

This meeting was opened at 3.00pm by Chair Cr John Dalywater and the Roper Gulf Regional Council pledge was read.

1. Present:

Elected Members:

Cr John Dalywater (Chair)

Local Authority Members:

Esau Martin

Margaret Lindsay

Maggie Chikkapa

Darilyn Martin.

Staff:

Nyrelle Johnson – Bulman Council Services Manager

Stephen Roper – Governance Communications Officer

Visitors/Guests:

Kevin – Territory housing

Dale Furley – Mimal Rangers

Nick Sharah– Department of Local government

Angela Pattison – Local Government Association of the Northern Territory

Ginny Rabeling – Local Government Association of the Northern Territory

Chris Horton – Power and Water.

2. Apologies:

Christopher Gordon and Garrett Lofty

Apologies Accepted, Moved: Esau Martin

Seconded: Maggie Chikkapa

All agreed

3. Conflict of Interest-Members & Staff:

Nil

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Previous Minutes Accepted,

Moved: Margaret Lindsay

Seconded: Esau martin

5. Business Arising/Action List;

5.1. Previous minutes action List

Item No.	Delegated To	Action Description	Comments/Completed
1	CSM	Purchase: speed signs, road paint and speed bumps	<i>Ongoing</i>
2	DCSI	Put recommendation through to move the Hwy speed sign back before the Weemol short cut road.	<i>Ongoing</i>

6. Correspondence

6.1. **Outgoing Correspondence:** Nil

6.2. **Incoming Correspondence:** Nil

7. General Business

7.1. *Elected Member Report:

Nil

7.2. *Council Services Managers Report:

- ***Council Services Update***

Council Services Manager advised the Local Authorities Members that new road proposed for the houses facing Central Arnhem Highway is waiting on final costing of the works before RGRC give it the go ahead. Weemol Road has been approved to be fixed under the disaster relief funding from the cyclones, they have received the quote to fix and RGRC are awaiting a response before works can go ahead.

With all new roads going in all the shortcut roads will be blocked off to reduce dust and erosion in Bulman and Weemol.

Members were also advised that dead cars are getting removed and everyone was requested for supporting for all cars to be removed. due to them being left in the street/park areas damaged with broken glass and grass grow around the car creating a safety hazard especially.

CSM will be on leave from the 27th July 2015 returning in November (Mat Leave) replacement will be onsite.

- ****Work Health and Safety Update***

Blocking off shortcuts to reduce dust causing asthma

7.3. *Council Financial Reports:

The third quarter financial report for Bulman tabled at the meeting. The third quarter financial report was discussed in detail at the financial training which was done just before the meeting .

ACTION: CSM to get clarification from Finance and explain what is included under “4- Other Council Services” at the next Local Authority Meeting.

7.4. ***Governance Updates:**

- ***Town Priorities**

The town priorities list that was included in the Regional Plan 2015-2016 was discussed.

ACTION: to be added on priority list: Access Road to airport from the Central Arnhem Highway to be upgraded for all year round access

- ***Complaints Register**
Nil

- ***Policy Updates**

Council approved revised policy on Alcohol & Other Drugs. The policy promotes prevention, reduction and elimination in the workplace. All policies available on the Roper Gulf Regional Council website.

- Members were advised that new Councillor Daniel Mulholland for the South West Gulf Ward was sworn in at the ordinary meeting of Council on 30 April 2015 at Barunga.
- **Local Authority Trainings:**
Members were advised that Indigenous Womens Conference held in June was attended by nine Local Authority members.

Members were advised on upcoming Leadership Forum which will be held in Katherine on 20-21 July 2015. Members were encouraged to attend.

7.5. ***RJCP- Remote Jobs and Communities Program:**

Members were advised that new changes are to take effect as of the 1st of July and will be known as CDP. Participants are required to attend their activity for 4-5 hours per day; 5 days a week and they will only receive their payments for the hours that they attend.

7.6. ***Alcohol Management Plan:**

There is concern that drug “ice” may be in the community. Members were requested to let police and clinic know if any sign is noticed so that we can help keep drugs out of our community.

8. **Other Business**

8.1. **New Shop**

On behalf of Lenny – Ricon

Members were advised that water samples have been taken from the water main connection, currently waiting on the results before P&W come out to do their final inspection. Outback stores are looking to be operating out to the new shop by the end of July (pending inspections)

8.2. Mimal Rangers

Updated by Dale Furley – Mimal Rangers

Clean up project at the spring on the hill, old school through to the hill behind the clinic creating a “natural corridor Reserve” for sugar gliders. Mimal Rangers has a new ABN, September they will hold an election for finance committee. Creating a list for on call fire rangers is on progress.

Still heli-burning till the end of July and then no more fires are to be lit and a fire ban will be in place as of August, Young Fella’s camp – 6-10th July and Young Women’s camp – TBC.

8.3. NT Housing

Updated by Kevin – Territory Housing

Power and projects are on site fixing up some houses, asked for co-operation to access the community houses. Posters are available to be put up with updated contacts.

Maintenance hours on houses are 8-5pm unless agreed upon prior.

Members were requested to report all maintenance issues through Council and keep talking to council till resolved.

8.4. Power and Water

Answering Questions – Chris Horton - Power and Water

Members were advised that the water pressure at Weemol is gravity feed which limits pressure.

8.5. Bulman Airstrip

Raised by members. What is involved for 24 Hour access for the airstrip?.

ACTION: CSM to follow up with RGRC Contracts Manager and find about procedure for 24 access to landing at the airstrip at Bulman and report it to next Local Authority Meeting

9. Meeting Closed at 4:10pm

Next meeting Wednesday 19 August 2015

As the Chair at the Bulman Local Authority Meeting held on the 1st of July 2015, I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.

Cr. John Dalywater - Chairperson