



DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PAPUNYA
LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD
ON 16 OCTOBER 2014

1. MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11.00am

2. WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

2.1 Welcome to Country – Sylvana Marks

2.2 Attendance – Members and Councillors

2.3 Attendance – Staff and Visitors

Local Authority Members:

Sylvana Marks (Chair), Punata Stockman, Linda Anderson, Isobel Gorey, Sammy Butcher

Councillors:

Lance Abbott, Sid Anderson

Staff:

Graham Murnik (Director Service Delivery), Helen Smith (Manager – Governance and Engagement), Rachel Walsh (Governance Support Officer), Rhonda Wilcomes (Council Services Coordinator), Barry Lysaght (Manager – Finance)

Visitors:

Rohan Mathews (GEC)

3. APOLOGIES AND ABSENTEES

3.1 Apologies / Absentees

Apologies:

Denis Minor, Lance McDonald, Graham Poulson, Sheila Dixon, Karen McDonald, Cr Irene Nangala

Absentees:

3.2 Resignations

No members announced that they would like to resign.

4. COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT (MEETING RULES)

4.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

Motion:

(a) That the Local Authority note the MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct.

MOVED: Sammy Butcher

SECONDED: Lance Abbott

CARRIED

Action: The Local Authority requests that the MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct to be written in language (Iuritja).

4.2 Conflict of Interest

Motion:

(a) That the Local Authority note the Conflicts of Interest Report.

MOVED: Punata Stockman

SECONDED: Isobel Gorey

CARRIED

No conflicts of interest were declared at this meeting

Action: The Local Authority requests that the Conflicts of Interest policy to be written in language (Iuritja).

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Revision – Number of LA meetings per year

The Local Authority are happy with having six of meetings per year.

The Indigenous Advance Strategy (IAS) was discussed

Governance Training

The Local Authority discussed the whether all local authority members could receive governance training.

Central Australian Waste Management

The Local Authority were advised that Papunya has received a \$5,000 grant for the the purpose of education on waste management.

The following ideas were discussed by the Local Authority –

- An education program regarding picking up rubbish and what rubbish does to the environment.
- Recycling and waste initiatives.
- A clean up Papunya Day/Week.
- Posters in language to educate what rubbish does to their totem - honey ants, with this as something the children can create.
- A community BBQ to promote this program.

A plan will be set based on the ideas discussed and taken to the next meeting for the Local Authority to approve. Funds needs to be spent by 31 December 2014, and reported on in January 2015.

Meeting broke for lunch at 12.15pm meeting resumed at 12.50pm

6. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

6.1 NT Housing

No representative from NT Housing attended this meeting

7. LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS AND BUDGETS

7.1 Training – Finance

Training session conducted by Barry Lysaght

- Review of last training on Governance which covered
 - the 3 levels of government
 - links from Community → Local Authority → Council → CEO → Staff
 - roles of Local Authority, Council and Staff – separation of powers
 - Code of Conduct
- Understanding Council reports
- Council Budget
 - Where does your community fit?
 - What reports you will get from Council
 - What the numbers could be telling you
- MacDonnell Regional Plan – Priorities for Community
- Balancing what Community wants & what Council can afford
- Where Council gets its money for Services in Community
 - Expenditure
 - Money spent so far YTD
 - What could have been spent YTD
 - Difference – Variance YTD
 - What we can spend – budget for the full year

Meeting break 1.54pm

meeting resumed: 2.10pm

7.2 Finance and Budgets – Review the Financial Report for July 2014

Motion:

- (a) That the Local Authority note and accept the Financial Report as at 31 July 2014.

MOVED: Lance Abbott

SECONDED: Punata Stockman

CARRIED

7.3 Local Authority Plan – Confirm priorities and approve plan

Motion:

- (b) That the Local Authority confirm priorities and approve the Local Authority Plan

MOVED: Sid Anderson

SECONDED: Sammy Butcher

CARRIED

With an amendment to changing Sorry Camp to be Priority One. A Laundromat is not a service delivered by Council. The Local Authority allocates all funding be spent on Priority One.

Papunya has been allocated \$74k for infrastructure projects in the community.

Priority 1 – Upgrade sorry camp.

The Local Authority would like two shade structures instead of four shade structures. One shade structure for men, and one for women with the one large camp to be turned into three camps. The location of the three camps were identified on a map of the community.

Priority 2 – Laudromat - Local Authority accepts the gifted washing machines. The Local Authority will discuss with the Store Committee about setting up machines in the store.

8. MINUTES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

8.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the last Local Authority Meeting.

Motion:

- (a) That the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on 21 August 2014 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

MOVED: Sid Anderson
SECONDED: Sylvana Marks
CARRIED

8.2 Issues / Action arising from Minutes

Nil

9. COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

9.1 Standing Items Report – Actions Register

Motion:

- (a) That the Local Authority note and accept the Standing Items Report – Action Register.

MOVED: Sammy Butcher
SECONDED: Punata Stockman
CARRIED

Item 1. Whipper snipper and lawnmowers – ITEM CLOSED

Item 2. Road Grading – ITEM CLOSED

Item 3. Sports Weekend – ONGOING

Action: Put on the agenda for the first meeting in the new year for further discussion.

Item 4. Road Trains – ONGOING

Item 5. Discretionary funds – ITEM CLOSED

Item 6. Outstations – ONGOING

The Local Authority commented that assistance is needed with helping to clean up rubbish at 5 mile and 3 mile outstations. Possibly a truck and works assistants to go to the stations to help with the clean up. Can outstation residents be employed to do this work?

The Local Authority were advised that a budget will be put to the next Ordinary Council Meeting for additional staff – a Senior outstation worker and two outstation assistants.

Item 7. Housing – ITEM CLOSED

Item 8 Recreation Area – ONGOING

The Local Authority will discuss this item at a later meeting.

9.2 Complaints received

Motion:

- (b) That the Local Authority note and accept the complaints received.

MOVED: Sylvana Marks

SECONDED: Isobel Gorey

CARRIED

Nil complaints received.

9.3 Council Services Coordinator Report

Motion:

- (c) That the Local Authority note and accept the Council Services Coordinator Report.

MOVED: Sid Anderson

SECONDED: Sammy Butcher

CARRIED

9.4 Community Services Report

Motion:

- (d) That the Local Authority note and accept the Community Services Report.

MOVED: Sammy Butcher

SECONDED: Isobel Gorey

CARRIED

10. DEPUTATIONS/GUEST SPEAKERS

11. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 27th NOVEMBER 2014

Isobel Gorey submits her apology for the next meeting, as she will be away at another meeting on this day.

12. MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 5.05pm.

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