

MINUTES OF THE NGUKURR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE ROPER
GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM COUNCIL
SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE, NGUKURR ON WEDNESDAY, 9 AUGUST 2017
AT 10:30AM

1. PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

Councillor Daphne Daniels (Chairperson)
Councillor Eric Roberts

1.2 Local Authority Members

Bobby Nunggumajbarr
Colin Hall
Ian Gumbula
Jerry Ashley

1.3 Staff

Sharon Hillen – Director of Council and Community Services (DCCS)
Kym Henderson – EA to Director of Council and Community Services
Marc Gardner – Director of Commercial Services (DCS)
Amanda Haigh – Governance Manager
Chantal Binding – Local Authority Support Coordinator (Minute Taker)
Janeen Bulsey – Area Manager Roper

1.4 Guests

Selina Uibo – Member for Arnhem
Eva Lawler – Minister for Education
Nadia Phillips – Department of Education
Kristy Bennett – Department Housing & Community Development
Surinder Crichton - Department of Health's Alcohol Action Initiative
Ken Orwell – Department of Trade Business & Innovation
Cindy Haddow – Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet
Jeanie Govan – Department of Chief Minister
Will Caskey – AIRSGT NT Police
Jeremy Cross – Constable NT Police

2. PROVISIONAL MEETING OPENED

Meeting opened at 11:46am

3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Chairperson Councillor 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

Apologies received from Michael Berto CEO Roper Gulf Regional Council and resident and Elected Member nominee Owen Turner.

69/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Bobby Nunggumajbarr)

(a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority accept the apologies of Walter Rogers for the Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting 9 August 2017.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION - EVA LAWLER

- A key thing to get out to all schools in the NT, so far have visited three quarters of the schools including Urapunga, Jilkminggan, Mataranka and Katherine.
- Here to listen to people on the ground about ideas and concerns to help make good decisions about education.
- Education is the most important thing, read and write in English and to get a job.
- Minister left her contact details.

Minister, Nadia Phillips and Selina Uibo left meeting at 12:00pm.

Jerry Ashley requesting to be picked up for future LA Meetings.

COMMUNITY SAFETY - NT POLICE

Current issues:

- Vehicles hooning/drink driving.
- Alcohol management (North River Crossing).
- Break-ins increasing (RGRC & YMCA Ranger Sheds).
- Cultural punishment and ceremony currently may need to use this option.
- Unlawful entry of 4 – 7 year olds offenders, i.e. 5 year old smashed Swim School Prado.
- Elders Group Forum – police attended a couple of months back, not sure who takes the minutes. Started by Marcus, give power back in community to deal with issues in house before a police matter.
- Non residents/people not from here, especially Darwin bringing in drugs and selling in Ngukurr. Marijuana laced with ice, costs a lot. May need to look at ensuring Permits are issued for visitors to enter community and policing of these permits to ensure everyone is permitted to be in community maybe required.
- Gambling complaints and more young people (12 – 13 years) gambling and fighting. Need to get the affected community members away from problem, i.e. outstations, culture camps, fishing, diversification programs, employment. No-one is doing this, families need support services such as counselling and rehabilitation for affected families (alcohol/drugs), kids not attending school.

Sharon Hillen – Youth Services Program Update

- In the past not dedicated Case Management, going to be a qualified Case

Manager and Casual position to help identify affected youth at school, Right Path Project, maybe help 5 out of 30 kids.

- Also utilise Night Patrol report information and report kids to the Case Manager and Services for those kids.

General Points raised by LA Members and others present:

- Community members try and communicate with affected families but they don't want help and others interfering.
- Deal with issues in house first rather than judicial process, e.g. outstation prison concept/camps.
- Stakeholder meetings not happening in the community, not working together, need more stakeholders coming to meetings, e.g. School, Sunrise Health.
- RGRC have funding for Youth Services, but staffing issues here.
- Curfew option may need to be looked at – Police have powers, currently happening in Alice Springs.

NT Police continued:

- Suggest Road Education Program with senior students, apply for drivers licence, training and upgrading, construction e.g. heavy equipment.
- Staffing with 4th position advertised, new police station with facilities next year including cells, housing up to 5, bigger station with shift ability, more coverage.
- Will be down to 2 officers as one officer is moving; will be an Aboriginal position APO. APL position (liaison) pushing for but no funding yet.
- Issue with people drunk/drugs and driving under the influence before work. Suggest organisations implement Alcohol and Drug testing before work each day, explained issues with this, a policy is needed for organisations. RGRC has a policy in place which includes random testing of employees.
- Speed limits will be painted on roads as signs are being destroyed and removed.

Police left the meeting at 12:37pm.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

70/2017 RESOLVED (Ian Gumbula/Colin Hall)

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Ngukurr Local Authority's Meeting held on Wednesday 17th May 2017.**

6. CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER BUSINESS

1. Toward Zero Road Safety
2. 2017 NT Council Election Remote Voting Schedule
3. Department of Health Alcohol Action Initiative
4. Ngukurr Pool Entrance – Proposed New Turnstile
5. New Local Authority Nomination
6. Stronger Community Program (Youth at Risk)
7. Ngukurr News Office Space
8. Outstations
9. Rainbow Street Contract
10. Clinic Update
11. Housing Facility in Ngukurr (not discussed as Bobby left meeting)

12. Bridge Update (not discussed as Bobby left meeting)

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest at this Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting:

- Councillor Eric Roberts as Chairman of Millwarparra Aboriginal Corporation.
- Councillor Daphne Daniels as Editor of Ngukurr News.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 ACTION LIST

71/2017 RESOLVED (Ian Gumbula/Eric Roberts)

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

| Date | Agenda Item # | Item Description | Responsible Person | Status | Status Comments - Completion Date |
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| 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 | Complete | 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. 05.04.17 Solar lights awaiting delivery 17.05.17 9 solar lights due for delivery now road is open. 4 at hand – awaiting delivery of poles. |
| 16.11.16 | 11.11 Community Services Report Night Patrol | LA request Night Patrol Statistics of nightly reports and the Sat Nav. to the next meeting | DCCS | Complete | 05.04.17 New Coordinator data present at next meeting 11.05.17 Report in Agenda 17.05.17 Report presented at meeting. |
| 16.11.16 | 12.5 Stakeholders Meeting | Council to help promote the next meeting via BRACS for 7th December 2016 | DCCS | Complete | 05.04.17 Next meeting to be advertised. 17.05.17 In process of sending out messages for council, animal management, CDU Surveys and introduction to visitors to our community. Please contact Candy 8975 4656 or candy.coates@ropergulf.nt.gov.au if you would like to arrange any announcement for Keith Rogers, Media Officer. |
| 17.05.17 | 9.1 Incoming Correspondence | Write a letter back to Ngukurr Church. | Local Authority Coordinator | Ongoing | 07.07.17 New Local Authority Coordinator to write letter with input from DCCS. |

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| | | | | | 09.08.17 Letter drafted |
| 17.05.17 | 11.5 Governance Report – Local Authority Project Funding Update | LA to be presented with information, plans and costing at the next meeting for the projects: 1. Horse Arena 2. BMX track (Bike path to incorporate footpath?) 3. Oval drainage | DCG/Greg | Ongoing | 07.07.17 Action forwarded to Project Management - to investigate bike path. 09.08.17 All 3 added to Project List. |
| 17.05.17 | 11.10 Australia Post Services | LA to be presented costing of expanding Australia Post to include outgoing mail services | DCS | Ongoing | 07.07.17 Include in Master Plan for Office Upgrade 09.08.17 Option look into if mail delivery to individual houses. |
| 17.05.17 | 12.3 CDP Artwork Sculpture | Ngukurr Local Authority consider a location for the CDP Artwork Sculpture to be placed when finished. | LA | Complete | 07.07.17 Location Youth Park 09.08.17 Location is now opposite welcome sign as chosen by TOs. Welcome in Kriol. |

ACTION: DCS to distribute contact details for Australia Post to stakeholders regarding the mail delivery options.

9. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Bobby Nungumajbarr left meeting at 1:23pm during this report, which became Provisional Meeting.

Regarding the incoming correspondence from Millwarparra Aboriginal Corporation, proper consultation is needed with community and stakeholders. Another update will be provided at next LA meeting after Millwarparra AGM for each project. Request that the Plans are brought back to next LA Meeting for members to look at. Then proposal to go to Council.

72/2017 RESOLVED (Colin Hall/Jerry Ashley)

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Incoming Correspondence.**
- (b) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority support in principal the Millwarparra proposal but further discussions are required.**

10. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

73/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Daphne Daniels)

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Outgoing Correspondence.**

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT

Councillor Daphne Daniels advised Election Roadshow, didn't nominate for Council this time but nominating for LA. Thanked for her time as a Councillor.

Councillor Eric Roberts advised a lot of work being a councillor, make sure consult and cover all groups.

74/2017 RESOLVED (Colin Hall/Jerry Ashley)

(a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Elected Member report.

11.2 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

- Rainbow Street Contract Update – Final contract awarded to High Spec Civil, will commence soon.
- Solar Power set up Power & Water Update – RGRC asked to select tender for Solar Project. Power & Water project to build new solar power system for township to reduce use of diesel plant. RGRC will put in a submission for the fencing and access that are needed.
- TO's aren't happy with location of new cemetery.

75/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Colin Hall)

(a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Council Services Report.

Meeting Lunch Break: 1:55pm

Meeting Resume: 2:17pm

11.3 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT

76/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Colin Hall)

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

11.4 GOVERNANCE REPORT - NEW AND REVEIWED POLICIES

77/2017 RESOLVED (Colin Hall/Jerry Ashley)

(a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the following new policies of Council:

- 1. ADM025 Conflict of Interest – Staff Policy**
- 2. ADM011 Conflict of Interest – Members Policy**
- 3. HR035 – Relocation Assistance Policy**
- 4. CTS002 - Commercial Commitments Policy**

(b) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the following reviewed policies of Council:

- 1. ASS002 – Asset Management Policy**
- 2. HR014 – Employee Training and Development Policy**
- 3. ADM001 – Policy Framework**
- 4. GOV012 - Organisational Delegations Manual (non-financial)**

11.5 COMPLAINTS REGISTER

78/2017 RESOLVED (Collin Hall/Eric Roberts)

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

11.6 GOVERNANCE REPORT - LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

79/2017 RESOLVED (Ian Gumbula/Eric Roberts)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the report on the Local Authority Project funding.
- (b) That the Ngukurr Local Authority support allocating \$15,000 of project funding to projects in Urapunga, backpaid from 2014/15, and annually \$15,000 per year in the future.

11.7 2018-2021 STRATEGIC PLAN

80/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Colin Hall)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receives and notes the report about proposed planning and consultation for the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan.

11.8 GRANTS: ROUND 1 2017-18 ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Council to ensure wide communication of the consultation for the RGRC 2018-21 Strategic Plan in Ngukurr.

81/2017 RESOLVED (Colin Hall/Jerry Ashley)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note commencement of Round 1 of the 2017-18 Community Grants Program.

11.9 RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

82/2017 RESOLVED (Daphne Daniels/Jerry Ashley)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the resolutions of the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Wednesday 31st May and Thursday 15th June 2017.

11.10 COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

Night Patrol Service expand to 5 Patrollers and 10 CDP which also services Urapunga.

Youth Services – recruiting Coordinator for Numbulwar and Borroloola, Ngukurr is Rexelle. Service is still being realigned.

School has own security service.

83/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Jerry Ashley)

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Community Night Patrol Report.**

11.11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

- Rubbish issue at Badawarka Outstation.
- Proposal for RGRC to take on CDP at Borrooloola next year, only in discussion stage.

84/2017 RESOLVED (Colin Hall/Jerry Ashley)

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

11.12 URAPUNGA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION PROPOSAL - FORMAL REQUEST FOR A PROPOSED WORK PROJECT PLANNING SCHEME DEVELOPED BY THEIR MANAGEMENT.

Letter requested to be sent out to LA Members.

85/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Daphne Daniels)

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the information from the Urapunga Aboriginal Corporation to the Commercial Services Directorate of Roper Gulf Regional Council proposing a work project planning Scheme.**
- (b) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority support community meetings to be held in Urapunga twice a year.**

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 TOWARDS ZERO ROAD SAFETY

86/2017 RESOLVED (Colin Hall/Eric Roberts)

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Towards Zero Road Safety discussion paper.**

12.2 2017 NT COUNCIL ELECTION REMOTE VOTING SCHEDULE

NO Voting required for the Yugul Mangi Ward.

Report not required as only 2 nominations filling the 2 elected member spots for this ward.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the correspondents regarding the 2017 NT Council Election Remote Voting Dates and Locations.**

12.3 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S ALCOHOL ACTION INITIATIVE PROGRAM - SURINDER CRICHTON

Surinder went over the direction and focus of the Alcohol Management Program and the AAI Project for communities that can help:

- Festivals
- Leadership Training (men's & women's)
- Mediation – Community Justice
- Alcohol Review Meeting
- Banned Drinking Register
- Long term solutions

12.4 NGUKURR POOL ENTRANCE - PROPOSED NEW TURNSTILE

Ngukurr Pool Entrance Plan presented by DCCS

LA to consider allocating 2017-18 Project Funding to the pool repairs such as leaks.

Water usage is very high an LA to consider whether all 4 pools are required. Pool O (big pool) and Pool G (toddler pool) are required. Pool I is difficult to see from the lifesaver tower. Pool H is generally used as overflow.

87/2017 RESOLVED (Daphne Daniels/Jerry Ashley)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the verbal report and plan of Ngukurr Pool Entrance – Proposed new turnstile.**
- (b) That the Ngukurr Local Authority approve proposed new turnstile.**
- (c) That the Ngukurr Local Authority to propose that Pool I is closed down and consultations required with stakeholders.**

12.5 NEW LA MEMBER NOMINATION

New member nomination received from Daphne Daniels.

For the 2018 meeting calendar, proposing 6 LA meetings a year and current day (second Wednesday of the month) and time (10.30am) if that is suitable. There was a consensus from the LA members present for this schedule.

88/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Jerry Ashley)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority approve the nomination of Daphne Daniels to the Ngukurr Local Authority.**
- (b) That the Ngukurr Local Authority meet Bi-monthly, second Wednesday of the month at 10.30am.**

12.6 STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM - YOUTH AT RISK

LA member Ian Gumbula explained the need to talk more about Youth at Risk, need to get youth to work e.g. on outstations. Need to talk to other stakeholders YMAC, Sunrise, Police for ideas to help, such as cultural activities, etc., to be part of the program and getting support from other groups. Funding is required for this program.

89/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Jerry Ashley)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority support in principal Youth at Risk Program funding Stronger Communities.**

12.7 NGUKURR NEWS OFFICE SPACE – DAPHNE DANIELS

Ngukurr News provides and collects information, including histories, events, providing stories to community/stakeholders, started in 2003.

- Internet funding free wifi, local stories, art, health promotion, etc.
- employing 2 more
- teaching media and computer skills
- have computer and printer
- on Facebook
- lacking funding
- Warren Snowden and Selina Uibo receive copies of Ngukurr News and put copies around.
- Need an office space, University of Wollongong will fund renting premises.
- Council office space – a lease agreement form needs to be submitted.
- Write formal letter to Council, apply for a Community Grant Application.

12.8 OUTSTATIONS

Several outstations, YMAC residents concerned with service.

- Outstations funded by NTG for occupants living in the outstation on a permanent basis, funding provides essential services – water, power, sewerage, firebreaks, road access.
- Also upgrade funding for items such as water tanks, solar hot water systems.
- Ngukurr MUNS Service provide the service to Ngukurr outstations.
- Flood zone areas so live only in dry season, NTG assess.
- Katherine staff more technical services e.g. service generators.
- Major upgrades are done by a contractor.
- Badawarka Outstation – is solar power an option. YMAC are supporting occupants with \$500 per month to pay for fuel for pump and generator. Rubbish take own to dump. 3 main houses, a lot of kids in holidays, no vehicle. Roper Bar help out with medication.

90/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Daphne Daniels)

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

12.9 RAINBOW STREET CONTRACT

In 2 weeks work will start on drains and kerbing done properly. Will take about 2 to 3 months to complete. High Spec Civil contracted.

91/2017 RESOLVED (Collin Hall/Daphne Daniels)

- (a) That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the verbal update on the Rainbow Street Contract.**

12.10 CLINIC UPDATE

NTG - Defects need to be fixed up before new clinic can be used. Also clinic needs clean up but RGRC CDP unable to do as we do not have cleaning equipment.

Ian Gumbala on behalf of the Ngukurr Local Authority thanked Councillor Daphne Daniels for a job well done as a Councillor for the Yugul Mangi Ward and Chairperson of the Ngukurr Local Authority.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 4:56pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 9 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Wednesday, 9 August 2017 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 22 November 2017.

Chairperson