



MINUTES OF THE YUENDUMU LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD
IN THE CENTRAL DESERT SERVICE DELIVERY OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2017 AT 12:31PM

1 OPEN

2 PRESENT

Local Authority Members

Jimmy Langdon (Chairperson), Dianne Martin, Ormay Gallagher, Otto Sims, Francis Penhall, Jennifer Wendy Baarda.

Councillors

Cr Cecilia Alfonso (Deputy Chairperson), Cr Georgina Wilson.

3 APOLOGIES/ABSENCES

3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

SUMMARY: The Local Authority accept apologies and note absences.

Yuen001/2017 **RESOLVED (Gabriel Wilson/Dianne Martin)**

That the Local Authority:

- 1. Accept the apologies from Brian Wilson and Robert Robertson.**
- 2. Note the absences of Francis Kelly, Cr April Martin and Cr Jacob Spencer.**

4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

5 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

5.1 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority accepts the agenda for the meeting with the exception of the following:

- **Addition of item 13.1 Pest Control Scheme**
- **Addition of item 13.2 Nyirripi Road Update**

6 CODE OF CONDUCT

7 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

8 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

9 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

9.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

SUMMARY: The Local Authority is to consider the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Local Authority meeting.

Yuen002/2017 **RESOLVED (Otto Sims/Gabriel Wilson)**

That Local Authority note that the Local Authority confirm the minutes from the meeting in September 2016.

10 ACTIONS REGISTER

10.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION ITEMS

SUMMARY: Attached is the running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

Yuen003/2017 **RESOLVED (Cecilia Alfonso/Francis Penhall)**

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

10.2 REPORT FROM REGIONAL COUNCIL

SUMMARY: Council decisions made in the last Regional Council meetings are available in the tabled Summary of Major Items.

Yuen004/2017 **RESOLVED (Otto Sims/Ormay Gallagher)**

That the Local Authority accept the report from Council on decisions made in the last Ordinary Council meetings in December 2016 & January 2017.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

SUMMARY: Nominations have taken place for vacant positions in Local

Authorities across the region. In accordance with the Council's Local Authority Policy and government legislation, some members' positions have been revoked and others appointed to fill positions.

Yuen005/2017 **RESOLVED (Dianne Martin/Otto Sims)**

That the Local Authority:

- 1. Note Gabriel Wilson and Enid Gallagher have resigned from the Local Authority.**
- 2. Note that Jennifer Wendy Baarda & Robert Robertson were appointed by Council to the Local Authority.**
- 3. Advise to open nominations from 8th March to 5th April to fill the remaining vacancy.**

11.2 FAMILY WELLBEING STRATEGY

SUMMARY: The development of the Family Wellbeing Strategy is complete and has been officially launched and distributed to the public and stakeholders.

Yuen006/2017 **RESOLVED (Francis Penhall/Otto Sims)**

That the Local Authority note the release of the Family Wellbeing Strategy at the October Ordinary Council meeting.

11.3 BUS SHELTER

SUMMARY: Council has sourced appropriate shelter that meets the criteria of size, and weather protection. Discussions have taken place between the Clinic Manager and the CSM. Clinic Manager has made recommendations if the Bush Bus relocates its pick up and drop off service to the Big Shop as this is a major stopping point for the service due to the mail. Clinic manager also noted that Clinic Services are closed on the Bush Bus service days.

If service can not be relocated Clinic will work with Council to place the shelter that overlaps the Clinic Grounds and the road reserve.

Yuen007/2017 **RESOLVED (Cecilia Alfonso/Otto Sims)**

That the Local Authority note the Council Services Manager, Chair and Deputy Chair advise they will attend the next Clinic board meeting in Yuendumu to discuss the location of the Bus pick up and drop off zone.

11.4 LOCATION OF COMMUNITY PARKS

SUMMARY: September 2016 the Local Authority asked Council to follow up on the preferred sites for the Community Parks.

Letter sent to Dept. Of Housing and Community Development re our interest in Lots 559 and 581.

Response received 23/12/2016 advising Council that the lots are

required for future developments.

Yuen008/2017 **RESOLVED (Jimmy Langdon/Cecilia Alfonso)**

The Local Authority approve the following locations for the Community Parks:

- 1. Lot 484 located on Bookmark Ave- South Camp**
- 2. Edge of BMX Track- North Camp**
- 3. Edge of Lot 631 (between football oval and Softball oval)- Central West Camp**

11.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING 2016/17

SUMMARY: At its March 2016 meeting the Local Authority discussed potential projects for its 2016/17 LA project Funds. The LA identified two projects: West Camp Community Park and an anti-gambling campaign, to be investigated and reported back on at its next meeting.

Yuen009/2017 **RESOLVED (Cecilia Alfonso/Jimmy Langdon)**

That the Local Authority approve the allocation of the 2016/17 Local Authority Project Funding of \$103,941 be used on solar lighting at the following locations:

- West Camp Road**
- Sorry Camp**
- All community parks**

11.6 YUENDUMU SPORTING FACILITY UPGRADES

SUMMARY: GMAAAC Committee and the Football Coach discussed sporting facility upgrades at the Football oval and Softball court.

Yuen010/2017 **RESOLVED (Otto Sims/Dianne Martin)**

That the Local Authority note the discussion regarding funding for sporting facility upgrades at the Football oval and Softball court.

11.7 YUENDUMU CBD UPGRADE

SUMMARY: Works for the Yuendumu CBD Upgrade were tendered but bids were well above budget. Council will now review plans to undertake these works internally, using Roads crew, commencing date to be confirmed.

Yuen011/2017 **RESOLVED (Otto Sims/Cecilia Alfonso)**

That the Local Authority note the ongoing progress of the Yuendumu CBD Road Upgrade.

11.8 ASBESTOS ON WESTERN BOUNDARY OF AIRSTRIP

SUMMARY:

- That the organisation is legally responsible for managing the asbestos at the Land Trust site is disputed by CLC and CDRC.**

- This matter will be pursued through parallel channels. The current working group will cooperate to solve immediate issues.
- Open & timely communications with the public is needed.
- A public meeting will be held on Monday 27 Feb at Yuendumu. Reps will attend from CLC, Dept. of Health, NT EPA & CDRC
- Prior to the meeting, the site will be further –Isolated to restrict public access to raise public awareness.
- Asbestos at the site will be removed and disposed. A Clean – up plan will be developed and authorised by relevant NTG agencies.
- Funding will sourced.
- Work will preferably be done by local people employed by local organisations, properly trained and supported.
- ABA grant funding will be sought to fence and sign all known legacy asbestos sites at remote communities of Central Desert, Barkly and McDonald Council areas.

Yuen012/2017 **RESOLVED (Otto Sims/Cecilia Alfonso)**

That the Local Authority receive and note the on going developments regarding Asbestos found on the Western Boundary of the Yuendumu Airstrip.

11.9 YUENDUMU CHILDCARE AND PLAYGROUP UPDATE

SUMMARY:

The IAS funding agreement from PM&C for Yuendumu Childcare and Playgroup ceases as of 31 Dec 2017. New funding arrangements for BBF services will not be implemented till 1 July 2018. This leaves us with a 6 month gap in funding. Children Services Management team is currently working with PM&C to request an extension of the current funding agreement so the childcare will not be forced to close for the 6 month period.

Yuen013/2017 **RESOLVED (Cecilia Alfonso/Francis Penhall)**

That the Local Authority:

- 1. Note the following update regarding ongoing funding for Yuendumu Childcare and Playgroup.**
- 2. Authorise the Yuendumu Early Childhood Reference group to be the official advisory group for Yuendumu Early Childhood programs.**

12 COMMUNITY REPORTS

12.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

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

Yuen014/2017 RESOLVED (Dianne Martin/Cecilia Alfonso)
That the Local Authority note the Council Services Report.

12.2 FINANCE REPORT

SUMMARY: The Finance Report outlines the budget and expenditure for the community for the current financial period.

Yuen015/2017 RESOLVED (Otto Sims/Dianne Martin)
That the Local Authority note the attached Finance Report.

12.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROL REFERENCE GROUP

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

Yuen016/2017 RESOLVED (Otto Sims/Jimmy Langdon)
That Local Authority:

- 1. Note the verbal update on Community Safety Patrol.**
- 2. Advise that children are joy riding in the CSP vehicles.**
- 3. Advise the Willowra CSP used the Mt Dennison station roads whilst the Willowra road was closed.**
- 4. Request Willowra CSP officer are reminded of the Council's policy behind closed/private roads and that it is illegal to trespass on private property.**
- 5. Request for all policies and procedure's in relation to Community Safety Patrol are located in all CSP vehicles for officers use.**

13 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

13.1 CDP PEST CONTROL SCHEME

SUMMARY: Pest control has become a problem in most communities and the possibility of a CDP Pest Control Scheme was discussed at the Yuendumu Local Authority meeting.

Yuen017/2017 RESOLVED (Cecilia Alfonso/Francis Penhall)
The Local Authority request John Gaynor, Director of Corporate Services, investigate the possibility for a CDP Pest Control Training Scheme.

13.2 NYIRRIPI ROAD UPDATE

SUMMARY: The Yuendumu Local Authority have some questions and concerns regarding the Nyirripi Road.

Yuen018/2017 RESOLVED (Otto Sims/Dianne Martin)
The Local Authority request Glenn Marshall, Director of Works and Infrastructure, attend the next meeting to provide an update

regarding the Nyirripi Road and answer related questions.

14 NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

14.1 NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT REPORT

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority:

- 1. Request the NTG representative to raise the following concerns with the Department of Health and report back at the next meeting:**
 - The Yuendumu clinic constantly understaffed and under pressure due to the limited services in Yuelamu.
 - The shelves in the morgue are rusted, therefore unable to be used for the deceased.
 - The confusion and need for clarification regarding the clinic being responsible for the morgue.
- 2. Request the NTG representative to raise the following issues with the NT Police Department:**
 - Community not having a direct line to contact police during emergencies.
 - The need for police assistance to remove drugs from community.
- 3. Request the NTG representative to discuss with Department of Housing the pest issues in community and report back at the next meeting if pest control will be provided.**
- 4. Request the NTG representative to invite a Department of Education representative to attend the next meeting to**
- 5. Request the NTG representative to investigate why Alice Springs stores lock up the deodorant but Yuendumu stores do not.**

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 3:28pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEDING 6 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Yuendumu Local Authority HELD ON Wednesday, 8 March 2017 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 10 May 2017.

Chairperson