



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA
LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT AMOONGUNA
ON WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY, 2014 at 9:30AM

1. MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 9:50am with Theresa Alice in the Chair.

2. WELCOME AND MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

2.1 Welcome to Country – Theresa Alice

2.2 Local Authority members – introductions – as below Attendance

2.3 Council Staff – Introductions – as below Attendance

3. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

3.1 Attendance:

Local Authority Members: Teresa Alice (Chair), Kevin Stuart, Michael Ellis, Joylene Williams, Lynette Ellis, Sharon Stuart, Henry Oliver, Cnr Jacob Hoosan, Cnr Greg Sharman, Cnr Richard Doolan

Council Staff: Jeff MacLeod (CEO), Chris Kendrick (Director Corporate Services), Ken Newman (Area Manager), Rewa Angell (Amoonguna CSC), Kura Waugh (Customer Service Officer).

Others: Kerry Smith (DLGR)

3.2 Apologies / Absentees: President Sid Anderson, Cnr Louise Cavanagh

3.3 Nominations / Resignations:

- Jeff MacLeod advised that one more Local Authority nominee is required - reserved for a member of youth as agreed at the previous Local Authority meeting. The members present agreed that there is one youth position left.
- Jeff advised that nominees for deputy chair need to be put forth. Theresa Alice nominated Michael Ellis. No other nominations were put forth. Members present agreed that Michael Ellis will be Deputy Chair.
- There were no resignations put forth at this meeting.

3.4 Chair / Deputy Chair: Theresa Alice (Chair), Michael Ellis (Deputy Chair)

3.5 Training

- “Local Government *What is it and what is your role?*” PowerPoint tabled by Chris Kendrick
- Chris delivered training via PowerPoint presentation. Topics covered: Role of Local Government, Levels of Government, Role of LGANT
10:00AM Lynette Alice arrived to meeting
- Chris continues training covering MRC hierarchy
10:10AM Cnr Greg Sharman Alice arrived to meeting

- Chris continues training covering separation of power, code of conduct, conflict of interest, confidentiality and fiduciary obligations to community.
- Chris advised members that would receive training at each Local Authority meeting to assist them to better understand the role.
- Training at the next Local Authority meeting will cover Finance.
- Chris asked if all members were happy to have their photograph taken during the meeting. All members agreed that this would be okay.
- Chris requested that local authority members stay back after the meeting to complete forms.
- Training concluded at 10:30AM

4. LOCAL AUTHORITY CODE OF CONDUCT (MEETING RULES)

4.1 Code of Conduct

MOTION:

- (a) That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct, read in full by Jeff MacLeod.

NOTED & ACCEPTED – CARRIED

4.2 Conflict of Interest

MOTION:

- (b) That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the Local Authority Conflict of Interest, read in full by Jeff MacLeod, and declare and conflict of interests.

No Conflicts of Interest were made at this meeting.

NOTED & ACCEPTED – CARRIED

5. MINUTES OF LOCAL BOARD MEETINGS

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Local Board Meeting.

- Jeff MacLeod explained detailed minute structure and read Minutes of Previous Local Board Transition meeting in full.
- Ken Newman requested that he be added to the attendees list as he was present at the meeting.

MOTION:

- (a) That the Minutes of the Local Board Transition Meeting held on Wednesday 21 May 2014 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting with one amendment.

MOVED: Richard Doolan

SECONDED: Sharon Stuart

CARRIED

5.2 Issues/ Actions arising from Minutes:

Nil

11:00AM Rewa Angell (Amoonguna CSC) arrived to meeting

6. COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

6.1 Service Delivery Report

- Rewa Angell verbally delivered the Council Service Coordinator Report.
- Local Authority Members discussed the below items;
 - (a) Civil works position is part time – See Rewa for more details
 - (b) Lynette Ellis reported that the recent painting has made an improvement.
 - (c) Theresa reported that there are trees within yards that require removal – Rewa explained this is a Territory Housing responsibility.
 - (d) Sharon Stuart reported that old people needed firewood – Rewa advised that this is an RJCP responsibility and that she will address the matter with RJCP
 - (e) Sharon also reported that old people wanted to have sand in their yards for sitting – Jeff advised that this is Territory Housing responsibility – MRC is still trying to arrange a meeting with Territory Housing – Territory Housing declined an invitation to attend this Local Authority meeting.
 - (f) Members discussed extending the access road to two lanes across – Jeff advised the outside of the Grid is the responsibility of the Northern Territory Government and that MRC has previously made applications for works to no avail.
 - (g) Sharon reported that there were a number of streetlights blown in the community – Jeff reported that the servicing of streetlight repair was transferring from PAWA to MRC and that there needs to be a minimum number out before a repairer can be sent. Rewa advised that there are currently 8 streetlights out in Amoonguna Community.
 - (h) Theresa asked what was being done about rural residents dumping rubbish at the Amoonguna Community Tip – Jeff advised that technical services are exploring the cost and effectiveness of security cameras and more signs.

Safety Concerns - Roads

- (i) Joylene Williams requested more speed bumps throughout community in addition to speed signs – citing that there is a noticeable increase in youth driving vehicles at high speeds – especially at night.
- (j) Jeff advised that Benjamin Dugay (Infrastructure Officer) is collating Traffic Management reports and that all contributions given at the meeting will be given to Benjamin. A draft will be put to Amoonguna Local Authority prior to final approval.
- (k) Kevin Stuart reported that he has seen a number of vehicles driving around speed bumps and requested rocks to be placed either side – Jeff advised that the use of rocks was no longer allowed citing safety concerns, however the instalment of bollards can be included in Amoonguna Community Traffic Management Report.
 - Priority areas mentioned were near the Council building and the School.
- (l) Theresa reported that there is a dip in the road that pools with water after the rain – young children play in the water and leave bottles and rubbish. It is agreed that this problem will be included in the Traffic Management Report – The use of drains was discussed.
- (m) Theresa reported that vehicles cut through Ross Park posing as a safety hazard to children – Kevin advised that he had seen this too and that vehicles including MacDonnell Shire Council staff vehicles.

MOTION:

- (a) That the Local Authority note and accept the Service Delivery Report.

MOVED: Richard Doolan

SECONDED: Kevin Stuart

CARRIED

11:30AM Rewa Angell (Amoonguna CSC) left the meeting

6.2 Home Care Report

MOTION:

(a) That the Local Authority note and accept the Home Care Report.

MOVED: Michael Ellis

SECONDED: Henry Oliver

CARRIED

6.3 Night Patrol Report

MOTION:

(b) That the Local Authority note and accept the Night Patrol Report.

- Jeff reported that funding has been confirmed for Night Patrol training.
- Joylene noted there is a need for another female Night Patrol worker. There are no positions available current staff ration is 1 Female/3 Males – The members agreed that a female be considered if a Night Patrol position becomes available.
- Jeff reported that Night Patrol is a government funding operation and that the Senator for Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion has advise that Night Patrol will no longer focus on drinking/violence and will now be responsible for returning children home – Night Patrol workers will be required to be more vigilant as they will be directly addressing a sensitive issue and MRC Night Patrol in other communities have already been victims of attacks whilst implementing new procedure.
- Lynette pointed out that Night Patrol staff start work after school hours and that the town based truancy officer did not visit regularly enough and therefore could not build relationships with the young children resulting them feeling intimidated – Lynette would like to see if a community member can be trained in the role of Truancy Officer.

MOVED: Henry Oliver

SECONDED: Sharon Stuart

CARRIED

6.4 Youth Service Report

MOTION:

(c) That the Local Authority note and accept the Youth Services Report.

- Jeff congratulated Kevin Stuart on receiving the Charles Darwin University Encouragement award and Lynette Ellis for receiving the Charles Darwin University Learner Support Student award.
- Lynette reported that Ryan Lucas is no longer based in Amoonguna and that Lynette Ellis and Kevin Stuart are now responsible for the day to day operation of Youth Services in Amoonguna.
- Lynette is taking a group of girls out to Ross River this weekend for cultural activities.
- Amoonguna Youth is now on Facebook.

MOVED: Theresa Alice

SECONDED: Lynette Ellis

CARRIED

6.5 Standing Items Report – Actions Register

1. Night Patrol: ONGOING

- Members reported that there is still a lack of police presence in the community; concerns included police only visiting during the day when there are few problems and police exiting the community prior to Night Patrol workers commencing shift making it difficult for regular communication between the two agencies.

2. Housing: ONGOING

- CEO invited Territory Housing to attend the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting in addition to the Ikuntji and Areyonga local Authority Meetings, Territory Housing declined all invitations.
- Alison Anderson is now involved and is strongly advocating for housing, including maintenance & repairs, in remote communities – AA wrote an open letter to Matt Conlan that is available on the community notice board – AA requested that any reports of dissatisfaction with Territory Housing Services are directed to her office.
- CEO briefly explained role of Ingkerreke Commercial and Zodiac Business Services in relation to Territory Housing maintenance and tenancy contracts.
- MRC has still not received a response to question put to a Senior Territory Housing representative in February this year.
- Jeff will be discussing with CM protocols relating to meeting invitations and to clarify if a proxy can be sent and if so why this has not been done.
- Lynette advised that the Local Authority have arranged a meeting for the 26th August 2014 at 10AM to discuss ongoing housing issues – Jeff suggested Alison Anderson be invited as a guest.

MOTION:

(d) That the Local Authority note and accept the Actions Register Report.

MOVED: Michael Elliss

SECONDED: Kevin Stuart

CARRIED

6.6 Complaints received

Nil

12:00PM – 12:45PM LUNCH

7. LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS & BUDGETS

7.1 Local Authority Plan – Review Draft plan from March/April and set priorities

- Jeff advised that funding has been received from the NT Government. Once local authority has set priorities MRC will do costing's. When costing's have been collated the information will go back to the Local Authority for consideration.
- Members reviewed and discussed goals developed at the previous Local Authority Meeting
- Members agreed that the priority areas are as follows;
 - **1. Upgrade of Footy Oval** – incl change room refurbishment – Enabling Amoonguna to host sports weekends and tournaments,
 - **2. Development of Ross Park** – Landscaping, Shade Structures, Play Equipment and BBQ areas.
 - **3. Refurbish Basketball Court**
- Ken to take photos of Titjikala Children's park and Docker River BBQ to Amoonguna
- Jeff advised that irrigation for the oval is will not fit the budget.
- Ken Newman advised that the shade structure from the softball oval is in the community

and ready to be erected.

- Jeff mentioned that Amoonguna may seek a special purpose grant for the play equipment and will follow up for the next meeting.
- Ken Newman advised that Ross Park already has 2x shade structures.

MOTION:

(a) That the Local Authority note and accept the Local Authority plan and set priorities.

MOVED: Lynette Ellis

SECONDED: Henry Oliver

CARRIED

7.2 Review Budget for Local Authority Area

MOTION:

(a) That the Local Authority note and accept the Budget for Amoonguna Local Authority Area.

- Members discussed detailed expenditure report; this report will be provided to Authority members at each Local Authority Meeting.
- Finance training at the next Local Authority Meeting. will focus on the Budget for Amoonguna Local Authority Area.

MOVED: Lynette Ellis

SECONDED: Sharon Stuart

CARRIED

8. REGIONAL PLANS & BUDGETS

8.1 Financial Plans & Budgets – Review financial report for May

MOTION:

(a) That the Local Authority note and accept the financial report for May 2014.

MOVED: Michael Elliss

SECONDED: Henry Oliver

CARRIED

8.2 Review adopted Regional Plan

- The 2014 – 2018 Regional Plan of the MacDonnell Regional Council was tabled
- Members read through focussing on Organizational structure, vision & mission, Values, Goals, KPIs & Target, Services delivered, Council & Non-Council responsibilities, MRC Budget – Forecast for next 4 yrs., detailed budgets by community, rates and charges for services.
- Jeff requested that members read through the Regional Plan and prepare any questions for next meeting.

9. OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY CONCERNS

- Henry Oliver recommended a new dump/tip site – this will be added to the action list for open discussion at the next local authority meeting.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Discretionary Funds

- Jeff advised that although discretionary funds for 2013-2014 are no longer available the amount for the 2014 – 2015 financial year has increased to \$4000.00 - Jeff advised that other communities have used these funds for sports weekend.
- Theresa Alice asked if funds could be used to purchase sport equipment – Jeff advised that sports equipment could be purchased by the youth budget.
- Members discussed how to best use these funds. Lynette suggested having a band night with food and inviting other communities to Amoonguna. It was also suggested that the funds be used to organise an Opening Day for the oval. It was agreed that the matter would be put on hold and revisited when upgrades to the footy oval are completed.

11 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

12: NEXT MEETING

The next Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting is scheduled for Friday 3rd October 2014.

13. MEETING CLOSE

The meeting was closed at 1:30PM by the Chair (Theresa Alice)

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