

This Meeting was opened at 3:10pm by the designated Chair Selena Uibo and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

1. Present

Elected Members:

Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi

Local Authority Members:

Selena Uibo (Chairperson)

Ella Geia

Douglas Wunningmurra

Felicity Rami

Roper Gulf Regional Council Staff:

Roger McIvor - Council Services Manager

May Brazil – Senior Administration Officer

Sharon Hillen – Director Council Services and Infrastructure (DCSI)

Marc Gardner – Director of Contracts and Technical Services (DCTS)

Sam Nowicki – Community Safety, Youth, Sport and Recreation Coordinator

Visitors/Guests:

Nick Sharah – Department of Local Government

Tom Girdler – Department of Housing

Donna Worland – Department of Housing

2. Apologies:

Mayor Tony Jack

Motion: That Numbulwar Local Authority accept apologies from Mayor Tony Jack.

Moved: Ella Geia

Seconded: Felicity Rami

3. Conflict of Interest-Members & Staff:

Nil

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion: That Numbulwar Local Authority accepts the Minutes from the previous Local Authority Meeting held on 13 October 2015 as true and accurate record of the Meeting.

Moved: Selena Uibo

Seconded: Ella Geia

5. Business Arising/Action List;

5.1 Previous minutes Action List:

Date:	Item	Action:	Person Responsible:	Status:	Comments:
12.05.2015		Discuss Retail Training with Store and RJCP Coordinator	LA Chairperson – Selena Uibo	Ongoing	Meeting to be had on November 11 th with Michaela, Roger and May.
13.10.2015	5.1	Ask past HRG Members if they would like to continue as members/attend HRG meetings after the LA Meetings	Housing Officer Jessma Saylor/CSM	Completed	All HRG Members were made aware of the situation and conditions.
13.10.2015	6.2	Correspond with Sea Swift to confirm if they will be coming back to Numbulwar for start of wet season	DICS Sharon Hillen		Contacted Mick Taylor – Business Development Manager for SeaSwift in Darwin and he established operations would be returned end of November
13.10.2015	8.1	Talk to businesses and people on how to go about clean up Numbulwar campaign.	CSM	Ongoing.	Suggestion to incorporate campaign when doing the pre cyclone clean-up this month. Call Tidy Towns for suggestions.
13.10.2015	8.3	CSM and Muns Supervisor to consult with Local Authority Members on where they would like to put the other street light.	CSM/Muns Supervisor	Completed	Advice was sought out from LA Members and a location was agreed upon.
13.10.2015	8.3	Door to Door for feedback, if community wants a roof at basketball court or playground	CSM/Staff	Completed	A survey was done based on door to door numbers and 60%+ wanted roof over basketball court.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Outgoing Correspondence:

NIL

6.2 Incoming Correspondence:

- **Morgues at Numbulwar** – Letter received from Minister Bess Price MLA, Numbulwar Morgue would get an upgrade. New morgues to be built in 3 communities in the Top End and the rest will be upgraded.

- **Victims of Crime NT Remote – Nil**
- **Roper and Wilton River Crossings – Construction of two new Bridges –**

Media Release: Two new bridges will be constructed over the Roper and Wilton River Crossings, this was celebrated by LA members.

Discussions with Larry Bright from Department of Infrastructure, an estimate of \$1.5m to repair the bulldust areas between Numbulwar and Ngukurr.

Two new causeways will be constructed in sections near the turn off to Nhulunbuy,- planned for the 2016 Dry season.

7. General Business

7.1 Elected Member Report:

Cr Kathy-Anne took the issue of fuel supply at the Numbulwar fuel pump to Council at the Mataranka OCM, that was due to overwhelming tourist numbers. CSM reported when fuel truck came 400Litres were left in the pump.

7.2 Council Services Managers Report:

In addition to the CSM's report that was tabled at Meeting with Agenda papers, Members were advised as follows:

- McMahon Services has been in the community the last 3 weeks conducting Asbestos removal in houses, a building crew will train local CDP workers on the job. A barbeque was held with the community as a Q & A and to get feedback. CDP Participants enjoyed the program which will end next week.
- A Police Officer, bitten by a dog on a property when undertaking investigations, has lodged a Complaint with Council. Police wanted the dog seized and destroyed, Council has no powers to do this and the responsibility lies with the Police.

Action: LA Members asked CSM to get current status of the RGRC Dog By Laws for Numbulwar.

- Numbulwar has been experiencing great unrest due to illegal alcohol in the community, as a consequence many people are getting sleepless nights due to fighting.
- The Retaining wall in the CBD is almost completed and the Right Path Project will begin as soon as the road works are completed. .

7.3 Council Financial Reports:

First Quarter Financial reports were tabled and discussed.

Cr Kathy-Anne left the meeting at 4.12pm

7.4 Governance Update:

Selena Uiibo tendered her resignation from the Numbulwar Local Authority as she will be standing for the Legislative Assembly at the 2016 Northern Territory Elections.

- **Town Priorities - Local Authority Project Funding Report**

The DCSI Sharon Hillen congratulated everyone involved in the completion of the new Airport Road Project.

Special funding has been received for Numbulwar; \$580,000, to decommission the old dump and commence construction of the new one. An Army program called the Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program (AACAP) could possibly help with the decommissioning and construction. They work with communities on major construction projects. Initial discussions with Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet will need to take place first. The old dumpsite will potentially be on top of the new suburb. Approval from LA will be sought at the next LA meeting when more is known.

\$100,000 has been funded to engage a consultant to build a new Business Centre the plans are to either to; demolish the existing building and build on top or build a new one where the new suburb will be. A tender will go out soon for the project and the consultant will consult with community and stakeholders as well as Numburindi Corporation before proceeding.

Department of Transport has been contacted in regards to erecting a building at the airstrip, there has been no response from them to date.

LA members were advised that surplus 2014/2015 LA Funding should be spent on Town Priority Projects.

Motion: That the Numbulwar Local Authority approve the expenditure of \$6,000 from the LA Funding Grant of to renovate Sport & Rec Hall; before the wet season comes.

Moved: Felicity Rami **Seconded:** Douglas Wunningmurra
All Agreed

Motion: That the Numbulwar Local Authority approve construction of a roof over the Basketball Court.

Moved: Felicity Rami **Seconded:** Douglas Wunningmurra
All Agreed

Local Authority were updated on works around the CBD area in regards to the roads, the Freight Hub Project and the Airport.

The Sport and Rec Master Plan undertaken by Consultant Marty Lambert was presented and discussed. Staff will be consulted on any issues and there will be a planning day, date TBC.

- **Complaints register:**

Date	Nature	Resolved	Comments
23/10/2015	Animal Attack on Person	Yes	Complaint now is Police issue to act within their jurisdiction.

- ***Policy Updates:**

- ADM009 Vehicle Use Policy (Updated) Added Clarification on Home Garaging of Vehicles. Vehicles are to be used to commute between work and home and not used for any other purpose outside work hours.
- DIT001 Fleet Procurement and Allocation Policy has been added with rules around Fleet purchases of new or replacement of machinery/vehicle.

7.5 CDP – Community Development Program:

CDP Coordinator gave a verbal report.

- The focus is on licensing for the participants and more programs.
- Eight participants have been in employment with the McMahon Group, and 3 participants on building repairs after asbestos removal
- Job Seeker numbers are going well; this is the main focus for CDP. Some positions will be advised shortly.
- LA Members were asked for help with funding the Old Cemetery Memorial Project in Newtown.

Action: LA members to decide at next LA meeting if LA Funding should be made available for the Old Cemetery Memorial Project.

- A Senior Activity Supervisor has been employed to undertake Project Management duties with the other supervisors. Builder Trainer Sam Torisi is very well received with participants.
- Informal meeting between Michaela and David Peterson (CDP Consultant) Re:Gap Analysis of the new contract. Results show CDP Numbulwar is tracking well.
- LA members were asked to support CDP participants and encourage others in the community to participate.

7.6 Alcohol Management Plan:

NIL to be reported at next Meeting.

7.7 Youth, Sport & Rec and Night Patrol:

- Report tabled in Agenda.
- Night Patrol Supervisors have asked for one weeks notice if they are to be used for Community Events.
- Sport & Rec Staff will be travelling to Darwin accompanying School Student to attend the Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre.
- Grant has been submitted to get the Indigenous Hip Hop Project to Numbulwar; The Local Authority were asked for a letter of support..

Action: Chairperson to write letter and submit to RGRC Grants Officer on behalf of Local Authority in support of the Hip Hop Project also an additional grant for purchase of TV and gaming consoles for activities.

- Sport & Rec has secured the shipping container equipped with recording studio equipment currently housed at Victoria Highway, it will be sent out to Numbulwar.
- Special mention was made of Night Patrol Team Leader Ernest Numamurdiridi on his recent graduation in Katherine for Cert 3 in Community Safety.
- The Chair acknowledged the great work Sam and his team are doing.

8. Other Business

8.1 NT Housing :

- Numbulwar Housing Audit was done in October. NT Housing inspected all their dwellings and many housing maintenance forms were given to local Housing Maintenance Officers to action. Housing Officer, Jessma Saylor was acknowledged for her excellent help to the inspectors.
- No Housing Reference Group was held after the last Local Authority Meeting due to no quorum.

8.2 Town Fuel

The Fuel Bowser is currently having issues reading cards. Puma will be in Numbulwar this week or next to repair the card machine. CSM Roger McIvor advised he was impressed with the customer service offered by Puma when issues were raised and thanked them for their quick actions.

8.3 Proposed Festival for Numbulwar

Ella Geia advised that Artback NT have proposed a project called Indigenous Dance Program. The Festival Committee jumped at the opportunity and are in talks for a three year contract.

8.4 LA Members Participation

Ella Geia discussed the current lack of support from current LA Members with non attendance at Meetings. Local Authority members need to talk to those non attenders about their commitment. Members who are not committed need to resign so others have a chance to nominate to be on the Local Authority. Anyone living in Numbulwar community including RGRC staff can nominate to be LA members, it is up to the current Local Authority members to accept or reject applications. After which nominations then go to Council at the OCM for approval.

8.5 Airstrip Works

Department of Infrastructure have asked Downer to fix the fence line on the town end from heavy wash out.

9. Meeting Closed at 5.12pm

Next Meeting Tuesday, 16th February 20168