



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MANTYUPWI BOARD ROOM ON WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL 2015 AT 10:00 AM

1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 10:15 am.

The Acting Chairperson welcomed members, staff, and guests.

1.2 Present

Acting Chairperson: Richard Tungutalum

Local Authority Members: Gawin Tipiloura, Barry Puruntatameri, Venard Pilakui, Kevin Doolan, Mavis Kerinaiaua, Marie Frances Tipiloura, Ronald Tipungwuti, Bonaventure Timaepatua, Teresita Puruntatameri, Crystal Johnson.

Visiting Councillors: Nil

Visitors: Colvin Crowe (DLGCS) John Naden.

Officers: Garry Lambert (A / CEO), Karl Sibley (Director Infrastructure), Rosanna De Santis (Director Community Support), Lesley Palmer (Director Corporate Services).

Minutes: Bruce Moller (Governance & Compliance Manager).

1.3 Apologies

Accepted: John Ross Pilakui, Leslie Tungutalum, Miriam Tipungwuti, Francisco Babui, Richard Tipuamantumirri, Jane Puautjimi.

Not Accepted: Nil

1.4 Leave of Absence

Nil

1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

Nil

2 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

3 GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 DRAFT 2015/16 TIWI ISLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL PLAN AND BUDGETS

Each year the Tiwi Islands Regional Council prepares a new version of the Council Plan and Budget.

As part of this process Council is required to invite each Local Authority to participate in this process to facilitate local community discussion on Council service delivery and to provide feedback to Council on the effectiveness of those current services.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Members participate in discussions for the Draft 2015/16 Tiwi Islands Regional Council Plan & Budget.

INTRODUCTION BY A / CEO

The A / CEO provided a short introduction to members as an overview on the processes for the development of the 2015/16 Tiwi Islands Regional Council Draft Plan and Budget.

Garry Lambert advised his A/ CEO temporary appointment would carry through until approximately the end of June 2015. During the next couple of months the Draft 15/16 Council Plan and Budget will be prepared by staff, and each Local Authority is invited to participate in the process of developing this.

The A/ CEO advised members that each Director would provide an overview of their individual service areas and would be available to answer any questions that members may have in relation to local service delivery.

As a general observation Garry commented that the Wurrumiyanga Community was looking really good – mowing had been done, verges and yards were looking well kept. This display of Community Pride was having a positive flow on effect to community members.

DIRECTORS PRESENTATIONS

INFRASTRUCTURE Karl Sibley

Karl provided a briefing to members on the following service areas under his responsibility:

- Rubbish / Waste Management
- Town Services
- Airports (Airport Operations & Airport Maintenance)
- Roads
- Outstations
- Marine Services
- Council Buildings / Facilities
- Fleet / Workshops

Karl explained to members that Council now faces a more rigorous compliance regime for the Wurrumiyanga Tip due to new Environmental Protection Authority rules. This will come at an increased cost to Council with major upgrading works required in the coming year.

Karl also advised that the Wurrumiyanga Airport Operations contract now requires full national level compliance with CASA Airport Operations regulations and procedures. A recent training course highlighted the complex technical requirements to be met by Airport Operators and this is a significant cost and risk area for Council.

Recent success for Council in being awarded our first Black Spot Roads Grant \$ 118,000 for 15/16, and additional ABA Grant funds being secured for completion of the Milikapiti Water Feature.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT Rosanna De Santis

Rosanna provided a briefing to members on the following service areas under her responsibility:

- Community Safety
- Children's Services
- Youth Services
- Sport & Recreation
- Libraries
- Centrelink

Rosanna also advised that due to recent successful notification in relation to the Australian Government (IAS Grants) that some additional positions have been funded into the future.

A new 2 year Grant application (15/16 & 16/17) had been lodged recently with NTG Dept. Corrections for the ongoing Youth & Community program funding.

Discussions were ongoing with NTG Dept. Education with advice that the "Families as First Teachers" (FAFT) Grant program may not be extended beyond 30 June 2015.

A question was raised in relation to "if volunteers could assist with Sport & Recreation and Children's Services". Rosanna responded by saying that Council was always supportive and pleased to assist any volunteer with obtaining their ochre card and this was actively encouraged.

Members also mentioned that where possible closer working relationships with the RJCP Provider (TITEB) should be continued. It was confirmed that Council staff are working closely with TITEB staff and RJCP participants in creating job opportunities.

CORPORATE SERVICES Lesley Palmer

Lesley provided a briefing to members on the following service areas under her responsibility:

Human Resources

- Payroll processing
- Work Health & Safety
- Recruitment
- Employee advice on pay and conditions
- Workers Compensation claims
- Training Co-ordination

Corporate Services

- Office Management
- Records Management
- Wurrumiyanga Post Office
- ICT
- Community Engagement

LOCAL PRIORITIES

Members raised the following items for consideration by Council in developing the Draft 15/16 Council Plan & Budget:

Community Engagement

- A. How does Council better engage with the Wurrumiyanga Community in getting the message out ? (raised by Kevin Doolan)
- B. Should consideration be given by Council to provide some support to the skin group forums / meetings ? (raised by Kevin Doolan)
- C. Could Council look at developing a new mobile app for showing the Community what we do ? (raised by Crystal Johnson)
- D. Could the new Council Newsletter have a new section added for Local Authorities news to help with sending out local information and items of interest - strong message to go out ! ? (raised by Crystal Johnson)
- E. More regular Community Meetings to be held ? (raised by Richard Tungutalum)
- F. PONKI mediators – additional support and consideration be given to support the people who provide this to the community – **“Who supports us”** (Raised by Crystal Johnson). Kevin Doolan added that the Tiwi PONKI Mediation Program was very successful and was being considered for possible funding in the future.

Training Opportunities

A general question was raised in relation to gaining access to additional training opportunities ? (raised by Bonaventure Timaepatua).

It was recommended that Bonaventure could approach TITEB under the RJCP Program.

Airport Facilities – Frequency of Cleaning

Currently the Wurrumiyanga Airport toilet facilities are cleaned twice per week. A question was raised if this could be looked at by the Council for more regular cleaning in the future as these facilities were utilised regularly by visitors / tourists to Bathurst Island ? (Raised by Kevin Doolan).

The A/CEO responded by saying that service levels could be reviewed as part of the 15/16 Budget process (cost to be investigated for additional cleaning services).

Bitumen Road from Airport to 4 Mile Camp & Wurrumiyanga Tip Facility

Members asked if Council could consider adding the possibility of sealing the road (from the Airport though to the Wurrumiyanga Tip Facility) as this was a well used road and was in urgent need of upgrading.

Note that Karl advised that there was a possibility that the current Wurrumiyanga tip site may need to be relocated and a future site determined.

Possible sources of funding to be explored (suggested to approach ABA for a Grant).

Action: A/CEO agreed to take this on board for inclusion in the 15/16 Council Roads / Future Works Program and to advocate for future funding.

4 REPORTS FOR DECISION

Nil

5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Nil

6 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

7 Closure

The meeting closed at 12:30 pm.