
This Meeting was opened at 10.30am by Chairperson Maria Pyro and the pledge was read.

1. Present:

1.1 Elected Members:

Councillor Don Garner

1.2 Local Authority Members:

Maria Pyro
Mike Longton
Marlene Karkadoo
Trish Elmy
Bernie Redfern

1.3 Staff:

Nathan McIvor – Council Service Manager
Jo Nicol – Local Authority Coordinator Officer (Governance)
Marion Smith – Director Community Services
Chantelle Johns – CSO Borroloola

1.4 Visitors/Guests:

Larissa Jackson – Department of Business Licensing NT
Maria Marriner – Department of Business Alcohol Management
Nathanael Knapp – Department of Local Government and Community Services
Louise Beilby – Community Champion

2. Apologies:

Mayor Jack
Lizzie Hogan
Geoff Hulm
Beatty Retchford
Raymond Anderson

Apologies Accepted, Moved: Mike Longton

Seconded: Trish Elmy

3. Conflict of Interest-Members & Staff:

Nil

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: pg:

Members accepted Minutes of previous meeting held on 6th August 2015

Moved: Mike Longton

Seconded: Bernie Redfern

Voted: All approved

5. Business Arising/Action List: pg:

Action List from previous meeting:

Members discussed the action list from previous meeting.

6. Correspondence

○ **Outgoing Correspondence**

- Maintenance to Borroloola Airstrip
DOI will put the Airstrip Maintenance out to tender after Council increased charges for the most recent works. The current Council Contract will finish 1st April 2016. CSM will be trying some different methods for controlling weeds etc such as spraying to eliminate the usage of RGRC machinery.
- Waste Management Facility, Commercial Dumping Fees
Letters regarding dumping fees have been sent to all stakeholders, a number of concerns have come back to CSM with the amount being charged per cubic metre. CSM is having discussions with stakeholders throughout the Community regarding their issues and report back to Directors and Local Authority.

○ **Incoming Correspondence**

Nil

7. General Business

7.1 *Elected Member Report:

Councillor Don Garner gave a Verbal Report from the October OCM.

- The waiver for hire agreement fees for AFLNT has not being approved by Council as all Members agreed that as AFLNT is a funded program and should be able to provide hire agreement fees.
- The next round of Community Benefit Grants grants will be open on the 26th October till 4th December, Councillor advised Local Authority members that Council gets \$50,000 each year to give for grants and Borroloola Community Organisation should apply for them.
- There is \$48,000 that needs to spent on the proposed softball oval before the end of this financial year, Council has made the decision to proceed with design option two of the development of the softball oval. Maps were given out and discussed.
- Council discussed the two Swimming Pools it is responsible for in Ngukurr and Borroloola. Council resolved to explore operational funding opportunities and revisit the ongoing issue of expense and closure at the end of this Financial Year.

7.2 *Council Services Managers Report: Verbal

• **Council Services Update**

- New bins have arrived - 6 new red and orange bins for public areas; Tamarind Park, Rocky Creek and Show Grounds. 79 new green bins for resident replacements. Municipal workers are doing emu bob on Mondays and Thursdays, education with residents about picking up their own rubbish is also taking place. CSM is organising a Community Cleanup Competition.
- New Cat Skid Steer (Bob Cat) will be arriving soon, Municipal worker Rodwell Walden has been inducted to operate this machine.

• ***Work Health and Safety Update**

Borroloola staff have been reporting Incidents and hazards as they come across them, CSM is happy these are being identified.

7.3 *Council Financial Reports:

July to August Financial Reports were discussed, the First Quarter Financial Report will be made available at the next Local Authority Meeting in November after Council has passed them at the October OCM..

Director Community Services Marion Smith identified an overspend for cost code #405 and an underspend on cost code #415, this could be due to wrong cost coding for purchase orders, Marion advised members she would look into this matter and get corrections made where needed.

7.4 *Governance Updates:

Local Authority nominations for Stan Allan and Jonathan Sauer were accepted by all Local Authority members and will go to Council to be ratified at the October OCM.

Moved: Mike Longton **Seconded:** Bernie Redfern **Voted:** All agreed

- *Town Priorities: Nil

- *Complaints Register

Date	Compliant	Type of Complaint	Status
28/08/2015	Yard Full of Dogs	Animal	Closed
28/09/2015	Animal Complaint	Animal	

CSM to seek more information regarding complaints register for the next Local Authority meeting as information isn't clear to provide LA members with details.

- *Policy Updates:

Marion Smith gave an update on the amended Working with Children Certificate Policy, anyone wanting to apply for work with Youth, Sport & Rec or Night Patrol will still be required to obtain an Ochre Card. The new amendments to the policy will make it easier for people trying to obtain work in other areas easier.

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 *RJCP- Remote Jobs and Communities Program: Nil

7.6 *Alcohol Management Plan:

Maria Marriner and Larissa Jackson from Department of Business updated the Local Authority on how the Alcohol Management Plan (AMP) is progressing and the structure of their meetings. AMP meetings are divided up into three groups being: Stakeholders Group, Cultural Group and Progress Group which consist of five Indigenous and four non Indigenous members. The AMP are in the final process of implementing a permit system in the four town camps. If those camps want a permit system it will give residents approval to purchase and drink 18 mid strength cans per person per day.

Larissa Jackson discussed an opportunity with charity sporting foundation, Hoops International in America, to undertake a Basketball program with Youth in Borroloola. The program focuses on Basketball to deliver educational awareness around Health, Wellbeing and Drug and

Alcohol Abuse. All Local Authority members agreed the program would be great for Borroloola and supported an invitation to the Hoops Program organisers to attend the Community around 26th – 30th October.

7.7 *Cemetery

Ongoing – Draft Act is still to be finalised and be released early next year.

7.8 *Community Services Report:

Director Community Services Marion Smith requested Local Authority Members provide advice to the Directorate on the working hours and activities for Youth, Sport & Rec and Night Patrol that would be suit the Borroloola Community.

Action: CSM to arrange for Local Authority Members to have an out of session meeting to discuss the changes they would like to see in Youth, Sport & Rec and Night Patrol and report back to Director Community Services and Local Authority meeting.

7.9 *Swimming Pool

New computer systems for the pump shed have arrived and been installed. New activities have started at the swimming pool such as Water Aerobics on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The gym will now be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday at designated times. Present Local Authority members all agreed that a gold coin donation should be given when entering the gym. CSM is also working to employ a new Pool Supervisor, there has been some interest.

8. Other Business:

8.1 Request for Local Authority Expenditure

Director of Council Services and Infrastructure, Sharon Hillen requested a further \$20,000 for an engineered stand for the new score board at the sports ground. Local Authority members have asked for more information to be given regarding the engineered stand before allocating an extra expenditure of \$20,000.

CSM requested an expenditure of \$2,000 for the installation of one solar light at the back of the swimming pool facility

Motion: Members agreed an expenditure of \$2,000 for the installation of one solar light at the back of the swimming pool facility.

Moved: Mike Longton **Seconded:** Bernie Redfern **Voted:** All agreed

Action: CSM to report back to Local Authority at the next meeting more information about the engineered stand for the Score Board.

8.2 Networking Cabling

Louise Beilby, Community Champion, gave an update on the networking cabling that is showing at the corner of Anyula Street and Robinson Road. Louise advised members that the Northern Territory Government have confirmed they will be fixing the networking cabling and will communicate with council when they proceed with this job.

8.3 Tamarind Park

Members were advised that Mike Longton and CSM are seeking support from Council with the development of the Tamarind Park Heritage Area.

Motion: That Borroloola local Authority Members support the development of the Tamrind Park Heritage area.

Moved: Marlene Karkadoo **Seconded:** Maria Pyro **Voted:** All agreed

8.4 Housing Action Group

Local Authority members requested Bernie Redfern provide a list of members on the Housing Action Group.

Local Authority members also discussed the lack of communication between Government Departments and the Community, with specific reference to Borroloola Local Authority members. The Department of Housing visited Borroloola, there was no notification given and when members finally heard about there attendance it was very difficult for people to attend the public meeting to give their input at very short notice. Members also made the comment that it is not just Department of Housing doing this but majority of Government Departments and Ministers who are visiting the community and not providing any notice or opportunity to meet with Local Authority members..

9. Meeting Closed: 2:30pm

Next Local Authority Meeting: Tuesday 5th November 2015