

26th October 2015

Meeting opened at 10.15am by the designated Chair Helen Lee and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

1. Present:

Elected Members:

Cr. Anne-Marie Lee

Local Authority Members:

Helen Lee (Chair)

David Oenpelli

Scott Lee

Anita Painter

Jamie AhFat

Staff:

Jo Nicol - Local Authority Coordination Officer

Robert Campbell - Barunga Council Services Manager

Marion Smith – Director Community Services

Visitors:

Nick Sharah - Department Local Government and Community Services

2. Apologies:

Nil

3. Conflict of Interest:

Nil

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: 18 May 2015

Motion: That the Barunga Local Authority accepts the Minutes from the previous Local Authority meeting held on Monday 18th May 2015.

Moved: Anita Painter **Seconded:** David Oenpelli

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:

- Barunga Local Authority recommends Council to write a letter top minister of Housing Bess Price MLA about lack of action with Housing issues in Barunga.
- **Action Update:** Email Thomas Girdler and ask what is the status of HRG and when is the next HRG meeting as last one was in May 2015.

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

7. General Business

7.1 Elected Members Report:

Councillor Anne-Marie Lee was an apology for the previous OCM held in Borroloola, 30th September 2015: Nil to report.

7.2 Council Service Managers Report:

Council Services Manager Robert Campbell presented his report. Robert advised the Members that the written CSM report which was presented at the meeting is the new format developed to report the LA meeting and it can be altered to suit the needs of the LA.

Motion: The Barunga Local Authority accepts the CSM report on current Regional Council Services.

Moved: Scott Lee **Seconded:** Anita Painter
All agreed by way of consensus

7.3 *Council Financial Reports:

Nil

7.4 *Governance Updates:

- **Town Priorities:-**
2015-2016 Roper Gulf Regional Council Plan distributed.

- **New Nomination**
Nomination of Tony Walla to the Barunga Local Authority was tabled at the meeting.

Motion: The Barunga Local Authority recommend the Council to accept the nomination of Tony Walla to the Barunga Local Authority.

Moved: Scott Lee **Seconded:** Helen Lee

All Agreed by way of Consensus

- **Complaint register:**
Members receive and note the complaints register. The Members was updated that the complaint as listed on register has now been resolved and there is no outstanding complaints for Barunga.

- **Policy updates:**
HR006 Working with Children Certificate Policy: Council approved amended policy on working with children certificate. The amended policy removes the stipulation that all employees, volunteers and contractors must have a OCHRE Card 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.
- **Local Authority Funding:**
The update on Local Authority funding projects was tabled at the meeting. The members were asked to consider Local Authority projects for 2015/2016.

Motion: The Barunga Local Authority receive and note the Local Authority Funding Report.

Moved: Anita Painter **Seconded:** Scott Lee
All agree by way of Consensus,

ACTION: LA Member to consult with Community on how next round of funding will be spent.

7.5 CDP- Community Development Program Report

Report on Community Development Program was tabled at the meeting. Members were advised that;

- New activities will be starting for the CDP participants both male/female.
- Barunga has 82 CDP participants out of 313 (population). Government has set a target of 75% of the WFD or Activity. As of September 24% doing Activities this is an unsatisfactory.
- CDP staff will be moving into the Training Centre to conduct day to day operations.
- Dave the Trainer is in Barunga undertaking training with CDP participants doing minor works at the training centre

Motion: That Barunga Local Authority receive an not CDP report.

Moved: Jamie AhFat **Seconded:** David Oenpelli

All agreed by way of consensus.

7.6 Night Patrol Report

DCS Marion Smith presented Night Patrol report. Marion asked members to advise the suitable time for starting and finishing night patrol hours which benefits community most. Members were also advised that Manager needs to be informed on what is going on with regards to Night Patrol team and come out to address it.

Members advised that Community Members are getting reports that the NP team is getting information that community members are complaining about them from the town staff. Local Authority members were not happy about this happening and would like more professional, confidential operations.

That Barunga Local Authority receive and note Night Patrol report.

Moved: Cr Anne-Marie Lee **Seconded:** Scott Lee

All agreed by way of consensus.

ACTION: Local Authority members to come back to next meeting with input into Night Patrol Schedule.

7.7 Sport and Recreation Report

Report on Sport and Recreation update was tabled at the meeting. The Local Authority members inquired why the Basketball Tournament is planned to be held in March and not October as it was previously. The Local Authority members also asked why the Basketball Tournament was not being held in the School Holiday so Students to take part and also what is the School Holiday Program, if we have any.

Motion: The Barunga Local Authority receive and note update on Sport and Recreation program.

All agreed by way of consensus

ACTION: Find out answers to these questions and invite Julie Kartinyeri to next LA meeting.

8. Other Business

8.1 Buffalo in community: Still a huge safety concern and community members are worried that an incident may happen with the 50-60 head of Buffalo in Barunga community every night. Buffalo have been seen near the school and it has become very dangerous to be out at night. There is currently no action being taken by NLC on this matter, Council is still advocating for Barunga Residents.

8.2 Police: LA members expressed concerns that the Maranboy Police may not be as proactive in Barunga and on the Central Arnhem Highway as they could be, there is a large amount of alcohol coming into Barunga.

ACTION: CSM to Invite Police to next Local Authority meeting November 17th 2015

8.3 PAWA: They are concerns with the water usage in Barunga an awareness program is currently being run in Barunga, informing residents how they can cut down on unnecessary water usage. PAWA stressed that we are not running out of water just using a lot.

8.4 Rubbish Dump: Cr Anne Marie Lee raised the issue of rubbish all over the Dump and it is getting onto the Highway and becoming dangerous for motorists.

ACTION: CSM to investigate.

9. Meeting Closed 1:05pm

Next meeting: Monday 17th November 2015