



FINAL MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA
LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD
ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2014

1. MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11.00am by Acting Chair Martin Nipper

2. WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

2.1 Welcome to Country – Martin Nipper

3. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

3.1 Attendance – Members

Local Authority Members:

Daphne Puntjina, Joy Kunia, Martin Nipper (Acting Chair), Garnet Djana, Sarah Gallagher

Councillors:

Selina Kulitja, Marlene Abbott

3.2 Attendance – staff and visitors

Staff:

Chris Kendrick (Director Corporate Services), Jeff MacLeod (CEO), Rachel Walsh (Governance Officer), Jerry Pena (Council Services Coordinator), Ken Newman (Area Manager)

Visitors:

Emily (community member), Samantha Gutteridge and Damien Kunoith (Red Dust Role Models)

3.3 Apologies / Absentees

Apologies:

Absentees:

Jonathon Doolan (Chair), Albert Gallagher, Lynette Coulthard

3.4 Resignations

Nil

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: Daphne Punjinta

SECONDED: Joy Kunia

CARRIED

4.2 Conflict of Interest

Motion:

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

MOVED: Marlene Abbott

SECONDED: Sarah Gallagher

CARRIED

No conflicts of interest were declared at this meeting

5. MINUTES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

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

Motion:

- (a) That the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on 17 July 2014 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

MOVED: Daphne Puntjina

SECONDED: Selina Kulitja

CARRIED

5.2 Issues / Action arising from Minutes

Nil

6. COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

6.1 Standing Items Report – Actions Register

Motion:

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

Action item – Swimming Pools - closed

Action item – MoU with Tjuwanpa RJCP – closed

Housing – The Local Authority was advised that Territory Housing will have representatives attending all future Local Authority meetings, and housing will become a standing item at all future meetings.

MOVED: Marlene Abbott

SECONDED: Sarah Gallagher

CARRIED

Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS)

The Local Authority was briefed on the Commonwealth Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) and the 2015 IAS Funding Round. The Local Authority was also briefed on the proposals being developed by the MacDonnell Regional Council for the IAS 2015 Funding Round.

Resolution: The Local Authority note and strongly support the aim to achieve indigenous jobs in all their programs and will continue to work with MRC and other stakeholders to involve the community in the following MRC IAS funded programs.

The Local Authority also strongly supports the aims of increasing school attendance, improving community safety, supporting local indigenous governance and respecting country and culture.

- MacYouth
- Early Childhood
- Dog Management
- Night Patrol
- School Nutrition
- Jobs Mentoring
- Swimming Pool

MOVED: Joy Kunia
SECONDED: Garnet Djana

CARRIED

All Voted - All in favour

Guest – Samantha asked a question through the chair if she could submit a joint submission with the MRC through the IAS, specifically for school nutrition, school attendance, local safety, and possibly jobs at later date. Red Dust cover Areyonga and Kintore only. Samantha was advised that any type of collaboration between Red Dust Role Models and MRC would need to be put forth to the council for deliberation and any decision.

6.2 Complaints received

Motion:

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

Nil complaints received

MOVED: Selina Kulitja
SECONDED: Daphne Puntjina

CARRIED

6.3 Council Services Coordinator Report

Motion:

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

Issue : Cheeky Dogs, Daphne would like the vet to visit again.

A street plan of Areyonga Community was tabled identifying the location of the current speed bumps in the community and identifying where new speed bumps will be installed. Martin spoke in language explaining the location of where and why the speed humps will be installed.

The Local Authority were advised that they can introduce a school zone as part of their Traffic Management Plan to reduce the speed limit during school times. Eg from 40km to 25km near the school and school crossing.

MOVED: Marlene Abbott
SECONDED: Garnet Djana
CARRIED

Meeting broke for lunch: 12.10 Meeting resumed 1.00pm

6.4 Community Services Report

Motion:

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

MOVED: Sarah Gallagher
SECONDED: Joy Kunia
CARRIED

Request/Issue: Daphne talked about a permanent residential facility for aged care clients, so they can be looked after.

Response: The Local Authority were advised that they should talk to their Government Engagement Coordinator (GEC) Ann Morrill at Hermannsburg, and that a formal invitation be sent to the GEC to attend the next Local Authority meeting to talk about getting an aged care facility.

Resolution: The Local Authority resolves to invite the GEC and IEO to the next Local Authority meeting to discuss the prospects of the permanent residential aged care facility at Areyonga.

7. LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS

7.1 Local Authority Plan – Confirm priorities and approve plan

Motion:

- (a) That the Local Authority decide on and approve the Local Authority Plan

Local Authority Plan Approved

MOVED: Marlene Abbott
SECONDED: Garnet Djana
CARRIED

The Local Authority were advised that the NT Government Grant of \$35,384 is allocated to Areyonga for special community infrastructure programs.

The following suggestions were made to the Local Authority -

- A New shade structure near the Store – the same as what's at bus stop with 4 x seating, costing \$20k with a new carpark with bollards and a path from the car park to the shade structure.
- Playground equipment – equipment currently at the pool to be relocated to another area and be replaced with a shade structure. Currently, the playground equipment is only available to the children when the pool is open in the summer months.

The Local Authority will decide on this at a later date.

8. BUDGETS

8.1 Training - Finance

Chris Kendrick gave a training presentation on financial reports and budgets and how to read budgets and reports and where council money comes from and how its spent.

- Differentiated between council and non-council line expenditure (programs) blue section for council, red section for non-council.
- Council has to balance what people want with what Council can do.
- Council gets money from Rates (2%), Fees (9%), Grants (68%), Commercial Services (19%) Capital Grants (2%).
- Community expenditure reports will be provided to the Local Authority every three months.

8.2 Financial and budgets – Review budget for local authority area

Motion:

- (a) That the Local Authority note and accept the budget for the Areyonga Local Authority Area.

MOVED: Marlene Abbott

SECONDED: Garnet Djana

CARRIED

8.3 Financial and budgets – Review Community Expenditure Report for 31 July 2014

Motion:

- (a) That the Local Authority note and accept the Community Expenditure report as at 31 July 2014.

MOVED: Marlene Abbott

SECONDED: Garnet Djana

CARRIED

9. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

9.1 Red Dust Role Models – Samantha Guttridge and Daniel Kunoth

Proposal tabled: Telstra Leadership Development Program

- Approximately 17 - 20 Senior Telstra staff to spend 2-3 days in the community.
- Telstra staff will stay in the community either at a residents house or other available accommodation, they will buy swags.
- \$6000 - \$7000 incentive available to the community (for their sports carnival), if community leaders remain in the community.
- Community members to show Telstra staff around, hunt for bush tucker and show local arts and observe life in a remote aboriginal community.

The Areyonga Local Authority Endorsed this proposal.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

The Local Authority were asked if a new TV should be purchased for the meeting room. The Local Authority endorsed this purchase.

The Local Authority were advised that the Tidy Towns judge will be in Areyonga on 29th of September 2014.

11. NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2014

12. MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 2.30pm.

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