

13 May 2015

This Meeting was opened at 10:45am by Chair Councillor Daphne Daniels and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

1. Present:

Elected Members:

Mayor Tony Jack
Cr Daphne Daniels

Local Authority Members:

Tanya Joshua
Robin Rogers
Olga Daniels
Jerry Ashley
Walter Rogers
Grant Thompson
Andrew Robertson
Bobby Nunggumajbar

Staff:

Michael Berto – Chief Executive Officer
Sharon Hillen – Director of Council Services & Infrastructure
Jo Nicol – Local Authority Support Officer
Lara Brennan – Regional Manager Community Services
Brian Beveridge – Regional Manager of RJCP
Paul Amarant – Council Services Manager
Amanda Fowke – Senior Administration Support Officer
Chris Cookson – Regional Manager Night Patrol

Visitors/Guests,

Darryl Fowler – Ngukurr School Principal
Nick Bewg – Director of Guluman CFC
Jo Darby – NT Police
Garry Willmet – NT Police
Nic Sharah – Department Local Government
Rien Van der Kooij – Sunrise Health Clinic

2. Apologies:

Gwen Rami, Peter Daniels, Ian Gumbula, Councillor Roberts, Nathan Rosas, Ammereta Wesan, and Keith Rogers

Apologies Accepted, Moved: Robin Rogers

Seconded: Jerry Ashley

3. Conflict of Interest-Members & Staff:

Nil

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Previous Minutes Accepted.
Moved: Robin Rogers, Seconded: Jerry Ashley.
All Agreed by the way of consensus.

5. Business Arising/Action List;

5.1 Previous minutes action List

Actions from previous meeting minutes were tabled and discussed.

6. Correspondence

6.1. Outgoing Correspondence:

- Email from Nic Sarah
- Email From Thomas Girdler
- Email from Jodie Locke

6.2. Incoming Correspondence:

Nil

7. General Business

7.1 *Elected Member Report:

Nil

7.2 *Council Services Managers Report:

- **Council Services Report**

Council Services Manager advised that Ngukurr Festival is coming up on June 12th 13th 14th. 6 new solar lights have been installed in both parks near the Pool, also tree planting on the Oval has begun.

A new scoreboard, park benches and grandstands are on order and will hopefully be installed before the Ngukurr Festival.

The Whitehouse is soon to be relocated.

Rubbish bins are continually being damaged, the residents of Ngukurr Community must be responsible for reporting vandals.

- ***Work Health and Safety:**

Reporting of all hazards and incidents was encouraged.

It was advised that drug testing has begun, the procedure is still to be written regarding consequences of positive tests.

7.3 *Council Financial Reports:

The Ngukurr Financial Reports for the third quarter were tabled and discussed.

The Ngukurr Local Authority Project Funding Report was tabled and discussed. Local Authority members agreed that remaining funding is to be spent on seating for the Oval and Pool as outlined in the below table.

**Local Authority Project Funding
Ngukurr**

		Budget Estimated	Budget Quotes	Actual
Income		2014-15	2014-15	2014-15
DLGCS	2014-15	\$ 148,005	\$ 148,005	\$ 148,005
Expenditure				
Electronic AFL Scoreboard	Ordered by AFL NT & Yugul Mangi will be there 1st week of March	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -
Outdoor stage area (Oval)	maybe happening through RJCP CDF - TBC	\$ 20,000		
Playground Equipment	Jo looking into quotes	\$ 18,000		
David Daniels Agreement sign upgrades	Jo will seek more information about this at meeting 11 March 2015	\$ 5,000		
Community Graffiti board	Where will this go; how big do they want it	\$ 5,000		
Community information board	awaiting quote from Advance Display Systems 1800 111 477	\$ 2,500		
Plants for beautification	Is this extra to money from Chief Minister, Jo to find out at meeting 11 March 2015	\$ 2,500		
Park Furniture throughout town parks and facilities	<p>NOT CONFIRMED BY LA</p> <p>Remaining Balance yet to be determined - Possibly park furniture Seating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x Jumbo Park Settings – CODE FELIPS - @ \$1,800 each – YOUTH PARK • 4 x In ground Bench Seating – CODE FELIG4 - @ \$454 each – SPORTS OVAL • 4 x Setting Shelter – CODE FELRPT - @ \$3,800 each – YOUTH PARK/POOL PARK/SPORTS OVAL • 2 x Select Grandstand - - CODE SELG4T4 - \$6,800 each – SPORTS OVAL • 3 x 5 Bay Bike Stand – CODE BS125 - @ \$369 each – SWIMMING POOL • 4 x Double Plank Seating – CODE FELGCR14 – SWIMMING POOL TOILETS <p>Irrigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRAILCO POLYREEL TP40 - @ \$7,800 PLUS gst and freight • Assorted hoses and fittings - \$3,500 	\$ 46,623		
CONTINGENCY	TO BE APPROVED BY LA	\$ 5,000		
Total Expenditure		\$ 129,623	\$ -	\$ -
Surplus/(deficit)		\$ 18,382	\$ 148,005	\$ 148,005

7.5 *Governance Updates:

- ***Town Priorities:**

Town priorities list was discussed and adjustments made to the List. Director Contracts and Technical Services Marc Gardner reported back to Local Authority that street light repairs will take place within 2 months and there will be a trial of LED Lights

- ***Complaints Register:**

Three Complaints received for 2015, one Complaint is still to be resolved.

- ***Policy Updates:**

Drug and Alcohol Policy has been updated to include the testing of all Council Staff when required.

- **Upcoming trainings for Local Authority**

- 'Ordinary Women/Extra Ordinary Lives" – Conference to be held in Katherine Wednesday 17th- Thursday 18th June. Women Local Authority Members are encouraged to attend and will be supported by Governance to do so contact Hilary Sinfield 89729004.
- Local Authority Financial Training in Ngukurr Thursday 25th June
- Leadership Forum in Katherine for any Local Authority Members interested in attending support will be given 19th-21st July.

7.7 *RJCP- Remote Jobs and Communities Program:

Local Authority members were advised that a new Coordinator is to be appointed within the next two weeks. New changes to the RJCP program will commence from 1 July 2015.

It was advised that Community members not participating in an activity may have their Centrelink payments ceased. The more people participating in activities the more paid Supervisor positions will become available.

Drink Driving course will be held at the end of May.

7.8 *Alcohol Management Plan:

Nil

7.11 *Police Report:

Police have been very busy dealing with general disturbances including families fighting. It has been so bad that they have had to bring in more officers from Katherine to deal with it.

There will be an increased Police presence over the Ngukurr Festival weekend. Corrections will be running an Early Violence program soon for all of those interested in attending.

2 x APLO (Aboriginal Police Liaison Officer) positions available unfortunately no house provided but there is rental assistance.

7.12 Sport and Recreation: Night Patrol

Night Patrol currently has 7 male officers and hope to have 1 female officer soon. Due to Staff shortages, as staff are away for training, Night Patrol will only be running one vehicle.

Night patrol will be moving into the Night Patrol Office in the near future.

8. Other Business

8.1 The Ngukurr School Principal gave a brief report; Students are currently undertaking NAPLAN testing and they are progressing well. Attendance has improved dramatically thanks to the RSAS and Police. Some funding has been approved for the nutrition program which will cover the cost of staff wages, families will have to pay for school children's meals.

Unfortunately the horse program has lost their funding.

Childcare will be now be operated by the Education Department at the Guluman Centre.

8.2 Outstations Budget: The Outstations Financial Report was tabled and members discussed. It was noted that Ngukurr is responsible for outstations this side of the Phelps River.

8.3 Community Services – Aged Care: This program will soon have a new Coordinator starting within the next couple of weeks.

8.4 Funeral for Colleague Leanne Moore: A funeral will be held on Friday 22nd May and all staff and Community Members are welcome to attend.

8.5 Sunrise Health Clinic Update: Rein Van Der Cooiji gave a report from Sunrise Health Clinic that included; progress has been made with the building of the new clinic.

Encouraged better communication amongst all stakeholders by holding a monthly meeting for updates and to canvas issues.

9. Meeting Closed 2:30pm

As the Chair at the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on the 13th May 2015, I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.

Cr Daphne Daniels - Chairperson

