

# Numbulwar Local Authority Meeting Minutes

Held at Numbulwar Council Service  
Centre

Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 2016

This meeting was opened at **2.34pm** by Chair **Cheryl Nundhirribala** and the Roper Gulf Regional Council pledge was read.

## 1. Present:

### Elected Members:

Councillor Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi

### Local Authority Members:

David Murrungun

Felicity Rami

Kenny Spicer

Cheryl Nundhirribala

### Staff:

Roger McIvor, Council Services Manager

May Brazil, Senior Administration Support Officer

Amanda Haigh, Governance & Compliance Acting Manger

### Visitors/Guests:

Tom Girdler, Dept of Local Government and Housing

Nick Sarah, Department of Local Government

Scott Lewis, Numbulwar Police

Carl Hansen, Government Engagement Coordinator – Numbulwar

Roland Nundhirribala, Member of the public.

## 2. Apologies:

Michael Tennant, Community Champion Northern Territory Government

Sharon Hillen, Director Council Services and Infrastructure (Roper Gulf Regional Council)

Marion Smith, Director Community Services (Roper Gulf Regional Council)

Apologies Accepted,

**Moved:** Felicity Rami                      **Seconded:** David Murrungun

All agreed by way of consensus

## 3. Conflict of Interest - Members & Staff:

Nil

## 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

**Resolved:** That Numbulwar Local Authority accepts the Minutes from the previous Local Authority Meeting held on November 10<sup>th</sup> 2015 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Moved:** Felicity Rami      **Seconded:** David Murrungun  
 All agreed by way of consensus.

*Kathy-Anne Numamurdirdi arrives at meeting 3pm.  
 Scott Lewis leave meeting at 3.03pm*

## 5. Business Arising/Action List;

### 5.1. Previous minutes action List

Date action initiated	Action	Responsible Person	Status	Comments
16.02.2016	LA Members asked CSM to get current status of RGRC Dog By Laws for Numbulwar	CSM	Ongoing	16.02.16 Still progressing, RGRC is looking at Dog By Laws in other NT Councils to develop by Laws fro RGRC. To discuss at next LA meeting..
16.02.2016	Decide at next LA Meeting if LA funding should be made available for the Old Cemetery Memorial Project.	LA	Ongoing	16.02.16 RGRC seeking funding to beautify the area. Update at next meeting.
16.02.2016	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.	LA Chairperson	Completed	16.02.16 Funding application successful. Project to start soon.
16.02.2016	Discuss Retail Training with Store and CDP Coordinator	LA Chairperson	Ongoing	16.02.16 To be discussed at next meeting.
13.10.2015	Talk to businesses and people on how to go about clean up Numbulwar campaign.	CSM	Ongoing	16.02.16 To be discussed at next meeting.

## 6. Correspondence

### 6.1. Outgoing Correspondence:

#### 6.1.1 Building and Upgrade of Remote Morgues – Chief Minister Adam Giles/ The Hon Bess Price MLA.

Currently there is still no decision on who will operate the morgue as the planned new clinic for Numbulwar will not have a morgue attached.

### 6.2. Incoming Correspondence:

6.2.1 - Roper Gulf Regional Council Local Authority Meeting Calendar 2016

6.2.2 – Numbulwar Health Clinic and Morgue Facility Upgrade- The Hon John Elferink MLA :

6.2.3 – Numbulwar Town Boundary- Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority

6.2.4- Upgrade Freight Hubs Numbulwar & Ngukurr- Grant application unsuccessful.

The Freight Hub grant application was successful in getting \$1million from NT Government.

The Federal Government’s National Stronger Regions Fund application for \$1million was

unsuccessful. Engineer design documentation to be completed with possibility to reapply for National Stronger Regions Fund Round 3. Local Authority members will be kept updated.

## 7. General Business

### 7.1 \*Elected Member Report:

- Recent OCM was held in Katherine in January
- Councillors chose from three different designs for Town signs and the approved design will now be rolled out in all Roper Gulf Regional Council's towns.
- Cr Kathy- Anne will be attending an Australian Local Government Women's Association Conference in Katherine after attending the Finance Committee Meeting also in Katherine.

**Resolved:** That the Numbulwar Local Authority receive and note the elected members report.

**Moved:** Cheryl Nundhirribala  
All agreed by way of consensus

**Seconded:** Felicity Rami

### 7.2 \*Council Services Managers Report:

- The Vets were in Numbulwar to help desex many female dogs and to check their overall health condition. 6 dogs were put down.
- Update on new dump site project
- Many WHS related incidents were recorded in January mainly property damage with people stealing fuel from Council vehicles.
- Many hazards were identified also through weekly reports on workshop, aged care, council office, sport and rec hall and the municipal yards.
- RSAS contract has been extended for another 12 months with Council ending December 2016.
- Australia Day saw Roland Nundhirribala receive the Australian of the year award for 2016.
- Crocodiles have been spotted along the swamp areas near the foreshore with another two near the barge landing. A Croc trap has been set with the assistance of Homelands crew and Local Police.
- Local Authority recommended the 2 new Solar Lights to be positioned at the Power & Water Corporation Tanks and Basket Ball Court area.
- NT Emergency Services will be in Numbulwar next week to conduct a meeting; volunteers from the community are needed to join the local NTES.
- The cemetery was vandalised over the December period with parts of the panel fencing torn down, which has now been fixed.
- A new speed bump will be put in place near the School and Clinic to reduce speeding.
- Katherine Aviation has been granted approval from NLC and the Department of Infrastructure to install a fuel tank and container at the airport.
- Water Consumption is very high; many garden taps are being replaced.

**Action:** CSM to seek funding for more speed bumps.

**Resolved:** That Local Authority approve of Local Authority Project Funding to be used to purchase some Speed Bumps.

**Moved:** David Murrungun     **Seconded:** Cheryl Nundhirribala  
All agreed by way of consensus

**Resolved:** That the Numbulwar Local Authority receive and note the Council Services Managers report.

**Moved:** Felicity Rami     **Seconded:** Kenny Spicer  
All agreed by way of consensus

### 7.3 **\*Council Financial Reports:**

The Financial Reports were discussed in detail including underspends and overspends.

**Resolved:** That the Numbulwar Local Authority receive and note the 2015/2016 Numbulwar Second Quarter Financial report.

**Moved:** David Murrungun     **Seconded:** Felicity Rami  
All agreed by way of consensus

### 7.4 **\*Governance Updates:**

- **\*Town Priorities – Local Authority Members updated the Town Priority list for the 2016/2017.**

**Action:** CSM to speak with Director of Community Services, Marion Smith about purchasing a PA system for the RSAS Bus.

**Moved:** Kenny Spicer     **Seconded:** Cheryl Nundhirribala  
All agreed by way of consensus

**Resolved:** Local Authority to contribute an increase in funds towards the upgrade of Sport and Rec Hall to \$10,000.

**Moved:** Felicity Rami     **Seconded:** Cheryl Nundhirribala  
All agreed by way of consensus

- **\*Complaints Register** –Complaint made on 22/01/2016 has been completed.
- **\*Policy Updates-**

Abandon Vehicle Policy has been implemented throughout Roper Gulf Regional Council. Council can now identify, remove, store and dispose of abandoned vehicle outside a property fence lines.

Tom Girdler discussed NT Housing also has a policy around un-roadworthy, unregistered or damaged vehicles in the yard as it poses a health risk, removal from property.

**Action:** Local Authority members to invite NT Housing to the Community Meeting once date has been set.

**Moved:** David Murrungun     **Seconded:** Kenny Spicer  
All agreed by way of consensus

- Guideline 8 Nick Sharah, from the Department Local Government, briefed the meeting about the updated Guideline 8 and clarified Local Authority quorums.
- The Local Authority Meeting Calendar was discussed. The Numbulwar Local Authority has confirmed 6 meetings/year and held every 2 months.

**Resolved:** That the Numbulwar Local Authority receive and note the updates from Governance.

**Moved:** Felicity Rami      **Seconded:** Cheryl Nundhirribala  
 All agreed by way of consensus  
*Carl Hansen leaves meeting at 4.34pm*

#### 7.4 \*CDP- Community Development Program:

**Resolved:** That the Numbulwar Local Authority receive and note the Community Development report.

**Moved:** Felicity Rami      **Seconded:** Kenny Spicer  
 All agreed by way of consensus

#### 7.6 \* Alcohol Management Plan: NIL

#### 7.7 Sport and Recreation Program Update:

The Sport and Recreation Facilities Master Plan was discussed at length on the recommendations that the consultant had identified for Numbulwar. Council will use this as a guide for priority upgrades for Numbulwar.

**Resolved:** That the Numbulwar Local Authority receive and note update on Sports and Recreation Program

**Moved:** Felicity Rami      **Seconded:** David Murrungun

#### 7.8 Night Patrol

Police have concerns that Night Patrol isn't working on Friday and Saturday, these are normally busy days.

**Resolved:** Local Authority members for Night Patrol to operate Friday and Saturday's as part of their schedule.

### 8. Other Business

#### 8.1 – Roper Gulf Regional Council Sport and Recreation Facilities Master Plan

**Action:** CSM to hold out of session meeting with Members to discuss the Sport and Rec Plan in detail.

#### 8.2 - Letter of Resignation from former Local Authority Chair, Selena Uibo.

Resignation letter from former Numbulwar Chair Selena Uibo, was read by CSM. Local Authority members acknowledged the letter and wished her well in her future endeavours.

**Moved:** Kenny Spicer      **Seconded:** Felicity Rami

All agreed by way of consensus

**9. Meeting Closed at 5.10pm**

Next Meeting: **May 10th 2016.**