into this matter and give him support by way of endorsement letter.

Motion: LA members would like a letter written to support Bernie as a member of the Housing Action Group in his investigation into the SIHIP Funding.

Moved: Mike Longton Seconded: Beatty Retchford

11. Meeting Closed at 2:33pm

Next Meeting: Thursday 6th August 2015

As the Chair at the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on the 28th of May 2015 I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.

Chairperson Maria Pyro