

This Meeting was opened at 10.30am by the designated Chair Lorraine Bennett and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

1. Present:

Elected Members:

Cr. Selina Ashley

Local Authority Members:

Trephina Bush

Joseph Brown

Lorraine Bennett (Chair)

Deanna Kennedy

Staff:

Jo Nicol - Local Authority Coordination Officer

Helen Hawkins - Beswick Council Services Manager

Marion Smith – Director Community Services (DCS)

Darcy Boon – Governance Officer

Anthony Moss – Night Patrol Coordinator

Peter Amarant – Senior Administration Officer Beswick

Visitors:

Moira McCreesh - Alcohol Management Strategy Unit

Krissy Bennett – NT Housing

Patricia Archer – Manager Beswick Health Clinic

2. Apologies:

Sharon Hillen, Director Council Services (DCSI)

Moved: Joseph Brown **Seconded:** Cr. Selina Ashley

All Agreed by way of consensus.

3. Conflict of Interest:

Nil

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion: That Beswick Local Authority accepts the Minutes from the previous Local Authority Meeting held on 21 September 2015 as true and accurate record of the Meeting.

Moved: Cr Selina Ashley **Seconded:** Trephina Bush

All Agreed by way of consensus.

Motion: That the Beswick Local Authority accept the letter from all Local Authority members authorising Roper Gulf to take an extra \$7000 from Local Authority Project Funding for the retaining wall at the Basketball Courts in Beswick. The original amount approved by Local Authority was \$30,000 but the cost has come in at \$37,000.

Moved: Cr Selina Ashley **Seconded:** Trepina Bush

5. Business Arising/Action List;

5.1 Previous minutes action List

| Date Action initiated | Action | Responsible person | Status | comments |
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| 20.10.2014 | Need to have a discussion on how we are to use the new compactor on the unsealed road to the tip. | CSM and DCSI | completed | Will need to use Barunga tip. |
| 20.10.2014 | Municipal team to gather up as many dead cars on the outskirts of the Community and stack them in one place for when a solution is found. | CSM | Completed | 21.09.15 an area has been set aside for the cars at the tip. Now waiting on the loader and a truck to transport. 16.11.15 New compactor will remove 106 cars |
| 20.10.2014 | Discuss with DCSI on the feasibility of having a bore drilled for public use. | CSM | Ongoing | 14.04.2015-Ongoing 16.11.15 Ongoing |
| 21.09.15 | Members are asking for Council to raise the issue of a drinking area for Beswick with NLC | DCSI | On going | Sharon to bring to Council to raise with NLC 16.11.15 Ongoing |
| 21.09.15 | CSM to get prices and examples of covered bus shelters for the next meeting | CSM | Completed | Looking at prices now to present at the next LA meeting in November |
| 21.09.15 | Jo Nicol to report back to LA on 456-NTG Closing the Gap Grants and 457-RJCP CDF | Jo Nicol | Completed | Report for next LA meeting. 465-NTG Closing the Gap Grant- Upgrade of BRACS Facility 475-RJCP CDF Upgrade of Staff accommodation Lot |
| 21.09.15 | Get BRACs to broadcast the CDP Meeting is on Thursday 1 st October. | CSM | Completed | |
| 21.09.15 | Source examples and prices for a covered bus shelter. | CSM | Completed | Attached – page |

6. Correspondence

6.1 Outgoing Correspondence

Nil

6.2 Incoming Correspondence

- Email from Louise McCormick re: Beswick flood gates.

7. General Business

7.1 Elected Members Report:

Motion: That Beswick Local Authority receive and note the Elected Member's Report.

Moved: Joseph Brown **Seconded:** Lorraine Bennett
All agreed by way of consensus.

7.2 Council Service Managers Report:

In addition to the CSM's Report that was tabled at the Meeting, Local Authority Members were advised that;

- Centrelink position has been filled by a CDP participant.
- There has been two resignations from Night Patrol

Motion: That the Beswick Local Authority accepts the CSM Report on current Regional Council Services.

Moved: Cr Ashley **Seconded:** Lorraine Bennett
All Agreed by way of Consensus,

7.3 Council Financial Reports:

The first quarter financial report as presented was discussed.

Motion: That the Beswick Local Authority receive and note the First Quarter Financial Report.

Moved: Joseph Brown **Seconded:** Trepina Bush
All agreed by way of consensus.

7.4 Governance Updates:

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

Local Authority Members were updated on current status of Local Authority Funding. Members also discussed the quote and options for Bus Shelter which was presented along with the Agenda papers.

Motion: That Beswick Local Authority receives and note the Local Authority Funding report

Moved: Lorraine Bennett **Seconded:** Cr Ashley
All Agreed by way of Consensus,

Motion: The Beswick Local Authority approves the expenditure of \$3750.00 from Local Authority Project Funding for the Bus Shelter.

Moved: Cr Ashley **Seconded:** Trepina Bush
All Agreed by way of Consensus,

Motion: The Beswick Local Authority approves the expenditure of \$9,715.24 Local Authority Funds for Stage Deck, handrails, Stairs, roofing, BBQ Concrete slabs.

Moved: Lorraine Bennett **Seconded:** Cr Ashley
All Agreed by way of Consensus,

Local Authority Members requested more pricing options for the speed humps but gave in principal support and supported where they are tentatively being placed.

Local Authority Members asked CSM to get quotes for a fence to be erected around the recreation area at lot 57 & 58.

ACTION: CSM to follow up and present Speed Hump pricing and options at next meeting.

ACTION: CSM to follow up and present Fencing options and prices at next meeting.

- **Complaint register:**
Nil

- **New Nomination to Beswick Local Authority:**
Nomination from Ronald Weetra was tabled at the meeting.

Motion: That the Beswick Local Authority recommend the Council to accept the nomination from Ronald Weetra to the Beswick Local Authority.

Moved: Cr Ashley **Seconded:** Joseph Brown
All agreed by way of consensus.

- **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 (Updated) provides greater clarification (How, who, what vehicles, makes and models.) around Fleet purchases New and Replacement Vehicles and Machinery.

7.5 CDP- Community Development Program:

Director of Community Services, Marion Smith, gave a verbal Report.

- CDP participant requirements were outlined, strict conditions will be enforced by December and there will be Centrelink recipients who will have benefits cut off. Members were requested to encourage everyone to come and sign on.
- Consideration is being given to move CDP from lot 5 to the vacant offices in the Council office.

7.6 Alcohol Management Plan:

- Store committee to ask for an extension of the licence at the club.
- An offer of help was extended by Moira McCreesh to help organise a fact finding trip to another Community that runs a similar Club with food facilities and child friendly areas.

- Menzies School of Health request permission to come to Beswick and discuss the Drinking Permit System with residents. They will be undertaking research in Barunga and Beswick. Local Authority members gave support to Menzies School of Health to continue with research and sign the authorisation paper.
- The 'blue sign' from the NT national emergency response, that is still up at the entrance to Balanda Street. Deanna Kennedy said that the community had designed a sign to replace this a couple of years ago and agreed to follow up with her people to find out what is going on.

7.7 Sport & Recreation Activities at Beswick:

Written update on sports and recreation activities at Beswick was tabled.

Motion: That the Beswick Local Authority receive and note the Sport & Recreation Report.

Moved: Cr Ashley **Seconded:** Lorraine Bennett
All agreed by way of consensus.

8. Other Business

8.1 Lot 3 Beswick: Local Authority Members are worried that the situation at Lot 3 has become a Health and Safety issue with water issues. As this property does not belong to Council and therefore as such not a Council business. Local Authority Members have decided to pursue this issue with local residents and Local MLA, Bess Price's Office.

8.2 Local Authority Members agreed for Posters to be put up around the community with meeting dates and names of the Beswick Local Authority Members, with a small explanation about what they do.

8.3 Night Patrol: LA Members were asked to help develop the Beswick Night Patrol Schedule including; days, times and areas of operation. Examples of how other communities have changed to new schedules were given and discussed. There are potentially 5 staff positions in Night Patrol.

ACTION: CSM to have meet with Beswick Local Authority members out of session to discuss and decide the schedule and report back to Director Community services.

8.4 NT Housing: Due to convening issues with the current Housing Reference Group, Beswick Local Authority Members were asked to consider becoming the Housing Reference Group and meet directly after Local Authority meetings.

Motion: That the Beswick Local Authority becomes the Beswick Housing Reference Group with meeting held after the Local Authority meeting.

Moved Cr Ashley **Seconded** Lorraine Bennett
All agree by way of consensus.

9. Meeting Closed 1:05pm

Next meeting: Monday 22nd February 2016