



DRAFT MINUTES of the AREYONGA
LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING held on 13 NOVEMBER, 2014

1. MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:40am by Chairperson Johnathon Doolan

2. WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

2.1 Welcome to Country – Johnathon Doolan

3. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

3.1 Attendance – Members

Local Authority Members: Johnathon Doolan (Chairperson), Daphne Puntjina, Joy Kunia, Martin Nipper, Garnet Djana, Sarah Gallagher

Ward Councillors: Selina Kulitja, Marlene Abbott

3.2 Attendance – staff and visitors

MRC Staff: Helen Smith (Man. Governance & Planning), Jerry Pena (CSC), Ken Newman (Area Manager), Levina Phillips (Governance Officer).

Visitors: Greg Gilbert & Rowan Hodge, DHLGRS

3.3 Apologies / Absentees

Apologies: LA members Garnet Djana & Lynette Coulthard, President Sid Anderson

3.4 Resignations

It was noted that Albert Gallagher had submitted a letter of resignation from the Local Authority and received by MRC on 20 November 2014.

Nomination

Martin Nipper nominates as Deputy Chairperson – All agreed with no objections.

MOVED: Sarah Gallagher

SECONDED: Daphne Puntjina

CARRIED

4. COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT (MEETING RULES)

4.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

Motion:

(a) The Local Authority notes the MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct.

MOVED: Sarah Gallagher

SECONDED: Selina Kulitja

CARRIED

4.2 Conflict of Interest

Motion:

- (a) The Local Authority notes the Conflicts of Interest Procedure and have no Conflicts of Interests to declare.

MOVED: Marlene Abbott
SECONDED: Sarah Gallagher

CARRIED

5. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

5.1 NT Housing – Greg Gilbert & Rowan Hodge, DHLGRS

Mr Gilbert & Mr Hodge answered questions from the Local Authority;

- lack of maintenance
- length of wait time for response to maintenance reports
- issues with no fans in houses, heat causing stress – swampies were removed and replaced with split systems that NT Housing will not maintain – extreme cold in winter
- ongoing electrical & plumbing issues in houses – children and disabled in these houses.

NT Housing reps noted issues and agreed to look at these issues before leaving the community.

It was also stated that if there are any issues with Ingkerreke or Zodiac it should be reported to NT Housing immediately and they will follow-up.

NOTE: Mr Gilbert & Mr Hodge left the meeting at 11:53am

6. TRAINING

6.1 Policies & Procedures

Helen Smith gave a presentation on the following;

- Council Code of Conduct
- Local Authority Policy
- Councillor & Local Authority Member Accommodation & Travel Reimbursement
- Local Authority Member Allowance Payments
- Local Authority Guidelines

A discussion was had and each policy was read and explained why we have policies and procedures.

6.2 Future Training Needs

The Local Authority was asked what further training they felt they would like to more of, all agreed on the following;

- Governance
- Conflict of Interests – what is a conflict of interest?
- Code of Conduct – what does this mean?

LUNCH BREAK: 12:25pm

MEETING RESUMED: 1:05pm

7. MINUTES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

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

Motion:

- (a) The Local Authority accept the draft minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on 17 September, 2014 as read and accepts them as a true record of the meeting.

MOVED: Marlene Abbott

SECONDED: Joy Kunia

CARRIED

7.2 Issues / Action arising from Minutes

Nil

8. COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

8.1 Standing Items Report – Actions Register

Actio 1: Permanent residential aged care facility – ONGOING

- NATSI Flexible Aged Care Services would be the best option if wanting to apply for assistance
- DSS are currently doing a review and have recommended expanding facilities at Utju
- it is recommended that Utju community write to DSS requesting expanding the facility
- Utju must be able to support a bigger facility and be committed

ACTION: MRC to draft a letter to DSS on behalf of Utju.

Action 2: Aged Care building - ONGOING

- LA have requested this remain on the Actions Register until a new car parking area has been completed

Action 3: Mechanics workshop – ONGOING

- a shade structure has been ordered and expected delivery to community is in mid December.

Action 4: Housing – ONGOING

- Centrelink and NT Housing have agreed to have a free call number for tenancy & repairs programmed into the Centrelink phones for easier reporting.

Motion:

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

MOVED: Sarah Gallagher

SECONDED: Marlene Abbott

CARRIED

8.2 Complaints received

Motion:

- (a) The Local Authority notes there were no complaints received.

MOVED: Martin Nipper

SECONDED: Daphne Puntjina

CARRIED

8.3 Council Services Coordinator Report

Motion:

- (a) The Local Authority notes and accepts the Council Service Coordinators Report.

MOVED: Marlene Abbott
SECONDED: Daphne Puntjina **CARRIED**

8.4 Community Services Report

Motion:

(a) The Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services Reports.

MOVED: Sarah Gallagher
SECONDED: Martin Nipper **CARRIED**

9. FINANCE

9.1 Expenditure Report as at 30 September 2014

Motion:

(a) The Local Authority notes and accepts the Expenditure Report as at 30th September, 2014.

MOVED: Joy Kunia
SECONDED: Johnathon Doolan **CARRIED**

9.2 Annual Report Review

Helen Smith discussed the Annual report with the Local Authority pointing out different areas and explaining what it means.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Discussion – number of LA meetings per calendar year

- Local Authority request to have their meetings on Wednesdays'
- Local Authority agree to have 6 meetings per calendar year

ALL AGREED - CARRIED

10.2 Communication Strategy & Community Engagement

A questionnaire was completed by the Local Authority giving feedback to Council for the Communication Strategy & Community Engagement Plan currently being developed.

10.3 Partnership Project – MRC/Areyonga/University of Melbourne

Ken Newman presented the following information to the Local Authority with a recommendation to support the initiative;

**University of Melbourne
Shade Structure Project – Areyonga**

- MRC supports trying this exciting initiative at the Areyonga and Amoonguna communities.
- Partnership with MRC and University of Melbourne - Dr David O'Brien, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Architecture, University of Melbourne & George Stavrias
- University supplies the materials for 2 pavilions for \$3,100 per pavilion but has greater advantages in community building and engagement.

- Extra steel and fixings for custom furniture (seating/benches/tables/screening designed and built on-site after consultation with the local community/yourself) would be an additional \$400 per site.
- University of Melbourne would donate the design and the labour of the 12 students and 3 staff.
- Process to begin in early 2015 with a period of consultation with MRC and the communities for optimal siting and design.
- The students would join MRC Civil Works teams for the construction of the pavilions in June 2015 (maybe earlier).
- If MRC Civil works teams are undertaking a training program that covers the skills in the prefabrication and erection of the pavilions, University would work with MRC and our training provider to tailor the training as required.
- The prefabrication (which could include welding, cutting and drilling into steel) could take place immediately prior to the June 2015 build.
- University of Melbourne has found that the most successful and rewarding projects are built around strong partnerships and engagement.
- If the project goes ahead we would extend an invitation to someone from MRC to travel to the University of Melbourne and address our students as part of their preparation for their trip up to Alice.

MOTION:

- (a) Areyonga Local Authority supports the initiative between MRC, University of Melbourne and the Areyonga community to have the university students construct, with the assistance of the Civil works team, a shade structure at a public place to be determined in Areyonga.

MOVED: Marlene Abbott
 SECONDED: Sarah Gallagher

APPROVED - CARRIED

10.4 Shade Structure development

Jerry Pena presented the following information to the Local Authority with a recommendation to support the purchase of a shade structure, seats and associated items;

**New Shade structure Development
 Across from Lot 91 (Recreation Hall) on the river side of Lydia Dora Drive
 Areyonga**

- Quotes have been received for a new 12 m x 6 m shade structure with 4 x table and bench seats for a new shade area at Areyonga.
- An area on the riverside of Lydia Dora Road across from the Recreation Hall (Lot 91) has been identified as an appropriate site.
- It will cost approx. \$20,000 - \$25,000 for the shade structure, concrete for the footings, paved or concreted floor and freight to Areyonga.
- A rough plan has been made for the proposed development
- To develop a carpark as well, would cost almost \$7000, using scalps for the area
- A pallet of green bollards would also cost about \$6500
- This project could be done over a two year program if the Local Authority also uses some of its next year infrastructure funds.

MOTION:

- (a) Areyonga Local Authority approves the purchase of the shade structure, seats and associated items for the proposed area at Areyonga.

MOVED: Sarah Gallagher

SECONDED: Joy Kunia

APPROVED - CARRIED

11. NEXT MEETING

2015 with dates to be confirmed

12. MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 4:30pm.

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