

# Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting Minutes

Held in the Alawa Board Room

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016

The Meeting was opened at 11.07am by the Chair Samuel Daylight and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

## 1. Present:

### 1.1 Elected Members:

Acting Mayor Judy MacFarlane  
Councillor Annabelle Daylight

### 1.2 Local Authority Members:

Samuel Daylight (Chairperson)  
Samuel Swanson  
James Nuggett  
Clive Roberts  
Ken Muggeridge

### 1.3 Staff:

Jo Nicol, Local Authority Coordinator (Minute Taker)  
Chris Cookson, Regional Night Patrol Manager,  
Juan Hernandez, Regional Night Patrol Coordinator,

### 1.4 Visitors/Guests:

Trevor Troy, Department of Infrastructure  
Nic Sharah, Department Local Government & Community Services  
Elle Fuller, Department Local Government & Community Services  
Nathan Fanning, Department Local Government & Community Services  
John Smiler, CDP, ALAWA Aboriginal Corporation.

## 2. Apologies:

Marc Gardner

Apologies Accepted

**Moved:** Ken Muggeridge  
Carried

**Seconded:** Clive Roberts

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

Nil

## 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

**Recommendation:** That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority accept the minutes from the previous Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 as true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Moved:** Clive Roberts  
Carried

**Seconded:** Cr Daylight

## 5. Business Arising/Action List;

### 5.1. Previous minutes action List

Date	Agenda Item #	Item Description	Responsible Person	Status	Status Comments - Completion Date
14.05.2015		Kewulyi Outstation Cemetery needs to be fenced to protect the integrity of the Grave sited and markers erected.	CDP Regional Manager/Marc Gardner	Ongoing	24.06.15 Pending Cemetery ACT Review. 13.08.15 Marc to follow up 01.03.2016 Marc to follow up for next LA meeting 12.05.16 Application to SPG for mesh fence, if unsuccessful will try and use leftover material and install a lower quality fence. 07.07.16 Funding received, Outstations to do fencing soon
14.05.2015		Investigate Solar Light Funding possibilities for Kewulyi Outstation where the Telephone is.	Dir Commercial Services	Ongoing	13.08.2015 Pending Funding 01.03.2016 Applied for funding, unsuccessful. 11.08.2016-Funding Reapplication successful
		Dump needs of attention, prioritised and pushed up by June 2015.	CEO Alawa	Completed	13.08.2015 Currently investigating new Dump site. 01.03.16 Recently pushed up, Alawa will maintain.
15.10.2015		Ask PMC for a formal statement for Council outlining both Federal and NT Governments positions on AMPs.	Director DCS&I	Ongoing	
9.11.2015		Local Authority Members recommend Nathanael Knapp find out the current Lease Status at Minyerri	NLC & Federal Govt.	Ongoing	Lease Agreement delivered at Cattle Management Meeting by NLC & Federal Government- More information has been requested.
9.11.2015		Find out from NT Housing the current Lease status	Tom Girdler	Completed	No Lease
9.11.2015		Put the HRG on the ALAWA Corp Agenda for next meeting and report back to Hodgson Downs Local Authority the outcome.	LA Members	Ongoing	01.03.2016 Alawa CEO to follow Up 11.08.2016-Next meeting
01.03.2016	8.0 Other	Roper Gulf Regional Council to provide a solution that is suitable to the Hodgson Downs Local Authority that potentially employs a Housing Maintenance Officer and Community Housing Officer on site.		Ongoing	12.05.2016 Currently no presence in Minyerri to employ directly. Looking at alternate arrangements including weekly back up from Jilkmिंगgan HMO. 11.08.2016 Follow up

\* Denotes permanent Agenda items

## 6. Correspondence

### 6.1. Outgoing Correspondence:

### 6.2. Incoming Correspondence:

Department Local Government and Community services, Housing Leases  
06.07.2016-NT Government Information on Lead

**ACTION:** Actions will appear under each point like this

## 7. General Business

### 7.1 \*Elected Member Report:

- Mayor Tony Jack has resigned from Council to take part in the Northern Territory Elections to be held 27<sup>th</sup> August 2016. If unsuccessful he will resume his role as Mayor after Elections.
- Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane has stepped into the Acting Mayor position.
- The Sport & Recreation Master Plan has been passed by Council.
- Rates and Charges have been passed at the last OCM in July held in Katherine.

**Recommendation:** That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the Elected Members report.

**Moved:** Ken Muggeridge  
Carried

**Seconded:** James Nuggett

### 7.2 \*Managers Report:

- Business has been operating as usual, services are running well.
- \*Work Health and Safety Update- Follow up with visit from RGRC Work Health & Safety.

**Recommendation:** That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the Council Services Managers report.

**Moved:** Mayor Judy MacFarlane  
Carried

**Seconded:** Samuel Daylight

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

A request was made to have Financial Reports made larger for easier viewing.

**Recommendation:** That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the Council Financial report.

**Moved:** Clive Roberts

**Seconded:** Samuel Swanson

\* Denotes permanent Agenda items

Carried

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

- **\* Local Authority Funding Update-** Carry over \$7,878.32 of 2015/2016 funds.
- **\*Complaints Register-** Nil
- **\*Policy Updates-**

**Recommendation:** That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the updates from Governance.

**Moved:** Ken Muggeridge                      **Seconded:** James Nuggett

Carried

#### 7.5 **Community services Update** (Night patrol):

- Currently Chris Cookson is Regional Manager, Juan Hernandez Night Patrol Coordinator will be responsible for Minyerri.
- The Contractual Arrangements are being put in place for ALAWA to take over the delivery of Night Patrol services in Minyerri. It is expected that arrangements will be in place within the next 2 months.
- Roper Gulf Regional Council will have responsibility for the Night Patrol Vehicle, including servicing, supply Night Patrol Uniforms and Wage payments.
- All reporting will be via ALAWA.

**Recommendation:** That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the Night Patrol update.

**Moved:** Mayor Judy MacFarlane              **Seconded:** Cr Daylight

Carried

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

- Currently ALAWA subcontracts the CDP program through Roper Gulf Regional Council.
- CDP has approximately 178 CDP Participants for Minyerri on the books and around 30% participation rate.
- ALAWA wants to review the current CDP Contract and is currently having discussions with Roper Gulf Regional Council.
- Mayor Judy MacFarlane noted that CDP at Jilkminggan and Mataranka was working really well and a visit to see how things were being done elsewhere may be inspiring.
- Chair Samuel Daylight also mentioned he was undertaking a Health and Well Being Program with Aged Care and was hoping to engage CDP Participants to help. Samuel is undertaking the Health & Well Being Program as part of his work for First Circles, NT Government Leadership Program.

**Recommendation:** That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the Community Development report.

**Moved:** Clive Roberts                      **Seconded:** Johnathon Walla

Carried

## 7.7 \* Alcohol Management Plan:

**Action:** Request update from Barry Clarke, GEC, for November Local Authority meeting.

## 8. Other Business

### 8.1 New Housing:

Trevor Troy, Department of Infrastructure, briefed Members on the new Remote Public Housing rollout that will be undertaken in early 2017.

- Trevor will be consulting with Community about the new building
- Minyerri will receive 6 new replacement houses/6 houses to be knocked down.
- Currently looking at 6 houses to be demolished, Lots 21, 23, 30, 32, 40, & 41 have been identified, Lots 14 and 43 were unacceptable to the LA.
- Power & water are currently doing a Strategic Plan for the Minyerri Community
- There are potential business opportunities for ALAWA and job opportunities
- The Dump will need to be accessed and there is specific funding set aside for Asbestos removal.
- Trevor will attend the next ALAWA Board Meeting to present information.

**Action:** Ken to contact Trevor with regards to attending next ALAWA meeting.

**Action:** Trevor will contact Big Rivers Region Waste Management Consultant to advise on the Dump.

**Recommendation:** The Hodgson Downs Local Authority recommends Nic Sharah, Department Local Government a& Community Services, follow up and report back to LA on the Roper Gulf Regional Council, Housing Maintenance Officer issues and Lots 18 and 2.

**Moved:** Mayor Judy MacFarlane      **Seconded:** Ken Muggerridge  
Carried

## 9. Meeting Closed 12.53pm- next meeting Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016

