



DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TITJIKALA LOCAL AUTHORITY  
MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER, 2014 at 10:30AM

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**1. MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:31am with Philip Wilyuka in the Chair.

**2. WELCOME & ATTENDANCE**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Philip Wilyuka

2.2 Attendance - Members:

Philip Wilyuka (Chair), Cnr Greg Sharman, Cnr Richard Doolan, Dennis Douglas, Douglas Wells, Helen Katatuna, Margaret Orr,

2.3 Attendance – Staff and Visitors:

Simon Murphy (Dir. Tech Services), Helen Smith (Mgr Governance & Planning), Dave McGregor (Titjikala CSC), Kura Waugh (Customer Service Officer), Bruce Fyfe (DLGR), Lisa Sharman (MRC)

**3. APOLOGIES / ABSENTEES / RESIGNATIONS**

3.1 Apologies: President Sid Anderson, Roger Wilyuka, Durrie Farmilo, Cnr Jacob Hoosan,  
Absentees: Jillian Renner, Cnr Louise Cavanagh

3.2 Resignations: There were no resignations put forth at this meeting.

**4. COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT (MEETING RULES)**

4.1 Code of Conduct

**MOTION:**

(a) That the Titjikala Local Authority note and accept the Council Code of Conduct

**NOTED & ACCEPTED  
CARRIED**

4.2 Conflict of Interest

**MOTION:**

(a) That the Titjikala Local Authority notes the Local Authority Conflict of Interest Procedure and declares any conflict of interests.

- No Conflicts of Interest were declared at this meeting.

**NOTED & ACCEPTED  
CARRIED**

**5. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

**5.1 NT Housing**

- Apology given to Local Authority on behalf of housing for not attending.
- Greg Sharman advised that NT Housing is going to have a representative at the next Council Meeting – scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

**6. TRAINING *Postponed until 11:30AM***

**6.1 Policies & Procedures**

- “Local Authorities *Policies and Procedures*” Document tabled by H.Smith
- Helen Smith delivered training. Topics covered: Council Code of Conduct, Local Authority Policy, Councillor & LA Member Accommodation and Travel Re-Imbursement, LA Member Allowance Payment’s, Local Authority Guidelines (As set by NT Government)
- Philip Wilyuka advised that Jillian Renner may need to sign a resignation letter as she has missed two meetings.
- Helen Smith continues training covering Councillor & LA Member Accommodation and Travel Re-Imbursement; Vehicle allowance on eligible if using own vehicle paid at \$ per km (inch wear & tear) – paid after arrival and not if ride share; Accommodation – MRC will book Accommodation and pay – Members are liable for in costs incurred by damage or neglect of rooms.
- Helen Smith continues training covering LA Member Allowance Payment’s – *How/When Members get paid*
- Helen Smith continues training explaining L.A Guidelines as set by NT Government; LA are to have 6 meetings per year, MRC is to Notify of upcoming meetings and to have Agendas prepared 3 days before the meeting; LA Members are able to sit on Employment panels for Mgrs. upwards and are provided with four financial reports per year

**6.2 Future Training Needs**

- Helen Smith advised LA Member’s that they have completed all required training.
- Discussion was had regarding future training, Requested training included; Literacy Training, Confidence Building, Leadership Training, Finance Training and Chairperson Training.
- Greg Sharman encouraged Local Authority members to attend all training that is offered.
- Helen Smith suggested arranging a training workshop to fall either the day before or day after a Local Authority meeting. Local Authority discussed this and agrees this is a good idea.
- Training concluded at 12:00PM

## **7. MINUTES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS**

### **7.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

- Greg Sharman read Minutes of Previous Meeting in full.
- David McGregor advised that contrary to the reports at the last meeting Titjikala has lost funding for one Outstation - Alice Well – All services are working at Alice Well except sewerage.

#### **MOTION:**

- (a)** That the Minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

MOVED: Cnr Greg Sharman

SECONDED: Margaret Orr

**CARRIED**

### **7.1.1 Youth Committee Meeting Minutes**

- Greg Sharman read Minutes of Previous Youth Committee Meeting in full.
- The Local Authority recommends the Youth Committee look into using the community bus – currently unregistered, to make trips into town.
- Philip Wilyuka advised that trips into town to use the pool would assist in reducing water wastage – Reports of children turning on Fire hydrants and taps to keep cool, in addition temporary pools sold at the store are easily punctured and not a cost effective way to keep cool.
- Dave McGregor advised that PowerWater had contacted the council and advised that it cannot keep up with the demand for water in Titjikala. With pumps running 23 hours a day they could break down.
- Greg Sharman recommends parents contribute \$\$ for trips to town – enough to cover pool entry and lunch to make the service sustainable.
- Dave McGregor recommended the topic of town trips be raised at the community meeting to be held Thurs 20<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2014.
- Greg Sharman recommends a partnership between youth and army. Youth could attend a boot camp run by the army while the army is in Titjikala completing the AACAP program.
- **ACTION: Request for next meeting date be put on future minutes**

#### **MOTION:**

- (a)** That the Local Authority note the Minutes for the Youth Committee meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

MOVED: Cnr Greg Sharman

SECONDED: Douglas Wells

**CARRIED**

### **7.2 Issues/ Actions arising from Minutes**

NIL

## **8. COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### **8.1 Standing Items Report - Actions Register**

#### **Action 1: Fencing of Houses – CLOSED**

- Work has commenced and is ongoing. Local Authority is happy to close this action.

#### **Action 2: Ovals – ONGOING**

- No update given yet for the 20 Million Trees funding application.
- If successful there will be an opportunity for many trees and shrubs to be planted around within all MRC communities.

#### **Motion:**

- (a)** The Local Authority note and accept the Standing Items Actions Register Report.

MOVED: Cnr Richard Doolan

SECONDED: Helen Katakana

**CARRIED**

### **8.2 Council Services Coordinator Report**

- CSC Report read in full by Dave McGregor
- **UPDATE:** A new trench has been dug at the Landfill.
- **UPDATE:** Grader is coming out on Monday to do a fire break.
- Greg Sharman noted that before the previous years Tidy Town judging two days were spent cleaning the community in preparation – This year no additional time was spent preparing for the judging.
- Lisa Sharman noted that since the commencement of fences been installed community members are talking about tidying up their yards.
- Simon Murphy read letter from Adam Giles MLA to the Community congratulating them on their Tidy Town achievements.

#### **Motion:**

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

MOVED: Cnr Greg Sharman

SECONDED: Margaret Orr

**CARRIED**

### **8.3 Complaints Received:**

NIL

#### **Motion:**

- (a)** The Local Authority note and accept the Complaints Received

MOVED: Dennis Douglas

SECONDED: Helen Katakana

**CARRIED**

### **8.4 Community Services Report**

- Community Services Report read in full by Greg Sharman.
- Greg Sharman noted that the number of children's lunch being prepared by homecare

reflects school attendance (20 lunches made daily on average – should be closer to 30)

**Motion:**

- The Local Authority accepts the Community Services Report.

MOVED: Cnr Greg Sharman

SECONDED: Cnr Richard Doolan

**CARRIED**

**9. BUDGETS**

**9.1 Expenditure Report as at 30 September 2014**

- MRC – Titjikala *Expenditure by Community as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014* Document tabled and read in full by Simon Murphy.

**Motion:**

- (a) That the Local Authority note and accept Expenditure Report as at 30 September 2014.

MOVED: Cnr Greg Sharman

SECONDED: Douglas Wells

**CARRIED**

6. Training 11:30AM – 12:00PM  
**12:00PM – 12:36PM LUNCH**

**10. ANNUAL REPORT**

- MRC Annual Report Tabled
- Helen Smith advised that it was an audited financial report meaning that MRC had been independently investigated and was found to have no discrepancies and above line with all finances.
- MRC was found to have a surplus which has been put in the budget for this year.

**Motion:**

- (a) That the Local Authority note the MacDonnell Regional Council 2013/14 Annual Report.

MOVED: Cnr Greg Sharman

SECONDED: Douglas Wells

**CARRIED**

**11. OTER BUSINESS**

**11.1 Revision – number of LA Meetings per year**

- Members would like to continue having 6 Local Authority Meetings per year.

MOVED: Cnr Greg Sharman

SECONDED: Margaret Orr

**CARRIED**

**11.2 Outback Truckers**

- Greg Sharman noted that the cars really need to get moved.
- A letter was passed around regarding the TV show 'Outback Truckers' organising for the trucks to be mover, the Local Authority agreed and all members present signed.

### 11.3 Discretionary Funds

- Discussion had to use discretionary funds to purchase an air blower for the community – including 2x inflators and straps for use at funerals.
- Dave McGregor will prepare a letter, Douglas Wells recommending asking the store re: Air hose.

### 11.4 Horse

- Dave McGregor has been advised by the VET that the wild horse has the potential to injure or kill a child and that something needs to be done. Dave advised that he had received multiple verbal complaints about the horse.
- Philip Wilyuka advised that the horse is a part of the community and shouldn't be removed – Philip suggested castrating the horse and also mentioned that the community had no issues with the horse and that complaints were coming from visitors to the community
- Phillip Wilyuka said he would raise the issue at the Community meeting to be held Thurs 20<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2014 and gauge community reaction.

### 11.5 Location of playground

- New playground will be erected behind Lot 42 and Lo 33 (Lot 33 will be expanding)
- The playground will include – Slides, Monkey bars, Twist Net, Rock Climbing wall, Roll Over bar, Spider Pole, Wave Bar, Abseil and inclined Congo net.
- The park will need a new name. The local Authority will discuss possible names with community members prior to the next Local Authority meeting – preferably a name that is in language.

### 11.6 Indigenous Advancement Strategy

- Comments following Indigenous Advancement Strategy presentation at Previous meeting - Greg Sharman would like to know why the Government is focussing on jobs and school attendance as there are no job opportunities in Titjikala and it is the responsibility of individual parents to get their children to school.

### 11.7 Yard Maintenance

- Helen Katakana advised that a child had been bitten by a snake when playing in long grass in a backyard. Dave Macgregor advised that RJCP and Catholicare should be assisting elderly residents with yard maintenance within lots.

## **10: NEXT MEETING**

The next Titjikala Local Authority Meeting is not due until 2015. Dates to be confirmed.

## **11. MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting was closed at 1:05PM

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