

Borroloola Local Authority Meeting Minutes

Held at the Conference Room,
Council Services Centre

Thursday 07th April 2016

The meeting was opened at 10.30 by the Chair Cr Don Garner and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledged was read.

1. Present:

1.1 Elected Members:

Mayor Tony Jack
Councillor Don Garner

1.2 Local Authority Members:

Lizzie Hogan
Trish Elmy
Marlene Karkadoo
Stan Allen
Bernie Redfern
Mike Longton
Raymond Mawson
Rebecca Gentle

1.3 Staff:

Sharon Hillen-Director Council Services
Nathan McIvor- Council Services Manager
Jo Nicol- Local Authority Coordination Officer
Emma McDonald – Governance Officer

1.4 Visitors/Guests:

Louise Beilby –Office of Aboriginal Affairs
Greg Shanahan – Borroloola Community Champion, NTG
Ken Orwell- Department of Business
Nathaniel Knapp- Department Local Government
Kirk Whelan – Government Engagement Coordinator, PMC
Shonada Anderson- Indigenous Liaison, PMC
Greg Crofts – CEO Mabunji

2. Apologies:

Johnathon Sauer, Maria Pyro, Cr Daniel Mulholland
Apologies Accepted

Moved: Mayor Tony Jack
Carried

Seconded: Mike Longton

3. Conflict of Interest-Members & Staff:

The Roper Gulf Regional Council Conflict of Interest Policy was discussed.
There was no Conflict of Interest tabled.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes from the previous meeting held on 11th of February 2016

Motion: That Borroloola Local Authority accepts the Minutes from the previous Local Authority Meeting held on 11th of February 2016 as true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Mike Longton
Carried

Seconded: Stan Allen

5. Business Arising/Action List;

5.1. Previous minutes action List

Date	Item Description	Responsible Person	Status	Status Comments - Completion Date
5.06.2014	LA recommends a Waste Management Strategy is drawn up for the Borroloola region, including recycling capability and planning for future	DITS	Ongoing	Action incorporated into RGRC Waste Management Strategy. A newly formed Waste Management Strategy Committee is driving this Action. 07.04.16 Funding application in for a Consultant.
5.06.2014	LA recommends that Council actively watch & provide information on status of housing in Borroloola with regard to SIHIP money.	Council	Ongoing	09.02.16 -Recommendation: Invite NTG Dept Housing & Dept Lands & Planning next LA Mtg for update. Check with Sharon Hillen if any respond.
5.06.2014	LA request RGRC lobby for wider area of mobile phones and internet access	Council	Completed	11.02.16 NBN by end of 2016 Approach Telstra for their plan. 07.04.16 submission to Blackspot, 11 areas including Borroloola.
5.06.2014	Write to P & W requesting they maintain lighting in all camps in Borroloola.	Council To follow up with Power & water	Completed	Update- P&W owned assets, Town Camps not Councils responsibility. 04.09.2014 Ongoing
04.12.2014	Send letter to Julie Bennett requesting the Power Station buffer zone be removed completely and that government consider relocation of the Power House to a more desirable destination.	DITS/Council	Completed	06.08.15 – Ongoing: LA member would like a formal response form Department of Lands and Planning as well as Power & Water re the removal of the buffer zone 07.04.16 - LA members encouraged to attend Economic Development Workshop to be held in next 2 mths
06.08.2015	Respond to incoming Letter from National trust (NT) Gulf Branch	Marc Gardener	Completed	09.02.16 upgrade road to museum Heritage Trail waiting for feedback. 07.04.16 Road Audit done and Condition Report
06.08.2015	Seek quotes on trees for swimming pool and to look into a pool shade cloth with a vent through the middle for the wade pool, present quotes at upcoming meeting Arrange quotes for purchasing park benches for Tamarind Park, Rocky Park and Show Grounds, looking at around \$20,000-30,000	CSM	Commenced	Landscaping & Planning with DCSI 07.04.16, join both Actions 07.04.16 LA prefers using Local where possible
06.08.2015	Write & distribute letters to cattle & horse owners in town to allow owners time collect and make sure stock is in fenced area	CSM	Ongoing	09.02.16 Letter sent to owners. DPIF in Tennant Ck Contacted. 07.04.16 LA Recommends using Legal options for removal.

* Denotes permanent Agenda items

06.08.2015	Arrange quotes for purchasing park benches for Tamarind Park, Rocky Park and Show Grounds, looking at around \$20,000-30,000	CSM	Completed	09.02.16 Purchase from Kokoda benches. 07.04.16, join both Actions
06.08.2015	Look at combining services; Youth, Sport & Rec and Night Patrol to help in the assistance of John Moriarty and other Sporting and Rec Orgs in Borroloola	Mayor Jack, Councillor Don Garner and CSM Nathan Mclvor	Completed	
8.10.2015	Provide LA members with more Information about the engineered stand for the Score Board.	CSM	Ongoing	
5.11.2015	Send out Town Priorities to all LA members to help in making a decision on spending 2014-2015 remaining funding.	Director Council Services	Completed	
5.11.2015	Strategic Plan for the Swimming Pool	CSM	Ongoing	
5.11.2015	Write a letter of thanks to the Borroloola Power and Water Officer	Council	Completed	
11.02.2016	Night patrol manager to review how night patrol team is working and report back to L.A at next meeting	Night patrol manger	Completed	07.04.16 There are currently a number of vacancies in NP
11.02.2016	CSM to send master plan to Brian Kim mings, who has raised issue with Mayor about using the facility	CSM	Completed	
11.02.2016	CSM to find out details about Dump Truck and respond back to Local Authority	CSM	Completed	
11.02.2016	CSM to organise out of session meeting with Local Authority members	CSM	Completed	
11.02.2016	CSM to find out about how Sports & Recreation Program can be delivered at Borroloola Out Stations	CSM	Completed	07.04.16 Troopie has been obtained
11.02.2016	Ensure a copy of the Roper Gulf regional Council's meeting procedures policy is at Local Authority meetings	Kirsten Anderson	Completed	
11.02.2016	CSM to get quote on Cemetery fencing	CSM	Ongoing	
11.02.2016	Mike Longton to speak to Telstra about mobile NBN, report back to next Local Authority meeting	Council	Ongoing	07.04.16 Continuing .Need to get Tower erected higher

Motion: To accept Action List updates

Moved: Stan Allen **Seconded:** Mike Longton

Carried

6. Correspondence

6.1. Outgoing Correspondence:

Nil

6.2. Incoming Correspondence:

- Galvanised Street lights for Yanyula
- R2R project map & Tonkin 3 stage map
- CBD upgrade project

RGRC was successful in obtaining Roads to Recovery Funding and have engaged Tonkin to do the consultation re: CBD Upgrade Project. The project will be done in Stages.

Stage 1, 2015/2016 Financial year – drains underground at Yanyula Camp, footpath, Wombat Crossing.

Stage 2, written into 2016/2017 Budget- Searcey Street upgrade, Upgrade Tourist Information Bay, Trees and reposition the Dump Point.

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Action: Sharon to follow up with Power and Water re: moving the Dump Point immediately-see Map

Action: Sharon to contact Tonkin re: New Dump Point

Action: Update the Information Points in Town re: New Dump Point

- Compactor Update- Hand Over & Training 24th June 2016

Motion: That the Correspondence for the Borroloola Local Authority be received and noted.

Moved: Mayor Jack **Seconded:** Bernie Redfern

Carried

ACTION: Actions will appear under each point like this

7. General Business

7.1 *Elected Member Report:

Mayor attended briefing day at OCM held in Barunga March.

There were discussions on Ward Reports and Members improved attendance.

Ngukurr has been struggling with getting a quorum, the new changes to Guideline 8 have improved this.

The Mayor is counted as a member of all Local Authorities-10 Towns

Two new Policies; Review of Elected Members Allowance and Review Local Authority Policy

Feral animals are an increasing problem especially at Beswick, Barunga, Bulman, Manyallaluk and Numbulwar.

Mines set to open again in the Ngukurr Region.

Council has been asked to make a submission on GMO Cotton by the Office of Gene Technology Register. Step 1 will be to disseminate the information, Step 2 will be Feedback.

Motion: That the Borroloola Local Authority receive and note the Elected Members report.

Moved: Bernie Redfern

Seconded: Mike Longton

Carried

7.2 *Council Services Managers Report:

Council Service Manger noted the fantastic turnout for Clean Up Australia Day 41 participants including MRM and Mabunji.

Motion: That the Borroloola Local Authority receive and note the Council Services Managers report.

Moved: Bernie Redfern

Seconded: Mayor Tony Jack

Carried

7.3 *Council Financial Reports: Nil

7.4 *Governance Updates:

- ***Town Priorities** - Tabled and Updated
- ***Complaints Register**- 14-Jan-16 LA member-Ongoing
- ***Policy Updates:**

Review of Elected Members Allowance-CL006
Review Local Authority Policy-LA001

Borroloola Local Authority Members agreed to having 11 appointed members to the Borroloola Local Authority.

Motion: That the Borroloola Local Authority receive and note the updates from Governance.

Moved: Mike Longton **Seconded:** Marlene Karkadoo
Carried

7.5 *CDP-Community Development Program:

As the result of a recent meeting with Gulf Savannah Northern Territory and Council, an agreement is being implement for a crew of CDP participants to shadow the Municipal Team.

7.6 *Alcohol Management Plan: No Updates

7.7 Sports and Recreation Program Update:

Youth are currently actively engaging with the program.

Complaints the music is too loud has been rectified with the Disco now finishing at 10pm.

The Sport and Recreation Centre has been getting pelted with stones, so badly one night the Program was shut down. Also stones being thrown at vehicles.

A Troopie has been secured to transport participants from Outstations to Sport & Rec Programs in Borroloola.

The Val Seib Dinner will be held at the Savannah way on Monday night all are invited to attend.

Motion: That the Borroloola Local Authority receive and note update on Sports and Recreation Program.

Moved: Mike Longton **Seconded:** Trish Elmy
Carried

8. Other Business

8.1 Housing:

There is an overarching Housing Reference Group (HRG) dealing centrally with Housing Funding \$14.5 Million. The funds will be split to the individual HRG in each Town camp to decide on how it should be expended.
Land Release is currently going through Native Title.

It was pointed out that \$56 Million was the original SIHIP sum, even though this figure has not been able to be substantiated however the Local Authority needs to be kept abreast of the housing issues and funding.

8.2 Update on AFL Progress:

Mayor Jack provided an update on the AFL. First meeting held Monday 4th April 2016 with a disappointing turnout. There was a discussion about community issues including; break ins, stone throwing, fighting etc.

Football will bridge a gap encouraging participants to be responsible, respectful and to show leadership.

Funding will come from McArthur River Mine Community Benefit Trust.:-

15 week Program starts on 23rd April with 5 Teams, each round will focus on a particular community issue; Leadership, Domestic Violence, Driving Safe etc

Softball: Trish Elmy gave an update on the status of the Softball Competition. There is a current Committee and it is up and running.

Motion: Borroloola Local Authority gives its support to both AFL and Softball Committee and there up and coming season.

Moved: Mike Longton **Seconded:** Raymond Mawson

Carried

8.3 Tamarind Park:

Mike Longton gave an update on the status of Tamarind Park and its importance to the Borroloola and NT Communities as a Historical Site. He has started on mock ups of story boards with specific sites of significant eg: Post Office, Store etc.

The Large Rock to support Plaques acknowledging Community members.

Wish List was tabled.

Mike acknowledged the support he had received so far from Rebecca Gentle and Mabunji.

Motion: That the Borroloola Local Authority commit \$20,000 of NTG Local Authority Funding to the Tamarind Park Project for Story Boards

Moved: Stan Allen **Seconded:** Trish Elmy

Carried

Action: Mike Longton to send Story Board information to Sharon Hillen who will have them designed then bring back to Borroloola Local Authority for approval.

8.4 Sport & Recreation Master Plan:

The Sport and Recreation Master Plan was discussed

Action: Resend Sport & Recreation Master Plan to Local Authority members for Comment.

8.4 Cemetery:

Stan Allen raised some issues;

Quotes for Fencing are currently being sought.

Cemetery is being mowed today.

Queries about painting the front fence and upgrading post and rails.

End of Josie Street has bad road ruts near Health Clinic. Will be addressed in the head works of the new development.

Local Authority were reminded to report operational issues to the CSM immediately so they can be rectified in a timely matter also encourage Community members to do so as well.

Action: CSM to investigate road.

8.5 Kirk Whelan: Update; filling in the Government Engagement Coordinators position for 4-6 weeks.

8.6 Greg Crofts: Update on Mabunji; New Accountant starting in May, New Creche has gone out to Tender, \$50,000 towards a Nursery Operation that will be run by Corrections and Families.

8.7 Nathan McIvor will be taking up the CSM position in Manyallaluk, his role will include identifying and supporting potential Indigenous Leaders to hold positions in the Senior Management Team.

Recruitment will begin for the Borroloola CSM Position.

The Borroloola Local Authority thanked Nathan for his time at Borroloola.

9. Meeting Closed 12:55pm Next Meeting Thursday 9th June 2016