
The Meeting was opened by Daphne Daniels designated Chairperson of Ngukurr Local Authority at 10.40am and the pledge was read.

1. Present:

1.1 Elected Members:

Cr Eric Roberts
Cr Daphne Daniels

1.2 Local Authority Members:

Bobby Nunggamajbarr
Tanya Joshua
Robin Rogers
Olga Daniels
Jerry Ashley

1.3 Staff:

Sharon Hillen – Director of Council Services and Infrastructure
Marion Smith – Director of Community Services
Jo Nicol – Local Authority Coordination Officer
Paul Amarant – Council Services Manager Ngukurr

1.4 Visitors/Guests:

Joyce Torres – Government Engagement Officer
Ammeretta Wesan – Indigenous Engagement Officer
Nathanael Knapp – Department Local Government and Community Services
Dale Campbell – Sunrise Health
Owen Turner – Sunrise Health
Rebecca Brayden – Sunrise Health
Nelson Hall – Community Member
Clifford Duncan – Urapunga Resident
Lansen Paddy – Urapunga Resident
Rexelle Wurraramara – Youth Services Officer
Lenny Wilfred – Youth Services Officer
Davin Hall – Youth Services Officer
Trevor Bates – Ngukurr Police
Matthew – Ngukurr Police

2. Apologies:

Nil

3. Conflict of Interest-Members & Staff:

Nil

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Council Services Manager Paul Amarant read out previous Minutes.

That the minutes from previous meeting held on 12 August 2015 be Accepted.

Moved: Bobby Nunggamajbarr

Seconded: Robin Rogers

5. Business Arising/Action List;

5.1. Previous minutes action List

Actions from previous minutes tabled and discussed

6. Correspondence

6.1. Outgoing Correspondence:

- Ngukurr To Numbulwar road
- Sublet Lot 423 Ngukurr
- Waste Management Facility

6.2. Incoming Correspondence:

Nil

7. General Business

7.1 *Elected Member Report:

Cr Daphne Daniels informed the Meeting that Ngukurr Community has a NT Government nominated Champion, Michael Tennant who will support Economic Development in Ngukurr.

There has been extra funding granted to Outstations through Homelands Extra of \$70,000, targeted at housing on a designated Outstation.

Three Local Authority Members have had their Local Authority membership rescinded due to lack of attendance; Gwen Rami, Grant Thompson and Peter Turner. Letters have been sent out to these Community members with regards to this matter. It is important that Local Authority Members attend scheduled meetings to be a voice for Local issues.

Council will no longer be supporting a dedicated Youth Voice Committee; Council wants every Local Authority to quarantine two positions for Youth. Youth Services are still able to have Youth meetings and are encouraged to do so however there is no specific funding anymore.

Ngukurr Local Authority has one Youth Representative and Clifford Duncan from Urapunga has nominated to be on the Ngukurr Local Authority. Local Authority members are very happy to have Duncan join the Local authority.

Motion That Clifford Duncan's nomination to the Ngukurr Local authority be accepted. – Urapunga Resident to be accepted on the LA Board and representative on the Youth Services Committee
Moved – Eric Roberts Second – Bobby Nunggamajbarr
All Agreed by Way of Consensus

7.2 *Council Services Managers Report:

Community Safety action Plan sign, actioned by NT Police, did not have approval from Council to use RGRC Logo. This has now been rectified and approval given.

4 new Solar Lights costing \$10,000 have been approved to install at designated areas in the Pool and Youth Park costing approx. \$10,000.

The Municipal staff are doing a good job controlling litter in the Community. They still require strong support from Community members/leaders to encourage and enforce using the litter bins provided. The shop is the main area of concern with rubbish regularly building up on the road, gutters and fence line.

Rubbish is collected on Mondays and Fridays with regular emu bobs to help keep litter down to a minimum.

Currently Night Patrol phone numbers have changed, new numbers will be provided to relevant people.

Action: Council Services Manager to follow up with Regional Manager Night Patrol Chris Cookson to provide local Night Patrol contacts.

A discussion was held about the Installation of the Electronic Scoreboard on the identified area of the Sports Oval. There is an extra cost of \$30,000, due to power considerations and the need for a support structure to be used that considers soil types, strength and vandalism.

Motion

That Ngukurr Local Authority members agree to spend additional funding of \$30,000 from the Local Authority 2015-16 Grant, for the support structure being purchased and installed to augment the Electronic Scoreboard at a cost of.

Moved – Robin Rogers Seconded – Bobby Nunggamajbarr
All Agreed by way of Consensus

Action: Director Council Services and Infrastructure Sharon Hillen to write a letter to Yugul Mangi Aboriginal Corporation seeking support with payment for the installation costs of Installing the Electronic Scoreboard.

The proposal for a new stage was discussed, diagrams and maps were tabled the cost is \$95,000 this includes contingency funds.

Motion

Local Authority members support the new Stage development and approve spending \$95,000 from the Local Authority Grant Fund 2015-16.

Moved – Eric Roberts Seconded – Daphne Daniels
All Agreed by way of Consensus

7.3 *Council Financial Reports:

NIL – first quarter financial report will be presented at next meeting.

7.4 *Governance Updates:

- **Town Priorities:**

Director Council Services and Infrastructure Sharon Hillen updated the progress on projects listed under the Town Priorities list.

- **Complaints Register**

Two Animal Complaints registered 1512 and 1513 were received. Both Complaints were actioned and are now closed.

- **Policy Updates**

HR006 Working with Children Certificate Policy: Council approved amended policy on Working with Children Certificate. The amended policy removed the stipulation that all employees, volunteers and contractors must have Ochre Cards and now only those that are required under the NT Care and Protection of Children Act will require having one. The primary reason for the amendment is to streamline the recruitment process and make it easier for potential employees to obtain employment with council.

7.5 *CDP- Community Development Programme:

Discussion was held over the urgent need to improve in this area by 1st Jan 2016 or the program could be lost to RGRC.

The CDP Coordinator recently resigned and a person from Head Quarters will look after Ngukurr until a new person is recruited. Builder Trades Trainers will now come under the guidance of Project Management to ensure better quality services and structure is provided.

7.6 *Alcohol Management Plan:

NIL – Members advised that Surinder Crichton is managing this area and will be visiting the Community sometime to discuss.

7.7 Sunrise Health Report

CEO of Sunrise Health Dale Campbell discussed possible support to the Community swimming Pool and the Local AFL Competition.

There are positions available at Ngukurr in the field of Alcohol and Other Drugs – AOD. This will be funded through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy of Nutrition, Tobacco and AOD.

Rebecca Brydon has been appointed as the new Personal Health and Mentor Co-Ordinator in the Community. Geoff Lohemeyer will continue to work in the Well Being Program concentrating on the excessive use of Tobacco by Community members.

Construction of the New Health Centre is moving along well.

Councillor Eric Roberts raised concerns about the new clinic not having a Morgue. Dale Campbell replied that it is disgraceful, disrespectful and bordering on discriminatory not having a Morgue scoped into this project.

Dale emphasised that they have lobbied hard to have a Morgue and were unsuccessful, Sunrise will continue to lobby for Morgues in all its Health Clinics. Director Infrastructure and Technical Services Sharon Hillen advised Members that Council also tried to address this issue at the most recent OCM, letters were sent to Bess Price MLA and NT Government to support requests for Morgues to be installed at any new Health Centre, after a particularly distressing incident occurred in Numbulwar earlier in the year .

CSM Paul Amarant thanked Sunrise Health for the Support letters to RGRC for various funding applications.

Sunrise Health supports the many various Festivals in the region and are more than happy to consider any requests for specific support to a particular group. Send requests through to Sunrise if your activity requires support.

Robin Rogers asked if the School could have a permanent Sunrise Nurse to oversee the daily welfare of students. Dale Campbell replied that ultimately it is parents responsibility to get treatment for their Child and every effort should be made to get this done at the Clinic.

7.8 Government Engagement Coordinator – Joyce Torres

Currently a monthly Stakeholders meeting is being held.

Some Community members have asked Joyce to hold Reference Group meetings. And Joyce was exploring that possibility.

Nathaniel Knapp, Department of Local Government and Community Services asked what the difference was between Local Authority and Reference Group meetings.

A discussion was held on the viability and if Reference group was needed. Local Authority members confirmed that too many meetings in the past left Community members exhausted. The Local Authority Meetings were seen as a more efficient way of communicating with Community members and hearing their voice.

Tenders have closed for the construction of the new bridges at Wilton and Roper Rivers.

Indigenous Engagement Officer is doing great things with engaging women in various activities in the Community.

Clifford Duncan asked if any support can be provided at Urapunga for all Community members.

7.9 Police

Concerns were raised about the ongoing fighting and Alcohol coming into the Community. Discussions were held about what support can be given to help combat these two major issues.

A Community meeting held on the 13th October did not help to resolve the ongoing issues with fighting and many of the perpetrators did not attend.. Nelson Hall and Gerry Ashley asked more support be given by Community Leaders, to take responsibility for their family members fighting.

Two Community members – Nico Farrell and Gary Huddleston have applied for the two vacant ACPO positions in the Community.

8. Other Business

8.1 Night Patrol:

Director of Community Services discussed Night Patrol and the misunderstanding around the days and times. Marion has asked Local Authority Members to think about the best days and times for Ngukurr Community and report back to the Meeting in November. There is some flexibility with the program to be scheduling the operations as best practice .

8.1. School Report

The New Childcare Centre has now been officially opened and is in its second week of operation.

Ngukurr CEC has approx. 370 students enrolled with a number of students coming from Minyerri Secondary School due to High School closure. Ngukurr have been unofficially informed they will keep the Secondary School with existing positions kept but no new position to cope with the extra workload from Minyerri.

Hip Hop Concert will be held this Friday at the Sport and Recreation Centre after extensive training of the students during the week. Community members are encouraged to attend and support their Children.

Behaviour at the School has generally been very good and reading and writing improvements have been excellent.

School attendance is around 75% which is amongst the highest in the Territory.

Planning to engage Students in Work ready activities throughout the Community.

Robin Rogers stated that there is Men's and Women's Cooking activities at the Child and Family care Centre every Tuesday and Wednesday night and it is well attended.

8.2. Robin Rogers

Computer Training Courses at the Library starting next Month

8.3. Daphne Daniels

Discussed Cyber safety awareness program, Business in the Bush Program and the cooking classes being conducted at the Family and Child care Centre

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9. Meeting Closed 2.33 pm

Next Meeting – 10 am 11th November 2015 at Conference Room