



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

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**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/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
<b>Projects 17/18</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Estimated cost</b>	<b>Spent YTD (G)</b>
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.

### **3.3(b) MORE CASUAL WORKERS FOR AGED CARE & DISABILITY**

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

## 12 NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

### 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

#### 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.

CONFIRMED MINUTES