

12 August 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:

Cr Eric Roberts

Cr Daphne Daniels

Local Authority Members:

Bobby Nunggumajbar

Tanya Joshua

Robin Rogers

Olga Daniels

Jerry Ashley

Keith Rogers

Kevin Rogers

Carol Robertson

Staff:

Marc Gardner – Director Contracts and Technical Services

Jo Nicol – Local Authority Coordination Officer

Tony Moss – Regional Night Patrol Coordinator

Brian Phillips – Night Patrol Coordinator

Paul Amarant – Council Services Manager

Amanda Fowke – Senior Administration Support Officer

Lokesh Anand – Finance Manager

Visitors/Guests,

Hon Adam Giles MLA – Chief Minister NT Government

Daniel Motlop – Office of Chief Minister

Darryl Fowler – Ngukurr School Principal

Kevin Fisher - Department of Housing

Natasha Hamilton – Department of Housing

Tom Girdler – Department of Housing

Joyce Torres – Government Engagement Coordinator

Rien Van der Kooij – Sunrise Health Clinic

Ammeretta Wesan – Indigenous Engagement Officer

Vinette Ngalmi – Families as First Teachers, NT (FaFT)

Nathanael Knapp – Department Local Government and Community Services

Mark Plunkett – Department of Business

David Boustead – Department of Business

Michael Tennant – CEO Department of Business

2. Apologies:

Trevor Bates - NT Police

Apologies Accepted,

Moved: Bobby Nungumajbar

Seconded: Cr Eric Roberts

3. Conflict of Interest-Members & Staff:

Nil

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes from previous meeting was presented to the Members. Minutes were accepted with the following amendments.

1. Bobby Nungumajbar to be added as present.
2. Rein Van Der Cooy 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.

Moved: Bobby Nungumajbar

Seconded: Tanya Joshua.

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:

Nil

6.2. Incoming Correspondence:

Following correspondence were noted as incoming correspondence at the meeting.

- Email Sharon Hillen - Weed Management plan for Neem
- Ngukurr and Urapanga Town Priorities
- Letter from Michael Berto re LA Funding
- Email Amanda Haigh – Grant Application Support
- Email Karen Perner – Street Lights
- Email Catherine Proctor – Financial Viability of Sport & Recreation Halls

7. General Business

7.1 *Chief Minister Adam Giles:

Chief Minister Adam Giles and Michael Tennant from Department of Business attended the Meeting. Members were advised that Chief Minister and representatives from Department of Business were currently in Ngukurr to meet with Yugul Mangi representatives and to see how economic development is progressing. Chief Minister Adam Giles stated that Ngukurr has been doing a fantastic job and would like to continue to support Ngukurr's economic development with the Community champion Michael Tenant working closely with businesses and the community. Ngukurr is rapidly advancing with new infrastructure progressing; the Clinic, extra rooms at the Motel and the Bridges to be started next year.

Michael Tennant informed the Local Authority that the Department of Business is recruiting a Business Development Officer to service Ngukurr and Numbulwar, this position is to provide support to business minded community members.

A question was asked to the Chief Minister about upgrading roads and bridges in and around Ngukurr. Local Authority Members discussed that there was a range of impacts on the community from poor roads and lack of year round travel; cultural, safety, work opportunities etc, that are holding community members back. It was suggested that Roper Gulf Regional Council should apply for funding through Department of Transport who have another funding round coming up in the near future.

The issue of accommodation and overcrowding was also raised at the Meeting. It was suggested that Ngukurr people need to start reflecting properly how many people are living in houses and report it to NT Housing to show the extent of the overcrowding.

The meeting was stopped at 12.20 pm to provide Local Authority members an opportunity to have a private talk with the Chief Minister.

8. Meeting Closed 12.20pm

Next Meeting 14th October 2015

As the Chair at the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on the 12th August 2015, I certify these minutes to be a true and correct record of this meeting.

Cr Daphne Daniels - Chairperson