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AGENDA
LAJAMANU LOCAL AUTHORITY
WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY 2018

The Lajamanu Local Authority Meeting of the Central Desert Regional Council will be held in the Central Desert Service Delivery Office on Wednesday, 16 May at 10am.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ADMINISTRATION

1.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Local Authorities reviewed the Code of Conduct and committed to following the Code. The following members declared a conflict of interest as they are Central Desert Regional Council staff:

- Tracie Patrick
- Jenny Johnson
- Elizabeth Ross
- Andrew Johnson
- Anthony Johnson

1.3 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Local Authority review and agree to the agenda.

1.4 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting on 14 March 2018



MINUTES OF THE LAJAMANU LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE LAJAMANU COUNCIL OFFICE
ON WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018 AT 2:03PM

MEETING OPENED

Meeting opened at 2:03pm with a quorum.

1 PRESENT

Present:

Local Authority Members

Sheree Anderson (Chairperson), Anthony Johnson, Mike Doolan, Andrew Johnson, Jenny Johnson, Tracie Petrick

Councillors

Cr Norbert Patrick (Deputy President), Cr Robert George

Guests

Enock Menge (NT Government), Diane Hood (CEO Central Desert Regional Council), Kym Davies (Director of Remote Council Services), Tim Parslow (CSM, Central Desert Regional Council), Lamun Tasman (Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet), AFP Officers including Rachel Francescutti, Aloha Richards, Robert Rye, Bradley Wallace

Absent

Cr Adrian Dixon, Joe Marshall, Doris Lewis, Elizabeth Ross, Titus White

Apology

Nil

1.2 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

1.3 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Local Authority accepted the agenda with the addition of a deputation without notice from the Australian Federal Police and the NT Government's Child Abuse Taskforce.

1.4 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Laj001/2018 RESOLVED (Tracie Patrick/Cr Norbert Patrick)

Local Authority accept the minutes from the last meeting of the Local Authority on 15 November 2018.

2.0 COMMUNITY BUSINESS

2.1 COMMUNITY PLAN

Lajamanu community met with Council management on the morning of 14 March 2018 to discuss its priorities for the future. These items will be made into a community plan which will be presented to the Local Authority each meeting for discussion and monitoring.

2.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

The Local Authority noted progress in relation to the LA projects.

Complete

Projects 15/16	Comments	Estimated cost	Spent YTD (G)
Playground	Complete	\$3,248	\$3,370
Sorry ground clean up	Complete	Nil	\$7,900
Solar lights	Complete	Nil	\$306
Street light repairs and upgrade	Complete	Nil	\$8,908
Relocate softball diamond	Awaiting approval from the NT Department of Infrastructure and Planning – Will need funds from 17/18	\$58,000	\$13,736
Projects 17/18	Comments	Estimated cost	Spent YTD (G)
Clean up men's ceremony grounds	Completed	\$10,120	\$10,120
Upgrade park and holy ground stage	Materials for stage have arrived Awaiting assembly	\$50,311	\$27,240
Upgrade old airstrip fence and gate	Work to commence April	\$48,883	\$ 0.00

Unspent funds \$116,218

2.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROL REFERENCING GROUP

The Local Authority noted that there were a lot of break-ins over the Christmas school holidays including to houses and shops.

A discussion was had in relation to Community Safety Patrol (CSP) hours. The CEO noted that some LA Members are also employees of Central Desert Regional Council and therefore could benefit from a discussion concerning CSP hours. Anthony Johnson did not declare a conflict of interest. No resolution resulted.

2.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

Item Traffic Management Plan (Item 9.3 - June 2015 meeting)

Status Closed

Note The Community Services Manager tabled a plan for the Local Authority (LA) to comment noting that five parking bays will be installed nears the shops to increase safety.

2.4 (a) CULVERT ON TALRRPA ROAD IS IN A BAD PLACE

The LA commented that the culvert on Talrrpa Road is in a bad place and recommended replacing it with a speed hump

2.4 (b) ROAD SAFETY OUTSIDE COUNCIL OFFICE

The LA requested that road safety in the area between the Council office and the Batchelor Institute be addressed

2.4 (c) SPEED LIMIT NEAR FOOTBALL OVAL

The LA requested that the speed limit near the football oval be reduced for safety reasons

Item LAJ025/2017 - Fencing Air Strip

Status Closed

Note This action is a duplication of an LA project and can therefore be closed

Item LAJ029/2017 – Traffic Management

Status Closed as per Traffic Management Plan (Item 9.3 - June 2015 meeting) above

3.1 SUMMARY OF JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

The Local Authority noted the outcome of the January 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting.

3.2 FINANCE REPORT

The Local Authority noted the Finance Report.

3.3 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

.a HOW DOES AN OUTSTATION GET ADDED TO THE REGISTER OF OUTSTATIONS?

CEO Diane Hood advised that this would need to be an NT Government agenda item.

.b CAN THE AGED AND DISABILITY SERVICE HAVE MORE CASUAL WORKERS?

Taken on notice.

3.3 (b) CASUAL WORKERS FOR AGED AND DISABILITY SERVICE

Can the Aged and Disability Service have more casual workers?

.c THE LOCAL AUTHORITY ASKED ABOUT YOUTH SPORT AND RECREATION PROGRAMS PROVIDED IN LAJAMANU

The CEO advised that the Youth, Sport and Recreation program in Lajamanu is run by WYDAC and

that the LA should direct their question to WYDAC

.d IS THERE ANY GMAAC MONEY AVAILABLE FOR A WATER PARK IN COMMUNITY?

If a water park was built, someone would need to operate it. This is not a Council project and a water park is not currently listed as an LA project.

.e CAN OTHER AGENCIES BE INVITED TO ATTEND LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THEIR SERVICE DELIVERY?

Action: Central Desert Regional Council will invite other agencies to attend.

3.3 (e) INVITING OTHER AGENCIES TO LA MEETINGS

Can Central Desert Regional Council invite other agencies to attend LA meetings?

.f CAN THERE BE MORE SWINGS CONSTRUCTED IN THE LOCAL PARKS?

Action: The Local Authority will come up with some ideas about what is wanted by the next meeting.

.g WHERE IS THE POWER CARD FOR THE LIGHTS ON THE FOOTBALL OVAL?

The Local Authority will speak to WYDAC.

4.0 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Child Protection Taskforce

NT Government and Australian Federal Police

Sargent Robert Rye and Senior Constable Bradley Wallace

- Working in communities to protect children
- 10-13 year old children with sexually transmitted diseases with the youngest being six – this is why the police are in community
- The task force are not here to remove children, but need to make them safe

- Authorities recognise that children need to be protected for the future – the authorities and the community must act to help the children, even if we are shamed
- Authorities note that this is not just a problem in aboriginal communities or in the Northern Territory but that it happens in other places as well
- The police will arrest people if they do the wrong thing but they are also in community to help people and talk about the problems
- The authorities need people to keep reporting which they can do anonymously
- The police are looking for ideas from community members

Tidy Towns

Tim Parslow

Community Services Manager

Central Desert Regional Council

- Council has entered Lajamanu into the Tidy Town Awards again this year
- The community needs to chose a category that it would like to enter into
- Local Authority members are asked to discuss this with community before the next Local Authority meeting

4.0 (a) TIDY TOWNS CATEGORY

The community needs to chose a category that it would like to enter into.

Lajamanu School

- The Local Authority requested that the School Principal be invited to attend the next meeting by the NT Government representative

4.2.2 Existing Issues - Ongoing

Issue	Update	STATUS
Community safety		Closed
Education	<p>There is one school councillor for the Katherine region who has come to community once in 2016.</p> <p>A notice is sent out one week before school council meetings advising of the time and place. The only people that can go to these meetings are the School Council. Parents can talk to the principal if they have any problems.</p> <p>If there are problems with relationships between children and teachers, parents should speak to principal directly.</p> <p>The NT Government Representative to invite School Principal to attend the next meeting of the Local Authority.</p>	Closed
Housing	<p>Change Jillian Doolan to Jillian Dixon.</p> <p>Housing will work directly with the people on the Reference Group.</p>	Closed

Date Raised	Subject	Issue
14 March 2018	Education	The Local Authority feels that the School Attendance Team should get out of their vehicle and engage with the pupils at their doorstep so that children who have been out of school for many months can be supported. At the moment, the school attendance team stops the car outside the gate and hoots.
	Old Airstrip	LA members would like to know what the future plans are for the old airstrip area which has been designated a housing subdivision.
	Housing	Can the members of the Housing Reference Group change (HRA)?

	Housing	Please provide an update on the Room to Breath project
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4.2.3 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FOR NT GOVERNMENT**REPRESENTATIVE**

Question Can the members of the Housing Reference Group change?

Question When is the sub-division going to happen so that more houses be built on the old airstrip?

Question Please provide an update on Room to Breath housing.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting terminated at 16:27

This page and the preceding six pages are the DRAFT minutes of the Local Authority meeting held on Wednesday 14 March 2018 for adoption at the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 10 April 2018.

2. COMMUNITY BUSINESS

2.1 LAJAMANU COMMUNITY PLAN

The Local Authority note and discuss the progress on the community plan.

2.2 LAJAMANU LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

2.2.1 LA Projects

The table below provides an update with regard to LA projects

Allocated but Unspent Funds \$129,513.10

(To be spent by 30th June 2018 (\$38,323))

Agreed Projects	Comment	Estimated Cost (ex GST)	Spent YTD (ex GST)
Relocate softball oval	Status: In Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Commitment - \$13,736 Slow progress in obtaining Government approval. 	\$55,000.00	
New stage and Canopy Holy Ground Park	Status: In Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Commitment - \$560.00 (Central Building Surveys) Outstanding Commitment - \$17,920.00(Complete Maintenance Services) 	\$46,645.00	\$30,265
Fencing Old Airstrips Tarrpa Road	Status: In Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Commitment - \$36,257 	\$48,883.00	

Contract labour/ freight	Status: In Progress	\$9,250.00	
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note the updates on the projects in the above tables

2.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROL REFERENCE GROUP

The Local Authority is the Reference Group for Community Safety Patrol and provides feedback to the Regional Council. Any comments or issues raised will be minuted.

2.4 LAJAMANU LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

The Local Authority notes the responses from Council / the CEO on recommendations; and notes progress against any agreed recommendations.

The Local Authority may also have its own action items which are noted here, and progress reviewed.

OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS					
Outstanding Actions		Division: Committee: Lajamanu Local Authority Officer:		Date From: Date To:	
Action Sheets Report		Printed: Monday, 14 May 2018 9:04:27 AM			
MEETING DATE	REFERENCE	TARGET COMPLETION DATE	ACTION	ACTION OFFICER	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
Culverts and Gravel					
15 November 2017		29/11/2017	10.4 CULVERTS AND GRAVEL [Laj029/2017] RESOLVED (Mike Doolan/Norbert Patrick) That the Local Authority request the CEO look at culverts and level of gravel in community roads.	Greg Buxton	STATUS ONGOING – Tender for road has been release, closes May 28 th . Construction to start end of June, subject to Central Lands Council clearance approval.
Culvert on Talrrpa Road is in a bad place					
14 March 2018		28/03/2018	2.4 (a) CULVERT ON TALRRPA ROAD IS IN A BAD PLACE The LA commented that the culvert on Talrrpa Road is in a bad place and recommended replacing it with a speed hump	Greg Buxton	23 Apr 18. The culvert and road is the responsibility of the NTG. ACTION CLOSED
Road safety outside Council office					
14 March 2018		28/03/2018	2.4 (b) ROAD SAFETY OUTSIDE COUNCIL OFFICE The LA requested that road safety in	Greg Buxton	

OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS					
Outstanding Actions		Division: Committee: Lajamanu Local Authority Officer:		Date From:	Date To:
Action Sheets Report				Printed: Friday, 11 May 2018 3:31:25 PM	
MEETING DATE	REFERENCE	TARGET COMPLETION DATE	ACTION	ACTION OFFICER	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
			the area between the Council office and the Batchelor Institute be addressed		
Speed limit near football oval					
14 March 2018		28/03/2018	2.4 (c) SPEED LIMIT NEAR FOOTBALL OVAL The LA requested that the speed limit near the football oval be reduced for safety reasons	Greg Buxton	STATUS ONGOING 23 Apr 18. LA to nominate speed limit
Casual workers for Aged and Disability Service					
14 March 2018		28/03/2018	3.3 (b) CASUAL WORKERS FOR AGED AND DISABILITY SERVICE Can the Aged and Disability Service have more casual workers?	John Gaynor	Status Closed: The Council is committed to offering permanent employment opportunities to staff in keeping with CDRCs Indigenous Employment Strategy as this provides a stable income and more opportunities for training, development and promotion. There are currently 4 permanent part-time staff at the Lajamanu Aged & Disability service. There is also a part-time supervisor's position and full-time coordinators position currently open for recruitment. The Aged & Disability team has consulted with the Lajamanu Aged & Disability staff regarding the positions at the centre and they are supportive of permanent positions in preference to casual positions.

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Tidy Towns category					
14 March 2018		28/03/2018	4.0 (a) TIDY TOWNS CATEGORY The community needs to chose a category that it would like to enter into.	Kym Davies	Status Ongoing.

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 ATTACHED REPORTS

3.1.1 Previous Council Decisions

Event: Ordinary Council Meeting

Date: Thursday 29 March 2018

Location: Council Chambers, Yuendumu

ITEM
ITEM 10.3 - UPDATE ON ANIMAL BY-LAWS PROJECT
COUNCIL DECISION
<p><i>OC002/2018</i> RESOLVED (Cr William Liddle/ Cr Robert George)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council agrees that the first step in relation to Animal By-Laws should be in relation to 'control of dogs' and mirror those parts of the two examples attached that relate to this. 2. Council endorses that an animal (dog control) by-law for Central Desert Regional Council should apply in all communities. 3. Council endorses that the by-law include links to the Central Desert vet program, for example that dogs must have one vet visit per year. 4. Council notes the next steps for this project.
ITEM
ITEM 11.2 - CHANGES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES
COUNCIL DECISION

OC003/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Adrian Dixon/Cr Jacob Spencer)

The Council notes the resignation of the following Local Authority members and approve the appointment of the following new members:

Resignation of Kezia Ahkit-Kitson from Willowra

Appointment of Harry Moore in Anmatjere and Ashley Martin in Willowra

ITEM

ITEM 11.3 - EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS POLICY

COUNCIL DECISION

OC004/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Norbert Patrick/Cr William Liddle)

The Council approved the attached External Complaints Policy numbered P18.

ITEM

ITEM 11.4 - COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES AND ENTITLEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION

OC005/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Freddy Williams/Cr Jacob Spencer)

The Council noted the current policy in relation to Councilor allowances and cost reimbursements.

ITEM
ITEM 12.1 - FINANCE REPORT
COUNCIL DECISION
<i>OC006/2018</i> RESOLVED (Cr James Glenn/Cr Adrian Dixon) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Council noted the financial reports for the period ending 28 February 2018, and2) Council approved a KPI in relation to sustainability to increase the current ratio to \$2.00 over the next four years
ITEM
ITEM 22.4 - UTOPIA HOMELANDS - CONSIDERATION OF ONGOING CONTRACT
COUNCIL DECISION
<i>OC007/2018</i> RESOLVED (Cr James Glenn/Cr Jacob Spencer) The Council resolved not to seek the Utopia Homelands MES, HMS or HEA contracts with NTG after the conclusion of the current contracts on 30 th June 2018.

3.1.2 Finance Report

Please see attached report

3.1.3 Council Services Report

The Local Authority reviews the reports, discusses impacts to the community and makes any recommendations it wishes to the Council (strategy, policy) or to the CEO (operational).

	Anmatjere	Atitjere	Engawala	Lajamanu	Laramba	Nyirripi	Willowra	Yuelamu	Yuendumu	Utopia
Community Safety	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Family Mediation							Y		Y	
Youth, Sport & Rec	Y	Y	Y		Y			Y		
Aged and Disability	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Children's Services	Y		Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	
School Nutrition	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		
Libraries	Y			Y						
Municipal Services	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Animal Control	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Airstrip Maintenance	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	
Essential Services		Y	Y							
Outstations	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y		
Centrelink	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Post Office Agencies	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
CDP	Y				Y		Y	Y	Y	

Achievements

- Work commenced on Traffic Management project . This involves creation of defined parking bays and safety measures at Lajamanu store (part of Black Spot funding).
- Number of dangerous tree branches removed in council controlled properties around the community.
- New safety equipment and building improvements at Depot installed.
- Large number of potholes repaired.
- New bollards installed to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety.
- Community consultation undertaken in all nine communities. The NT Government attended most sessions and is aware of the issues raised that fall under their jurisdiction. On some occasions, local members and representatives of Federal Ministers were in attendance.
- Community work teams are concentrating on firebreaks with large fuel loads expected next summer after recent rains.
- A council services officer has been re-assigned to coordinate municipal services to communities and outstations East of the Stuart Highway.

Emerging Risks

- Most of intersections in community need major repairs /upgrading.
- Connector road repairs dependent on NDRAA Funding

3.2 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Any questions asked by Local Authority members are noted here, responses will be included at next meeting.

This section does not include service requests, members and the community are encouraged to log service requests with the local office. .

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

The agencies presenting to the Local Authority today are:

- NIL

The Local Authority reviews the presentation, discusses impacts to the community and discusses with the presenter.

If the presenter is asking the Local Authority for approval – they should provide a written recommendation and the LA resolution will be minuted.

A recommendation for an action may also be made to the NT Government to be included in 4.2 Northern Territory Government Report.

4.2 NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT REPORT

A NTG representative from the Department of Housing and Community Development attends each Local Authority meeting to provide information and take questions on NTG services including, health, education, police, housing, etc.

The Local Authority can make resolutions (motions) to request actions from the NT Government.

Issue	Status	Action
Housing Reference Group	Open	The HRG term only lasts 12 months, therefore members can change every 12 months.
Old Airstrip Sub-division	Open	DIPL has been scoped to undertake infrastructure (headworks) and land servicing investigations in 2018/19. Construction of any additional land would be after this. However the dates are yet to be confirmed.

Room to Breathe Housing Program	Open	<p>Room to Breathe works is not scheduled for Lajamanu in 2017/18. Within the next few months a five year plan will be finalised for each community which will advise when works is scheduled.</p> <p>HomeBuild is scheduled for 2017/18 for new housing, tenders have gone out.</p> <p>Room to Breathe Early Works 17/18 has been completed, with six houses receiving additional rooms/living spaces.</p>
School attendance team engagement	Open	Email from Principal to provide Local Authority during the meeting.

4.3 LAJAMANU SERVICE PROVIDERS REPROT

The Lajamanu Local Authority invites local service providers to attend each Local authority meeting to provide information and take questions on matters relating to their service.