

10:00 am Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015

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Meeting opened at 10.45 and was chaired by Cheryl Lardy

**1. Present:**

**1.1 Elected Members**

Councillor Annabelle Daylight

**1.2 Local Authority Members,**

Maxie Miller  
Patrisha Baker,  
Lisa McDonald  
Sheryl Lardy

**1.3 Staff,**

Antony Lynch, Council Services Manager (CSM)  
Jo Nicol, Local Authority Coordination Officer  
Anne-Marie McDonald, Customer Services Officer (CSO)  
Darcie Boom Governance Officer  
Brian Philips Night Patrol Officer.

**1.4 Visitors/Guests.**

None

**2. Apologies:**

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane , Nick Sharah, Sharon Hillen,

**3. Conflict of Interest:**

Nil

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Members accepted the Minutes from the previous meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015.

Moved: Patrisha Baker  
Carried by way of consensus.

Seconded: Maxie Millar

**5. Business Arising/Action List;**

- Cemetery: Waiting on new Government Legislation to become available.
- Also land tenure may be an issue as to who has responsibility.
- Security screens on toilets at Sport & Rec area: CSM to action

## **6. Correspondence**

### **6.1. Outgoing Correspondence:**

Nil

### **6.2. Incoming Correspondence:**

- Letter from Outback Stores.
- 29.7.2015.Letter from the Department of Local Government Re: Local Authority Project Funding 2015/2016

## **7. General Business:**

### **7.1 Elected Members Report:**

The new 2015/2016 Regional Plan has been handed out to Local Authority Members it has a large amount of information that is relevant to Jilkminggan Local Authority; Town Priorities, 2015/2016 Budget and Staffing.

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held 30<sup>th</sup> September in Borroloola. The following month October's Council Meeting will be held in Mataranka, a visit to Jilkminggan is being planned to coincide with Council Meeting.

### **7.2 Council Service managers report:**

Council Services Manager, Antony Lynch is very happy with the Municipal team the community is looking very clean and tidy. Unfortunately vandalism continues to be an issue, help is needed from the community to stop road signs being vandalised, with the potential to cause traffic hazards.

The community has to take an active role in reducing litter. Card games are the major culprit with litter being left everywhere. Nappies, broken glass and green cans have to be cleaned up daily from the crossing as well as many areas around the community please encourage people to not litter.

Members were requested to report any misuse of Roper Gulf Regional Council vehicles to the Council Services Manager as soon as possible.

A new car park has been built outside the crèche for safer access, there is a turn around space.

A new sand pit has been put into the crèche garden.

Council Services Manager has fine grade top soil that can be delivered to residents gardens if requested. A new bore pump has been installed which will assist with watering the oval and surrounding area's more efficiently.

Smoking area outside the Council Services Centre needs to be moved in accordance with Roper Gulf Regional Council Smoke free Policy. Local Authority members discussed on what could be the new possible smoking area and suggested for a new preferred site across the road next to the large gum tree, which will be signposted.

The old playground looks unsafe and needs to be addressed, Council Services Manager will talk with JCAC and Director Council Services and Infrastructure Sharon Hillen regarding what should be done depending on ownership of the area.

Hooning and drinking are still a major problem in the community especially after night patrol has finished for the night. Local Authority members decided to call a community meeting and try to address the problem.

The Police can not make an arrest unless perpetrators are caught in the act or have someone willing to testify. Currently there have been six arrests for Drunk Driving.

Members were advised that Neem trees are now declared as weed and were requested to inform Council Services Manager if any are seen so they can be removed.

Bats are transmitting Lyssavirus Virus, beware of any contact with live or dead Bats and any injury seek immediate medical attention.

Unsafe stairs at the Council Office are soon to be removed and replaced.

### **7.3 Council Financial Reports:**

4<sup>th</sup> Quarters Financial Reports were tabled and discussed. An outstanding variance was discussed; \$107,335 for Night Patrol, Brian Phillips, Night Patrol Coordinator informed the Local Authority that this was because of people not turning up for work and there have been problems getting staff. This impacts on the Community as Night Patrol is not being as effective as it should be. There are still positions in Night Patrol available.

Local Authority Members asked the status of the Right Path Project.

### **7.4 Governance Updates:**

- **Town Priorities**

The Local Authority Project was discussed and the booklet of play equipment handed out. A meeting to choose the play equipment was organised for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of September.

- **Complaints Register:** Nil

- **Policy Updates-** Nil

- **Trainings:**

Local Authority Coordination Officer Jo Nicol thanked Wendy Daylight and Anne Marie McDonald for attending the Ordinary/Extraordinary Women's Conference in Katherine in June.

### **7.5 RJCP/CDP Report:**

Local Authority members were advised that from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 RJCP has been changed to "Work for the Dole". Everyone 18-49yrs who are on Centerlink payments must come into the RJCP office to redo a Job Plan, must be entered into an activity are required to do 5 hours a day , 5 days a week.

Jilkmिंगgan has 108 participants and only a fraction are turning up. Local Authority members should encourage family and friends to participate in activities to improve the community.

A Community Information meeting was planned to identify activities that job seekers would like to do, due to no one attending the meeting was cancelled. Currently the main project/activity has commenced and is the clean up and refurbishment of Elsey Station.

Any one with any Ideas for activities were requested to contact Sherilee Retchford or CSM, Antony Lynch so we can assist our community in looking amazing.

#### **7.6 Alcohol Management Plan.**

Nil

**Action-** Invite Moira McCreesh, Senior Alcohol Management Project Officer and Helena Lardy JCAC to attend next Local Authority Meeting to give update.

#### **8. Other Business:**

Nil

#### **9. Meeting Closed at 12.15 pm.**

Next Meeting: 6 October 2015