

MINUTES OF THE NGUKURR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE ROPER  
GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT THE GULAMAN CENTRE, NGUKURR  
ON WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL 2017 AT 10:50AM

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**1. PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS**

**1.1 Elected Members**

Councillor Daphne Daniels (Chairperson)

Councillor Eric Roberts

**1.2 Elected Members**

Bobby Nunggumajbarr

Colin Hall

Walter Rogers

Robin Rogers

**1.3 Staff**

Amanda Haigh – Governance Manager (Minute Taker)

Sharon Hillen – Director of Council and Community Services

David Calleja – Local Authority Support Coordinator

Candy Coates – Senior Administration Support Officer (Minute Taker)

Marc Gardner – Director Contracts & Technical Services

Tanya Joshua – Administration Officer

Darcie Boon – Governance (via video conference)

Virginya Boon – Assets (via video conference)

Penny Henderson – Contracts (via video conference)

John Hickey – Youth Development, Sport & Rec Coordinator

**1.4 Guests**

Ben Laidlaw – ARDS / Power & Water

Nat Knapp – Department of Housing and Community Development

Jeanie Goven – Deputy Chief Minister

Linda Williams – Ngukurr School

Ameretta Weson – PM&C IEO

Craig Singleton – PM&C GEC

Trevor Collins – Ngukurr CEU

Martin Scholinger – Yugul Mangi Development

Kevin Fisher – NTG Housing

## **2. MEETING OPENED**

Meeting opened at 10:50am

## **3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

Chairperson Cr Daphne Daniels welcomed members, staff and guests and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

## **4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**21/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Bobby Nunggumajbarr)**

(a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority accept the apologies of Keith Rogers, Jerry Ashley and Renelle Rogers for the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting 5 April 2017.

## **5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**22/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Bobby Nunggumajbarr)**

(a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

## **6. CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS**

1. DRAINAGE AT OVAL /BMX TRACK

## **7. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at this Ngukurr Local Authority.

## **8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **8.1 ACTION LIST**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Agenda Item #</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Status Comments - Completion Date</b>
06.04.16	6.2 Incoming correspondence Victims of Crime Solar Light Quote	Form a Community Safety Committee and update Community Safety Action Plan.	Area Manager/LA	Ongoing	11.05.2016: No Action. LA members and Police to work together to make a meeting date. 07.09.16: Community Safety Action Plan was presented; no Community Safety Committee is place-discuss at upcoming Stakeholder Meeting. <b>05.04.17 Solar lights awaiting delivery</b>

07.09.2 016	6.2 Incoming Correspondence	Area Manger to find out status of the Morgue promised to Ngukurr Community as per letter and will funding be honoured by new Government.	Area Manager	<b>Comple te</b>	16.11.16 Agenda Item
07.09.2 016	8.3 Presentation Water Supply and Demand Issues	Call a Community Meeting to discuss Water Supply & Demand Issues ask P&W to attend.	Area Manager	<b>Comple te</b>	16.11.16 Not held yet. water awareness campaign will be coming soon as the current water usage is 14.8 litres/sec and the preferred usage is 8 litres/sec. 05.04.17 PAWA in attendance at meeting
11.05.2 016	7.3 Council Financial Reports	Provide Yugul Mangi and Milwarpara Representatives complete breakdown of Pool costs after all saving measures have been factored in as soon as possible also table at next LA meeting.	Area Manager	<b>Comple te</b>	07.09.2016: Sharon will email requested groups. 16.11.16 Give Sharon a date. 05.04.17 in agenda
16.11.2 016	11.11 Community Services Report Night Patrol	LA request Night Patrol Statistics of nightly reports and the Sat Nav. to the next meeting	DCCS	Ongoing	<b>05.04.17 New Coordinator data present at next meeting</b>
16.11.2 016	12.5 Stakeholders Meeting	Council to help promote the next meeting via BRACS for 7th December 2016	DCCS	Ongoing	<b>05.04.17 Next meeting to be advertised</b>

**23/2017 RESOLVED (Robin Rogers/Eric Roberts)**

**(a) That Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Action List.**

## **9. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

NIL

## **10. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

### **10.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Michael Berto to Joe Morrison, CEO Northern Land Council confirming \$1m in funds from NT Government and \$1m from Federal Government to develop our existing Freight Hubs in providing sealed areas with drainage formalising heavy traffic in town.

There are planning issues with the location; the unloading area in the zone is not accepted by the Planning Authority. Existing site is located in 'Community Use' zone

but ideal site as it is flat and does not need any fill or additional construction. Surveyors are coming out to survey lots and will be presented to NLC at meeting in June.

**24/2017 RESOLVED (Bobby Nungumajbarr/Colin Hall)**

- (a) **That Ngukurr Local Authority accept the Outgoing Correspondence.**

## **11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **11.1 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT**

Cr Daniels informed the LA that at the OCM in Manyallaluk:

- presentation on Cemetery Legislation which covers register, develop a cemetery plan, reporting, consulting with community.
- PAWA installation of new metre boxes
- Governance training – important for all members to come, we have issues with quorum and attendance and have had to postpone too many meetings.
- LA project funding needs to be spent by June
- Housing Room to Breath report and the new housing plan is in the Council office.
- Local Government Election coming up if anyone is interested in nominating and reminder everyone needs to be enrolled to vote.

Cr Roberts encourages young people, future leaders, to ‘step up’ and share their ideas and work towards a stable and safe community. Has attended many trainings and commitments as a councillor.

**25/2017 RESOLVED (Robin Rogers/Bobby Nungumajbarr)**

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the verbal Elected Member Report.**

### **11.2 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT**

Janeen is on leave. Community is looking good, clean and tidy. Good feedback from LA members.

**26/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Bobby Nungumajbarr)**

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the verbal report on Council Services in Ngukurr.**

### **11.3 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT**

LA request a detailed Municipal Outstation Report be available at all LA Meetings.

**27/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Bobby Nungumajbarr)**

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Ngukurr financial report for the Second quarter of 2016-17.**

#### **11.4 GOVERNANCE REPORT - POLICY UPDATE**

**28/2017 RESOLVED (Bobby Nungumajbarr/Colin Hall)**

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the reviewed HR011 Leave Policy approved by Council.**

#### **11.5 NEW AND REVIEWED POLICIES**

**29/2017 RESOLVED (Bobby Nungumajbarr/Eric Roberts)**

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the new and reviewed policies approved by Council.**

#### **11.6 GOVERNANCE REPORT - COMPLAINTS REGISTER**

**30/2017 RESOLVED (Robin Rogers/Colin Rogers)**

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Complaints Register.**

#### **11.7 GOVERNANCE REPORT - LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE**

\$155k (approx) funding is available and approximately \$47,000 of this has been allocated to pool equipment.

John Hickey requested more lane ropes for the swimming pool.

Other areas of consideration are the drainage for the oval, outdoor soccer posts and development of volleyball court.

**31/2017 RESOLVED (Bobby Nungumajbarr/Robin Rogers)**

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the report on the Local Authority Project funding.**
- (b) That the Ngukurr Local Authority allocate the \$47,473.70 Local Authority Project Funds to pool equipment.**

#### **11.8 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT - INDIGENOUS ADVANCEMENT STRATEGY - REQUEST FOR SUPPORT**

**32/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Robin Rogers)**

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority support Council's application to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy for funding to continue delivering the Indigenous Sport and Recreation Program and the Indigenous Youth Reconnect Program.**

#### **11.9 TOWN PRIORITIES 2017-2018**

Upgrade of Barge Road and Landing is now a matter of urgency.

Installation of Bus Stops through the town at Top Camp, Bottom Camp and opposite the Store to be added to LA Grant List.

Installation of water fountains to swimming pool and oval.

NT Government to provide funding for flood lighting to the oval.

Upgrade of Dump and surrounds: Stage 1 to commence in dry season.

Rehabilitate road surface on Pool and Oval streets to be completed by end of the dry season.

Development of a permanent Heavy Vehicle Truck Stop and turning bay with road signage to be completed by end of the dry season.

Development of a multi purpose centre, public toilet and stage is ongoing.

Fencing program is ongoing.

Development of an AMP – consult with broader community through public meetings to plan is ongoing.

**33/2017 RESOLVED (Robin Rogers/Bobby Nunggumajbarr)**

**(a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority decided on the Town Priorities for the 2017/18 Regional Plan.**

#### **11.10 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

**34/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/ Bobby Nunggumajbarr)**

**(a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the report on Animal Management.**

#### **11.11 FREIGHT HUB UPDATE**

**The update on the Freight Hub was discussed in Incoming Correspondence.**

#### **11.12 WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY UPDATE**

Fencing to be assigned to designated area.

Provision for recycling depot

Part time position will become available.

**35/2017 RESOLVED (Colin Hall/Eric Roberts)**

**(a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Waste Management Facility Update.**

### **11.13 NGUKURR POOL**

A reminder of the opening times.

The items listed in the report are to be funded by the LA Project Funding.

**36/2017 RESOLVED (Colin Hall/Daphne Daniels)**

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Ngukurr Pool update.**

### **11.14 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**37/2017 RESOLVED (Colin Hall/Bobby Nunggumajbarr)**

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note update on Community Services**

### **11.15 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT - NIGHT PATROL**

Bobby raised issues with Night Patrol being too many officers in one vehicle, no phone contact and not patrolling efficiently.

Day Patrol to be introduced.

Cr Daniels stated the community is not aware of restructuring of Night Patrol time schedules.

Sharon Hillen identified there are significant issues in Ngukurr and a new Night Patrol Coordinator is based in Ngukurr.

Night Patrol to be included in the next Elders Committee meeting agenda and the Area Manager and Night Patrol Coordinator to be invited to the meeting.

**38/2017 RESOLVED (Daphne Daniels/Eric Roberts)**

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority accept the Ngukurr Community Night Patrol report.**

### **11.16 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**39/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/ Bobby Nunggumajbarr)**

- (a) **That Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the CDP report.**

### **11.17 CEMETERY UPDATE**

**40/2017 RESOLVED (Collin Hall/Daphne Daniels)**

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the update on the Proposed Cemeteries Law.**

### **11.18 HOUSING UPDATE**

“Room to Breathe” Program initiated to:

- create extra living space for families due to overcrowding
- 3 Houses in Ngukurr to get early works
- \$10m budget allocated from 1 July
- Works on super overcrowded houses with average of 18 people living in them.

Important that Tenancy have details of all people living in the houses.

Culture is taken into account when allocating homes.

Any issues report to Housing Officer and if no communication back to Housing Officer.

**41/2017 RESOLVED (Robin Rogers/Colin )**

- (a) **That Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the update on housing in Ngukurr.**

Seven teachers have had their houses broken into over Christmas period.

Eight teachers have applied for relocation in the last week.

Require fencing to be fixed and bars put on doors and windows.

Security has been employed to patrol School housing over the holidays.

School programs at risk eg Horse Programs if teachers leave.

**42/2017 RESOLVED (Bobby Nungumajbarr/Walter Rogers)**

- (b) **That Ngukurr Local Authority supports the teacher housing high fencing and security bars in Ngukurr.**

## **11.19 POWER AND WATER UPDATE**

**43/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Bobby Nungumajbarr)**

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the update on Power and Water Services new metre boxes at Ngukurr.**

## **12. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **12.1 OVAL AND BMX TRACK - Councillor Eric Roberts**

Suggested that the LA spend some Project funding on the BMX track. DCCS to investigate and bring back to the LA options.

Add the BMX track to the Town Priority List.

## **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 2.08 pm.

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Chairperson