

MINUTES OF THE MATARANKA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE MATARANKA COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 5:30PM

1. PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Elected Members

Mayor Judy MacFarlane

1.2 Local Authority Members

Alan Chapman

Michael Sommers

Di Angel

Phillippa Stansell

Sue Edwards

Antonella Martin

1.3 Staff

Amanda Haigh, Manager Governance and Corporate Planning

Antony Lynch, Council Services Coordinator

1.4 Guests

2. MEETING OPENED

Meeting opened at 6.10pm (Local Authority Induction Training occurred prior to meeting).

3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Mayor Judy MacFarlane welcomed members and staff to the meeting. Meeting held to discuss important ongoing issues from previous meeting.

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(a) That the Mataranka Local Authority accept the apologies from Jill Emerson-Smith and Tracey-Anne Wilson.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ACTION LIST

- Statues - \$80,000 application submitted
- Termite Mound and speaker – discussion on approving the cost of speaker when a quote received before the Never Never Festival 2018. Al Chapman will have a look at the speaker and advise on repairs required.
- Cement tables/chairs – arrived , assembled and are in Stan Martin Park
- Elsey storyboards are complete
- Toilet Block #1 – condemned as the structure is rusted and not worth trying to repair. Will stay there until funds available to remove and replace.

6.2 BANYAN TREE LIGHTING

Alan Chapman to investigate if the lighting can occur at the termite mound too.

1/2018 **RESOLVED (Diane Angel/Michael Somers)**

- (a) That the Mataranka Local Authority approve the quote to light up under the Banyan tree for \$2,500 from Local Authority Project Funding.

6.3 CATERING EQUIPMENT

Everything received except the microwave, 2 x frypans and the menu boards.

A standard Microwave approximately \$300.

Consider option of a electric hot plate instead of frypans.

Menu boards = chalk boards. Mayor to purchase

2/2018 **RESOLVED (Sue Edwards/Philippa Stansell)**

- (a) That the Mataranka Local Authority approve the purchase of microwave to the value of \$300, an electric hot plate and menu boards.

6.4 MUSEUM

\$10,000 for upgrade, paint, electrical and display manikins

3/2018 **RESOLVED (Sue Edwards/Antonella Martin)**

- (a) That the Mataranka Local Authority approve \$10,000 from Local Authority Project funding for the museum upgrade of painting, electrical and display manikins.

6.5 PLAYGROUND AT SPORT AND RECREATION GROUNDS

Completed. Discovered at Australia Day only suitable for ages 6 years and up.

Consider purchasing a slippery slide and spring rockers or play castle for ages 3-6 years. Look at options the original supplier has.

Top up sand required and pipe around to hold the sand in place. Need corner pieces to stop the leakages.

4/2018 **RESOLVED (Sue Edwards/Michael Somers)**

- (a) That the Mataranka Local Authority approve \$1,500 from Local Authority Project Funding for top up sand at the Sport and Recreation Grounds new playground.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND LANDS AND PLANNING

Magiq # 738962 – Email 1 Feb 2018 received by Mayor

We are looking at installing an Electronic Message Board in Mataranka within the next weeks similar to the one we have at the Roper turn off. The board we have available is a newer model than the one on the Roper.

As with the boards in Katherine and Timber Creek there is an opportunity to display community messages when Road Condition including fires are not being displayed.

Seeking feedback from Mataranka people on a preferred location.

Phil Harris
Regional Director
DIPL Katherine

Discussion on position by LA options:

- South of Welcome sign between to Recycling Centre
- South of Homestead Road
- Anywhere north

Discussion also on the location of Council new entrance signs:

- North where old Council sign was
- Needs to have a pullover area
- South between Carew Road and Recycling Centre
- LA members gave authority for Area Manager and Council Services Coordinator to find the appropriate location

- (a) That the Mataranka Local Authority recommend the location of the DIPL Electronic Message Board to be located South of Homestead Road (preferred) and one north if available.

7.2 BOOTCAMP EQUIPMENT

Magiq # 738407 Letter from Bootcamp attendees in Mataranka

5/2018 RESOLVED (Diane Angel/Michael Somers)

- (a) That the Mataranka Local Authority approve request for exercise equipment of \$3,000 for the “Mataranka Bootcamp” and allocated from the Local Authority Project Funding.

7.3 FENCE AROUND BANYAN TREE

Magiq # 738406 Quote received from M & M McFarlane to fence the Banyan Tree.

Project suggested by the Community Action Group.

Mayor has been approached by community members to create Stan Martin Park as the feature park of Mataranka. Suggest relocating the playground from the hall to the

park so travellers can pull up and let there kids have a play. Fence to make the park safe and gates to be locked at night. The park will then be a family day use area.

Fence Banyan tree now and can be utilised in future to fence the whole park.

Fencing and upgrading of the Stan Martin Park to be added to the Council Town Priority list at the community meeting. Request this to be a possible CDP activity. Solar lights to be installed throughout the park to be included.

LA members to discuss with community before the community meeting.

6/2018 RESOLVED (Michael Somers/Alan Chapman)

- (a) That the Mataranka Local Authority approve to fence the Banyan Tree and fund \$10,301 from the Local Authority Project Funding.

7.4 BAN FRACKING

Discussion to request Council to ban fracking in the Roper Gulf Region.

Survey requested asking the question about fracking simply yes or no and distributed through the whole of the Roper Gulf Region, then to submit the results to the appropriate authorities with some urgency.

7/2018 RESOLVED (Michael Somers/Sue Edwards)

- (a) That the Mataranka Local Authority requests Council to survey all residents to provide numbers who support banning of fracking in the Roper Gulf Region.

Action: Council to survey all residents of the region if support fracking in the Roper Gulf Region and submit results to appropriate authorities.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 7.15 pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 3 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Mataranka Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Tuesday, 6 February 2018 AND CONFIRMED Thursday, 3 April 2018.

Chairperson