

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

**1. Present:**

**Elected Members:**

Councillor Don Garner

**Local Authority Members:**

Trish Elmy  
Bernie Redfern  
Marlene Karkadoo  
Maria Pyro (Chair)  
Mike Longton  
Geoff Hulm

**RGRC Staff:**

Nathan McIvor – Council Services Manager  
Chantelle Johns – Customer Service Officer  
Marc Gardner – Director of contracts and technical services  
Lokesh Anand – Finance Manager

**Visitors/Guests:**

Rebecca Gentle – MRM  
Nat Knapp – DCGCS

**2. Apologies:**

Beatty Retchford,  
Alison Doyle,  
Jo Nicol,  
Mayor Jack,  
Councillor Daniel Mulholland

**Moved:** Mike Longton

**Seconded:** Bernie Redfern

**3. Conflict of Interest:**

Nil

**4. Guest Speakers:**

Nil

## 5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Members accepted the previous minutes from the Local Authority Meeting held on 28 May 2015.

**Moved:** Marlene Karkadoo

**Seconded:** Maria Pyro

**Voted:** All approved

## 6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Action List from previous meetings: Members discussed the action list from the previous meetings.

**Action:** LA member would like a formal response form Department of Lands and Planning as well as Power & Water re: the removal of the buffer zone.

**Moved:** Bernie Redfern

**Seconded:** Mike Longton

## 7. Correspondence

### Incoming Correspondence:

- National Trust (NT) Gulf Branch

**ACTION:** Director Contracts and Technical Services to see and respond to actions on the incoming letter.

Moved: Trish Elmy

Seconded: Bernie Redfern

- John Moriarty Football

**ACTION:** Mayor Jack, Councillor Don Garner and CSM Nathan McIvor to discuss the matter of combining services such as Youth, Sport & Rec and Night Patrol to help in the assistance of John Moriarty Football and other sporting/recreational orgs in Borroloola

Moved: Mike Longton

Seconded: Bernie Redfern

- Australian Football League Northern Territory

**ACTION:** Letter to be discussed at the next OCM in September; however Local Authority is agreeing with the waiving of fees for the sports ground if they add the cleaning of the toilet/shower block.

Moved: Mike Longton

Seconded: Bernie Redfern

## 8. General Business:

### 8.1. \*Elected Member's Report:

Councillor Don Garner presented the Elected Member's report. July's OCM meeting held in Katherine was based on the Regional Plan and the budget, All Councillors went through the budget to understand all expenditure. Councillors and staff also had one day training where they did exercises in confidence building.

Moved: Mike Longton

Seconded: Bernie Redfern

### 8.2. \*Council Service Manager's Report:

Council Services Manager Nathan McIvor provided report. There has been one termination of employment for the Works Supervisor and the position is currently advertised, we are

hoping to fill this position with in the next 6 weeks in the mean time Rodwell Walden and Dawn Baker will be doing 3 weeks each as acting Work Supervisor. Also the Night Patrol team leader's contract was not renewed and currently Judith Simon is acting as Team Leader until position is filled.

WH&S has improved a lot with no major reports being made, Alcohol and Drug testing is still being done with only minimal positive readings for Borroloola.

Municipal Services yard has had a big clean up of all old machinery and rubbish; also old machinery will be auctioned or put out for tender to allow for new equipment to be purchased.

Local Authority Member Mike Longton provided positive feedback regarding the outstanding working the council is doing and congratulated all staff.

Moved: Mike Longton

Seconded: Marlene Karkadoo

### **8.3. \*Council Financial Report:**

Finance Manager Lokesh Anand presented the financial reports and went through step by step on how to read and understand each of the expenditures on the provided tabled report. He also explained which Director is responsible for what activities and gave a brief presentation on how they plan and organise the budgets. Local Authority Members questioned on activity 462 – Road to Recovery as to why they haven't spent \$196,100. Director Contracts and Technical Services Marc Gardner explained to Members that the reason why Council hasn't spent this money is due to not having clear knowledge of who owns the specific roads.

**ACTION:** Council to seek legal advise on who owns specific roads through out Borroloola, once legal advise had been received Council to then write to each appropriate Town camp body to address the issue of road maintenance.

Moved: Bernie Redfern

Seconded: Mike Longton

### **8.4. \*Governance Updates:**

- *Town Priorities :*  
Members were advised that Regional Plan 2015-2016 has been approved by the ordinary meeting of Council on 22 July 2015. Printed copy of the plan will be distributed to all members once it comes from printers.
- *Complaints Register*  
Members were advised that all listed complaints for Borroloola were resolved.
- *Policy Updates*  
Nil

Moved: Maria Pyro

Seconded: Trish Elmy

### **8.5. \*RJCP – Remote Jobs and Communities Program:**

Beatty Retchford was invited to attend the Local Authority meeting and give a Gulf Savannah Northern Territory report, Beatty could not attend as the GSNT Board Meeting was on the same day, however Local Authority members would still like to continue to invite a GSNT member to give a reports at Local Authority meetings.

#### **8.6. \*Alcohol Management Plan:**

Director Alcohol Management Maria Marriner was invited to attend the Local Authority meeting to address Local Authority members concerns; however Maria could not attend due to not being able to get out to Borrooloola. Maria has also been invited to the next Local Authority Meeting in October.

#### **8.7. \*Cemetery:**

Nil

#### **8.8. \*Youth, Sport & Rec Report:**

While the Coordinator has been away off and on for the last 6months we have had staff form Katherine down to help assist with programs, LA members would also like for Youth, Sport & Rec to work in with other sporting agencies within the community such as AFLNT and John Moriarty Football.

LA members Maria Pyro and Marlene Karkadoo voiced concerns regarding softball and would like to see softball run once or twice per fortnight, RGRC to help assist this in any way possible such as providing Sport & Rec staff or funding.

Moved: Mike Longton

Seconded: Marlene Karkadoo

#### **8.9. \*Swimming Pool:**

Pool has been having some pump issues however there is a new pump ordered just waiting on arrival; service was completed on the sand filters resulting in 3-3.5 tons of sand. Bars have been broken off the back fence by children at night; a request has been put in to fix the fence. Also having issues with the roller doors shutting and locking, a maintenance request has been done and doors should be fixed as soon as possible.

**ACTION:** CSM to look into providing the school children with education on the cost and work that is put into the running of the swimming pool to help prevent future damage, CSM to talk to Max and Jen at the school about continuous education regarding the swimming pool.

Moved: Bernie Redfern

Seconded: Trish Elmy

### **9. Other Business**

#### **9.1. Local Authority Nomination Forms:**

Nomination from Raymond Mawson and Rebecca Gentle was presented at the meeting. Both nominations where supported by all present members and recommended to take it to the Council.

Moved: Bernie Redfern

Seconded: Trish Elmy

#### **9.2. Roaming Cattle and Horses**

Concerns raised by members about cattle and horses around town and the dangers they present. Director Contracts and Technical Services Marc Gardner looked up the animal by-laws during the meeting and provided present members with a brief description that CSM Nathan McIvor will be able to put down the animal/s or issue infringement notices to owners.

**ACTION:** CSM to write and distribute letters about by-laws for cattle and horse owners in town and allow the owner's time to collect and make sure livestock is secured in a fenced area.

Moved: Mike Longton

Seconded: Marlene Karkadoo

### 9.3. Request Expenditure of LA Funding

All present members agreed to allocate up to \$6,000 to purchase a new moveable life guard stand for the swimming pool

Moved: Bernie Redfern

Seconded: Trish Elmy

CSM Nathan McIvor discussed the possibility of requesting more LA funding to purchase trees for the swimming pool to provide shade while sitting around the pool.

**ACTION:** CSM to seek quotes on trees for swimming pool and to look into a pool shade cloth with a vent through the middle for the wade pool, present quotes at upcoming meeting.

**ACTION:** CSM to arrange quotes for purchasing park benches for Tamarind Park, Rocky Park and Show Grounds, looking at around \$20,000-30,000.

### 9.4. Borroloola Road Safety Audit

Members received copies of the Borroloola Road Safety Audit and were asked that all enquires to be sent through to Nathan McIvor, Marc Gardner and Sharon Hillen. Also noted in the audit was a lot of high risk areas CSM and Municipal crew will start repairing what they can and help eliminate risks.

## 10. Meeting Closed 1:12pm

Next Meeting: Thursday 8th October 2015

As the Chair at the Borroloola Local Authority Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2015 I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.

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Chairperson Maria Pyro