

Monday 22nd February 2016

This meeting was opened at 10.45am by designated Chair Lorraine Bennett and the Roper Gulf Regional Council pledge was read.

1. Present:

Elected Members:

Councillor Selina Ashley

Local Authority Members:

Lorraine Bennett

Deanna Kennedy

Trephina Bush

Raelene Bulumbara

Joseph Brown

Staff:

Helen Hawkins, Council Service Manager

Jo Nicol, Local Authority Coordination Officer

Darcy Boon, Governance Officer

Visitors/Guests:

Moira McCreesh, Principal Alcohol Action Officer

Juanita Jones, Program Coordinator, Department of Correctional Services

Sam Ashley, Department of Correctional Services

Nathanael Knapp, Department of Local Government and Community Services

2. Apologies:

Nil

3. Conflict of Interest-Members & Staff:

Nil

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Resolved: That Beswick Local Authority accepts the Minutes from the previous Local Authority Meeting held on 16th November 2015 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Selina Ashley Seconded: Trephina Bush

All agreed by way of consensus.

5.1. Previous minutes action List

Date action initiated	Action	Responsible Person	Status	Comments
21.09.15	Members are asking for Council to raise the issue of drinking area for Beswick with NLC	DCSI	Ongoing	22.02.16 awaiting a reply from NLC
16.11.15	CSM to present fencing options for lot 57 & 58 for next meeting	CSM	Ongoing	Waiting on quote from fencer.
22.02.16	CSM to put cameras at the Night Patrol compound	CSM	Ongoing	
22.02.16	CSM to put signs up at the cemetery to stop people walking through rather than on the footpath	CSM	Ongoing	

Note: Please note update on Action list at the meeting and update the table.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Outgoing Correspondence:

Tess Cole-Adams Northern Land Council-Re: Lot 3 Beswick

Local Authority member find the current situation at Lot 3 unacceptable.

Resolved: That Council follow up on the issue of Lot 3, and letters are sent to both Bess Price MLA and Larissa Lee MLA.

Moved: Joseph Brown Seconded: Deanna Kennedy

All agreed by way of consensus

6.2 Incoming Correspondence:

Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority- Re: Cost Estimate Beswick Heritage Trail

Resolved: The Beswick Local Authority recommends spending \$5,000 of Local Authority Funding to proceed with obtaining the required Certification from the Aboriginal Protection Authority for the Beswick Heritage Trail Area.

Moved: Cr Selina Ashley Seconded: Trepina Bush.

All Agreed by way of consensus.

ACTION: Actions will appear under each point like this

7. General Business

7.1 *Elected Member Report: Councillor Ashley gave a verbal Report:

- An Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM) was held at Pine Tree Motel Katherine in January 2016.
- Roper Gulf Regional Council has brought a new property, old Landmark Building on Crawford Street to consolidate the offices in town to make rent savings.
- Councillor Ashley raised the issue of too much fighting at Beswick Community and asked Local Authority members to think about how these issues should be dealt with. The trouble makers need to be removed from the community, how can this be done?

The idea of a Petition was raised and Local Authority members will attend the Community Safety meeting held on the first Tuesday of each month. All Local Authority members need to attend this meeting.

Action: CSM to advertise the Community Safety Meeting on Tuesday 1st March and remind LA Members to attend.

Resolved: That the Beswick Local Authority receive and note the elected members report

Moved: Joseph Brown Seconded: Deanna Kennedy

All agree by way of consensus

7.2 *Council Services Managers Report:

Resolved: That the Beswick Local Authority approves the placing of BBQs, Tables and Chairs as per Map.

Moved: Joseph Brown Second: Cr Selina Ashley.

All agreed by way of consensus

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

Moved: Trephina Bush Seconded: Joseph Brown

All agreed by way of consensus

7.3 *Council Financial Reports:

Resolved: That the Beswick Local Authority receive and note the Council Financial report .

Moved: Selina Ashley Seconded: Deanna Kennedy

All agreed by way of consensus

7.4 *Governance Updates:

- *Town Priorities: Were updated. The recommendations for Beswick from the Sport & Recreation Master Plan have been added to the Town Priorities list.
- *Complaints Register. Nil
- *Policy Updates: Tabled

ACTON: CSM put a camera up at Night Patrol centred on the vehicle fuel tank.

Guideline 8: Nat Knapp gave an update on the new changes to Guideline 8.

Beswick Local Authority Members agreed they wanted 4 Local Authority Meetings a year.

Resolved: That the Beswick Local Authority receive and note the updates from Governance

Moved: Selina Ashley Seconded: Joseph Brown

All agreed by way of consensus

7.5 *CDP- Community Development Program:

Resolved: That the Beswick Local Authority receive and note the Community Development Program report.

Moved: Raelene Bulumbara Seconded: Deanna Kennedy

All agreed by way of consensus

7.6 *Alcohol Management Plan:

- Currently aiming to take 4 Community Members to Gumbulunya to see how their club works.
- Still waiting on the results of the survey that was conducted in Beswick some months ago. To be reported on at next Meeting.
- Signage for the Roper Creek drinking area will be going up as soon as possible.
- Phone coverage issue at Roper Creek may be resolved with C.A.T. from Alice Springs, looking at a trial site and will be coming to assess in mid March. This is just an investigation at this stage.

7.7 Sports and Recreation Program Update:

Nil

7.8 Night Patrol:

The proposed new Night Patrol Schedule was presented to Local Authority members.

8. Other Business

8.1. Cemetery Pedestrian Use:

Action: CSM to put up signs at the cemetery gates saying “Show Respect, Please use the footpaths, do not walk through the grave sites”

8.2. Elders Visiting Program:

Juanita Jones, Program Coordinator, gave a brief presentation on the “Katherine East West Regional Plan”. A Regional Forum will be held in Katherine and LA members were invited to attend and find out more about the program and help drive. Contact Sam Ashley or Helen Hawkins Council Services Manager if you would like to attend the Forum.

9. Meeting Closed at 1:20pm Next meeting Monday 16th May