

Meeting opened at 10.30am by Chair Raelene Bulumbara and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

1. Present:

Elected Members:

Cr. Selina Ashley

Local Authority Members:

Raelene Bulumbara(Chair)

Trephina Bush

Joseph Brown

Lorraine Bennett

Deanna Kennedy

Staff:

Jo Nicol - Local Authority Coordination Officer

Helen Hawkins - Beswick Council Services Manager

Lara Brennan – Regional Manager, Community Servicer

Chris Cookson – Regional Manager, Night Patrol

Julie Kartinyeri – Regional Manager, Youth Services, Sport & Recreation

Visitors:

Moira McCreesh – Department of Business, Alcohol Management Strategy Unit

Doug Kelly - Alcohol & Other Drugs

Nick Sharah - Department Local Government and Community Services

2. Apologies:

Sharon Hillen Director Council Services and Infrastructure, Tom Girdler NT Housing.

Apology accepted.

Moved: Trephina Bush

Seconded: Joseph Brown

All Agreed by way of consensus.

3. Conflict of Interest:

Nil

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: 18 May 2015

The previous Meeting minutes were approved.

Moved: Joseph Brown

Seconded: Trepina Bush

All agreed by way of consensus

5. Business Arising/Action List:

Previous minute's action List was presented to Local Authority. The meeting noted as follows:

- Street Lights are getting replaced by LED lights and only 6 streets lights are remained to be done.
- The flood gates will be moved to the community side of Butterfly Creek, this is now a CDP project.
- A compactor is coming from Barunga, need further consultation on how it is gong to be used on the unsealed road to the tip
- The tip has been re-configured and now has an area set aside for the old vehicles to be moved to. Now waiting on a carrier and loader to complete the work.
- The Wuduluk Association has agreed to take possession of the AMP

6. Correspondence

6.1 Outgoing Correspondence

- Letter from Director Council Services & Infrastructure, Sharon Hillen to Stakeholder re: Waste Management Facility, Commercial Dumping Fees.

6.2 Incoming Correspondence

- Letter from Department Local Government re: Local Authority Project Funding
- Email from Director Community Services re: Sport and Recreation Infrastructure.

7. General Business

7.1 Elected Members Report:

Councillor Ashley advised the next OCM will be held at Borroloola next week.

7.2 Council Service Managers Report:

Council Services Manager Helen Hawkins presented her report and advised that:

- Dump has been re-configured, now no burning allowed.
- CDP participant who has been doing hours with the municipal team has now been put on full time, taking up a recent vacated position.
- Moving of the flood gates is now a CDP project
- Street lights have all been completed except 6, seeking Contractors quotes for the repair of the vandalised solar lights
- Shade Sails removed from equipment at new sub, replacements are being sourced.
- Rocks have been place around grassed areas, to keep vehicles off pedestrian areas.
- Speed hump has been put up at the basketball courts, more are needed and advise Local Authority to consider using LA Funding for more.
- Water is back on the oval, pipes broken by the contractors have been repaired and are working well.

- Residents have reported the Women's Safe House may be getting used inappropriately by some including men. Residents are concerned service will be removed. I made enquiries to Nathan Rosas, GEC, who will follow up and report back. Deanna Kennedy has also said she will enquire and report back to Local Authority.
- Roper Gulf Regional Council is currently holding "Safe September" this is weekly safety talks and demonstration throughout the month of September. Local Authority members are encouraged to attend, see noticeboard for details

7.3 *Council Financial Reports:

The Fourth Quarter 2014/15 Financial Reports were discussed. Some large differences were noted in Agency Services. It was pointed out that some of this large under expenditure was due to Employment positions not being filled and was due largely to wages. Members were encouraged to note the "Difference" Column which indicates over or under spends.

Action: Local Authority Coordination Officer Jo Nicol to find out and report back on 465- NTG Closing the Gap Grants and 475 RJCP CDF.

7.4 *Governance Updates:

- **Town Priorities:**

Members were given a copy of the 2015/2016 Roper Gulf Regional Plan and key pages were discussed; Town Priorities, Beswick Expenditure Report, the Staffing Chart and Fees and Charges Schedules. Electronic copy is available on website. Members asked for Street signs to be added to the Town Priority List and to look into having a park named in honour of David Balansi.

- **Complaint register:**

Members noted the update on complaints register.

- **Policy updates:**

- Use of External Auditors and Non-Audit Services (new)
- Computer, Telephone, Internet and Email Usage Policy (Revised)

Members were advised that all new and updated policies can be downloaded from RGRC website.

7.5 RJCP- Remote Jobs and Community Program

Members were advised that Lot 120b refurbishment has been completed. Final inspection will be done on 22 September 2015 by the Assets Manager.

As the RJCP change of name and procedure has confused people, a public meeting was organised where only 2 people attended. The meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday 1st October at 10.30 and it will be attended by representatives from Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. LA Member Deanna Kennedy encouraged everyone at the meeting including community members to attend. The new RJCP now call CDP will be explained including rules, payments and answer any questions people may have.

ACTION: Get BRACs to broadcast that the RJCP Meeting is on Thursday 1st October.

7.6 Alcohol Management Plan:

Moira McCreesh from Department of Business, Alcohol Management Strategy Unit advised members that the local Wuduluk Association has agreed to take responsibility of the AMP for Beswick.

Local Authority members raised their concern as people are still asking for a drinking area although TO's have said no.

ACTION: Members request Council raise Drinking Area issue with NLC.

Jennifer Buckley from the Menzies School of Health will be returning to continue her research on alcohol related issues and would like to speak with all residents as well as people she spoke with on her last visit. She will be at Beswick from the 12th - 16th October.

Jennifer will be employing 2 people to help and wants to hold a community BBQ. This is another opportunity for BRACs to advertise.

Wugularr School has been awarded \$259,000 IAS funding over 2 years for the meals program, cultural awareness and resilience training.

Some funding may soon be available for communities that are working towards implementing AMPs and sometimes funding becomes available on short notice. Moira asked members to think about what the AMP priorities are. She also asked if there is anything they would be happy for Moira to put proposals in for if any funding did become available in-between LA meetings. Members decided that a priority for small-medium funding opportunities should be for supporting the Youth Centre and Moira should talk to the Youth Worker about this. Most recently the store committee have purchased 14 bikes for the Youth Centre out of store profits.

7.7 Bush Shelter:

Members were asked to consider a covered bus shelter on the Central Arnhem Highway across from the store so there is a central point for pickups and deliveries. This would use the Local Authority grant. All agreed it was a good idea.

ACTION: CSM to source examples and prices for a covered bus shelter.

7.8 Local Authority Project funding:

Members were asked to consult with the community and bring ideas back to the next Local Authority Meeting in November.

8. Other Business

- 8.1 Moira McCreesh spoke about her PhD and that she will soon do a presentation to her University Supervisors so they can assess whether her work is good enough for her to continue her studies.. When Moira's research plan is approved by her Supervisors, she would like to talk to the Local Authority about it and ask their approval to start doing research in Beswick. Members were happy for Moira to do this at a future Local Authority meeting.

9. Meeting Closed 1:05pm

Next meeting: Monday 16th November 2015