



MINUTES OF THE LAJAMANU LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD IN THE
CENTRAL DESERT SERVICE DELIVERY OFFICE ON THURSDAY,
29 JANUARY 2015 AT 10:00AM

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present:

Local Authority Members

Robert George (Chairperson), Joe Marshall (Deputy Chairperson), Doris Lewis, Tracie Patrick, Andrew Johnson, Elizabeth Ross, and Josias Dixon.

Councillors

Cr Norbert Patrick (Deputy President)

Apologies:

Cr Adrian Dixon (President)

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

4.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

SUMMARY: The agenda of this Local Authority meeting is being tabled. Local Authority members decide whether they wish to accept the agenda as it stands or whether they wish to make changes.

Robert George presented a letter to the Authority regarding the Sports Carnival and School Attendance.

RESOLVED (Norbert Patrick/Josias Dixon)

That Local Authority accept the Agenda for the meeting with the addition of the letter regarding the Sports Carnival and School Attendance presented by the Chair.

CODE OF CONDUCT MATTERS

5.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

SUMMARY: A code of conduct has been developed for Local Authority across Central Desert Regional Council based on the Regional Council code of conduct.

RESOLVED (Joe Marshall/Doris Lewis)

The Local Authority (LA) note the code of conduct.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

SUMMARY: Local Authority is to consider and confirm the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Local Authority meeting after agreeing on any changes required.

RESOLVED (Joe Marshall/Doris Lewis)

That Local Authority note and confirm the previous meeting minutes.

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION ITEMS

SUMMARY: Attached is the running list of Local Authority action items as reported by the Local Authority.

RESOLVED (Norbert Patrick/Elizabeth Ross)

That Local Authority note that progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous Local Authority meetings be received.

7.2 REPORT FROM REGIONAL COUNCIL

SUMMARY: Council decisions on recommendations made in the last Regional Council Meeting are attached in the 'Plain English Summary'

RESOLVED (Joe Marshall/Doris Lewis)

That the Local Authority accept the report from Council on decisions made in the last Regional Council Meeting.

7.3 SLING SHOTS IN COMMUNITY

SUMMARY: Council discussed the issue of sling shots being used in community and have sought advice in how to appropriately deal with the issue going forward.

Deferred until March meeting.

Local Authority note and accept the advice from Council that all staff and community members be advised that any person observed to be in possession of a sling shot is referred to police and the Community Safety Committee for further action.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

8.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY: The Council Services Report is provided by the Regional Council at every Local Authority meeting to provide information to members.

RESOLVED (Elizabeth Ross/Andrew Johnson)

That the Local Authority note and accept the:

- Council Services Report.
- Finance Report
- Works Matrix Report and Works Priorities listing and Fire Preparedness documents.

8.2 FINANCE REPORT

SUMMARY: The Finance Report outlines the budget for the community and details works expenditure as required in the community.

RECOMMENDATION: - As Above

That Local Authority note the attached Finance Report.

8.3 NIGHT PATROL REFERENCE GROUP

SUMMARY: The Council provides an update and profile on the operations of Night Patrol to the Local Authority for their input and feedback if any.

RESOLVED (Josias Dixon/Joe Marshall)

That Local Authority notes the update on Night Patrol and provides feedback.

GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 ANNUAL REPORT & ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SUMMARY: The Local Authority is asked to receive and note the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the financial year.

Deferred until March meeting.

That the Local Authority receive and note the Annual Report along with Financial Statements for the 2013/14 financial year.

9.2 SPORTS CARNIVAL AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

SUMMARY: The Local Authority is asked to receive and note the letter Presented by the Chair, Robert George regarding the Sports Carnival and School Attendance.

Laj001/2015 **RESOLVED(Robert George/Doris Lewis)**

That the Local Authority consider the letter requesting Sports Carnival dates.

Laj002/2015 **RESOLVED(Robert George/Doris Lewis)**

That the Local Authority approves the decision that the 2015 Sports Carnival only be held in school holiday time.

9.3 LAJAMANU FENCING PROGRAM

SUMMARY: The need for a fencing program in Lajamanu has been raised by the Members. The RSM (Tim Parslow) informed the Local Authority that discussions had been had with Jenny Henwood, a senior Housing Manager in Darwin and whilst she was sympathetic, no commitment to advancing such a program was made.

Laj003/2015 **RESOLVED(Andrew Johnson/Elizabeth Ross)**

That the Local Authority request the Regional Council contact Territory Housing be invited to attend the next Authority meeting.

Laj004/2015 **RESOLVED(Andrew Johnson/Elizabeth Ross)**
That the Local Authority request the Regional Council to support action in relation to achieving a Fencing Program in Lajamanu.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

12.1 ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Time Parslow (RSM) informed the meeting of the current Electoral Representation Review the Council is progressing. Cr Patrick explained in language to the members the issues and invited feedback.

RESOLVED (Doris Lewis/Andrew Johnson)

That the Local Authority:

- 1. Receive and note the community consultation plan for the Electoral Representation review.**

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

13.1 LAJAMANU WELCOME SIGN

SUMMARY: In 2014 the Local Authority chose wording to be placed on the community 'Welcome Sign'. Two signs will be needed for the two main access roads into the community.

A selection of photographs were presented to the members, who selected one photo (Duck Ponds) to be included with the sign design, along with the wording already selected.

Laj005/2015 **RESOLVED(Norbert Patrick/Andrew Johnson)**

The Local Authority approve the photo 'Duck Ponds' to be on the 'Welcome to Lajamanu' signs.

13.2 BOUNDARY FENCE FOR SOFTBALL COURT

SUMMARY: Plans have been made for a boundary fence to be installed at the softball court. Members are asked if they wish to leave the court as it currently is or if they prefer the fencing to be installed. Members discussed the proposal, and decided to defer the decision to the next meeting in March.

13.3 TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION

SUMMARY: All Central Desert communities are strongly encouraged to enter the competition each year.

As Lajamanu won the Tip Top Tip in 2014, another area of focus would be appropriate. The area of focus this year from Tidy Towns is on 'Most Improved'.

The members decided to defer the category for Lajamanu to enter until the March meeting.

RESOLVED (Elizabeth Ross/Joe Marshall)

The Local Authority approve Lajamanu to enter the 2015 Tidy Towns Competition.

The meeting terminated at 1:05p.m.

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OF THE Lajamanu Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Thursday, 29
January 2015 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 25 March 2015.

Chairperson