



Report from Council Meeting, 4 August 2010 at Yuendumu

Item	Council Decision	Notes
Renovation of houses in Laramba	To ask for Laramba to have a greater say over renovations under the SIHIP program.	Council will ask for one tenth of SIHIP funding for Laramba to go straight to the community so locals can work on one house to show how the SIHIP program should work.
SIHIP work across the shire	To ask for SIHIP to tell Council about the work planned in every community and to report to Council on the work already done in every community.	
New houses for Engawala	To ask the NT and Australian governments for more houses at Engawala.	
Ranger jobs at Engawala	To invite the Central Land Council (CLC) to talk to the Engawala Board about ranger jobs at Engawala.	
Atitjere public toilet cleaning	Not to hire a cleaner for public toilets	Council agreed with the management

	because toilet cleaning is part of the job of field officers.	recommendation. CDEP workers cannot be used for toilet cleaning but CDEP workers can do work experience alongside field officers.
Atitjere adult educator	To invite Waltja to talk to the local board about adult education services for Atitjere.	Council agreed with the management recommendation. Council cannot employ an adult educator because it is not a registered training organisation (RTO). Waltja is an RTO and already works in the community.
Dog problems in Atitjere	To deal with the dog problems in Atitjere as requested by the board.	The dog management officer will visit the community when she gets back from leave. Before the vet visit she will talk to people about abandoned dogs.
Atitjere aged care	To develop a management plan and to seek funding to operate the aged care accommodation	Council agreed with the management recommendation. Without a management plan and extra work on the building Council has no chance to get funding for aged care accommodation.
Funding for former CDEP jobs that became “real jobs” with the shire	To thank Local Government Minister Malarndirri McCarthy and the NT Local Government Association (LGANT) for helping to get one more year’s funding for former CDEP jobs.	In 2008 the Australian and the Northern Territory Government agreed to turn about 500 CDEP places into “real jobs” in the new shires. The funding for this stopped on 30 June 2010. LGANT and the shires have been talking with the Minister about saving the jobs of these workers for 2010/11.

<p>Memorandum of Understanding with Central Land Council</p>	<p>To approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Central Land Council.</p>	<p>The MoU is a “Working Well Together Agreement” that says how the two organisations will sort out any problems and work together for people in the shire.</p>
<p>Vote counting system in local government elections</p>	<p>To ask the Local Government Minister to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use “proportional representation” vote counting in local government elections in the Northern Territory • look at how voters in the shire are represented on Council and consult with residents <p>Council will let the Minister know by next March if it wants any changes</p>	<p>Council asked the Minister to make the local government vote counting system fairer for small communities.</p> <p>Under the present system someone from a small place such as Nyirripi cannot get on Council. The Minister has asked all local government councils to let her know by next month which system to use in the future.</p> <p>Council said “Proportional Representation” is the fairest vote counting system because it shares seats on Council around between big and small communities.</p> <p>Every 4 years every council also has to look at how voters are represented on council.</p>
<p>Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NT Police about Night Patrol</p>	<p>To keep talking with NT Police about finishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)</p>	<p>The Night Patrol Coordinator is negotiating an agreement with NT Police about how night patrollers and police can best work with each other</p>
<p>Yuendumu Playgroup</p>	<p>To approve a 2 year funding agreement</p>	

	with the Australian Government for the Yuendumu playgroup	
Council/CEO Relationship	To approve a booklet about how Council is working towards a good professional relationship between Council and CEO	<p>The booklet will be published on Council's web site</p> <p>It may be useful for other shire councils who have also lost their CEO.</p>
Road Maintenance	Council heard that during 2009/2010 local workers maintained 1552 kilometres of local roads	<p>The shire is responsible for looking after some of the smaller local roads in the shire. The NT and Australian governments and station owners look after the rest.</p>
Grader for Ti Tree	Council agreed to move the Lajamanu grader to Ti Tree	<p>Council asked staff to find a grader for Ti Tree so that the Nturiya road can be graded regularly. Ti Tree board had asked for this.</p> <p>Council looked at buying new and second-hand graders, sharing graders and moving existing graders.</p> <p>Buying a new or second-hand was very expensive and only a little cheaper than hiring an outside grader contractor.</p> <p>The cheapest solution was to move an existing shire grader to Ti Tree for local workers to use.</p> <p>Councillor Willie Johnson voted against moving the Lajamanu grader to Ti Tree.</p>
