



CENTRAL DESERT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES NYIRRIPI LOCAL AUTHORITY WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY 2020

The Nyirripi Local Authority Meeting of the Central Desert Regional Council was held at the Nyirripi Council Office on Wednesday, 8 July 2020 at 12:00pm.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Meeting opened: 12:09pm

1. ADMINISTRATION

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

	PRESENT	APOLOGY	Staff and Guests
Lance Turner (Chair)	✓		Diane Hood (CEO)
Ben Gallagher (Deputy Chair)		Absent	Ben Campion (CSC)
Cr April Martin		Absent	Maria de Dios (Governance)
Cr Freddy Williams		Absent	Robin Hall (DLGHCD)
Cr Jacob Spencer	✓		Enock Menge (DLGHCD)
Cr Warren Williams	✓		Nick Thorpe (Community Planner - DLGHCD)
Alastair Turner	✓		
Christine Ellis		Absent	
Desmond Williams		Absent	
Judith Martin	✓		
Kenneth Martin		Absent	
Leston Spencer		Absent	

Meeting status: Provisional Quorum

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Local Authority (LA) reviewed the Code of Conduct.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

As there was a provisional quorum, minutes were held over until the next meeting.

Community Services Coordinator Ben Campion arrived at 12:11pm.

2. COMMUNITY BUSINESS

2.1 Community Plan

A Community Planning was held on the same day.

Some of the Council business improvements that were suggested were the following:

Roads – grading of rough roads 30km out of Nyirripi, more speed bumps

Litter – asked if rubbish can be picked up Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. CEO mentioned that if they can find workers to assist, Council can increase the days of pick up.

Cemetery – solar lights and toilet

Parks – upgrade of equipment, expansion of parks, bbq area

Trees at entrance and in community

Crèche

Small library

Some people commented on homelands roads but did not clarify which homelands and roads – more input was requested. It was also raised that the morgue is too small. However, these are not Council business and people were advised to talk to Health. Noted for advocacy.

2.2 Local Authority Projects

Most of the projects are awaiting delivery. Things have been held up due to Covid. Purchase orders have been raised but still waiting on invoices.

Lance Turner arrived at 12:20pm.

The following project has been proposed:

A map at the cemetery to show the locations of the deceased. CEO said that it is possible to have a map if people can tell the Council where to find the deceased or unless there is a register somewhere.

Lance was happy to recommend the proposed project but since the meeting was only a provisional quorum, this project will have to go through Council.

2.3 Community Safety Patrol Reference Group

The LA members asked if the Council can recruit 2 men and 2 women for Community Safety Patrol. One of each to work at East and at West. CEO said that they have to help look for people who will work. It was noted people who wanted a job could come into the Council Office to apply at any stage.

2.4 LA Action Register

From meeting	Issue	Update	STATUS
8 July 2020	A couple of street signs were spelled incorrectly (to Homelands on Yuendumu – Nyirripi Road).	LA members to provide to CSC the wrong spelling and right spelling of street signs. Council to make application to Homelands as needed.	OPEN
8 July 2020	Location of new houses to be built	LA members to organise a community meeting with Nick Thorpe so a decision can be made as to where they would like the new houses to be built.	OPEN

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 Attached Reports

Previous Council Decisions

The Local Authority noted resolutions from the previous Council meeting.

Finance Report

The Local Authority noted the finance report.

Council Services Report

The Local Authority reviewed and noted the Council Services Report.

Judith Martin arrived at 12:40pm.

3.2 General Business

Q1. Jacob Spencer asked what happens if a job applicant does not have a license.

RESPONSE: CEO said Council provides on-the-job training. They can apply as Works Crew and learn skills as they go. Council requires driving license but if we have enough people, we can cope with 1 person without driver's license and pair them up with someone who has a driver's license.

Q2. Jacob Spencer asked when Nyirripi will have a mobile coverage.

RESPONSE: CEO said that mobile coverage is not a Council business. NBN Co. is rolling out all communications to all remote communities but Council has no timetable.

Lance Turner mentioned that GMAAAC has a plan to put small cell tower in Nyirripi.

Q3. Lance Turner asked if we can hire Roads Crew.

RESPONSE: CEO said that Council cannot hire if there is no funding. It is not sustainable to have separate roads crew at each communication.

Lance mentioned the community was seeking funding through its GMAAAC monies and would discuss with CLC.

Q4. Lance Turner asked who is going to fix the basketball court.

RESPONSE: Community Services Coordinator (CSC) Ben Campion said that quotes have been done. The Council has the S19 lease so CEO said to go ahead with this project.

Q5. Cr. Jacob Spencer asked when the Oval will be upgraded.

CEO asked the members how they would like the Oval to be upgraded. It was advised the community wanting lighting.

RESPONSE: Lights are \$400,000 to \$1/2 million and there is no budget for that. There are also issues with payment for the electricity.

Regarding power, it has to be power cards due to unknown power usage. Lance Turner suggested a groundsman to switch lights off.

It was discussed what other kinds of improvements might be wanted – e.g. seating or grandstands, which other Local Authorities have done as projects. More thinking on this issue.

Q6. Cr. Jacob Spencer mentioned that the street lights near his house are not working.

RESPONSE: CEO said that Council is working on an audit so that there would be a program of repair.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Petitions and Deputations

Nick Thorpe of Department of Housing and Community Development presented a draft of Community Land Use Plan. He mentioned that Nyirripi will need 20 houses within the next 20 years. He allocated 20 houses to be built on the side where the power station is because there is a road, sewerage and electricity. However, the LA members asked if houses can also be built either side of the community because there is the East and West group. Nick said that if they have to build new roads and new sewerage, there will be less houses that can be built.

The Local Authority members will organise a community meeting with Nick to decide where they like the new houses to be built.

4.2 Northern Territory Government Report

Robin Hall said that NTG is promoting enrolment so people can vote for the upcoming election in August. People can vote 1 week early at the old ANZ building in Alice Springs.

From meeting	Issue	Update	STATUS
10/07/2020	Permanent presence of police in Nyirripi	DLGHCD to invite police to next meeting on behalf of the Local Authority.	OPEN

CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed: 1:18pm

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