



MINUTES OF THE WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE WURRUMIYANGA BOARD ROOM ON TUESDAY, 29 APRIL 2014 AT 10:00AM

1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 10:10 am.

The newly appointed Chair (John Ross Pilakui) welcomed councillors, members and guests.

1.2 Present

Chairperson: John Ross Pilakui.

Local Authority Members: Cr John Naden, Cr Leslie Tungatalum (10:28am), Cr Brian Tipungwuti, Kevin Doolan, Francisco Babui, Bonaventure Timaepatua, Jane Puautjimi, Marie Frances Tipiloura (10:30am), Richard Tungatalum (10:17am), Mavis Kerinaiaua, Teresita Puruntatameri, Richard Tipuamantumirri, Miriam Tipungwuti.

Visiting Councillors: Mayor Lynette De Santis (11:10am), Irene Tipiloura (11:10am), Therese (Wokay) Bourke (10:55am).

Visitors: Colvin Crowe (NTG-LGR), Tanyah Nasir (CDU).

Officers: Sally Ullungura (Governance Support).

Minutes: Bruce Moller (Governance Manager).

1.3 Apologies

Accepted : Cr Barry Puruntatameri, Cr Crystal Johnson, Cr Gawin Tipiloura.

Not Accepted : Nil

1.4 Leave of Absence

Nil

1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

Nil

1.6 Election of Chairperson

John Ross Pilakui was appointed as the permanent Chair at the TIRC Combined Special Local Authorities Meeting held in Darwin on Thursday 20th March 2014.

1.7 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Wurrumiyanga Local Board Meeting - 28 January 2014

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Wurrumiyanga Local Board Meeting held on 28 January 2014 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

2 BUSINESS ARISING

2.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Business arising from previous minutes.

RESOLUTION

Moved: John Naden

Seconded: Jane Puautjimi

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority accepts these previous minutes, with the following items listed below for follow up action. CARRIED

As this was the first meeting of the new Wurrumiyanga Local Authority members reviewed the previous minutes of the former Wurrumiyanga Local Board (28 January 2014).

OUTSTANDING ITEMS FOR FOLLOW UP ACTION :

3.3.1 PALAKUI PARK – MANGO TREES

The CEO advised members that the mango trees (20) had now arrived and asked members for advice as to the proposed locations for planting these new trees.

Members recommended that the mango trees be planted in two rows within the park area, and that the Town Services Manager would arrange for the planting to take place during the current wet weather. Suitable protection and support stakes will also be incorporated during the planting.

The CEO also raised the question for members to consider in relation to the future utilisation again of Palakui Park as a "Community Meeting Place" – options for investigation include the construction of permanent shade structures, and landscaping.

Action: CEO to investigate options for possible permanent shade structure and landscaping in Palakui Park.

Members advised that this item was still outstanding and requested that this should be actioned as soon as possible.

3.3.5 MELVILLE ISLAND – BARGE LANDING (NOTICE BOARD)

Members asked if the Council could arrange to put up general notices in particular notices relating to the operating times for the car ferry on the notice board at the Paru side of Melville Island.

Action : The CEO advised members that he would arrange this with the Infrastructure Director.

Cr John Naden requested that this item be followed up and checked if completed.

3 GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY - CHAIRPERSON

A Special Meeting of the Combined 3 Local Authorities (Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi, and Milikapiti) was held in Darwin on Thursday 20th March to elect a Chairperson for each Local Authority.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Members note this report for information and welcome their new Chairperson Mr John Ross Pilakui.

3.2 APPROVED MEETING DATES FOR 2014

Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Meeting dates for 2014.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority members note the Council approved meeting dates for 2014, plus the additional meeting day of 6th May for participation in the 2014/15 Draft Regional Council Strategic Plan & Budget session.

3.3 WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY - NEW MEMBERS LISTING - MARCH 2014

At the 11th March Ordinary Council Meeting at Pirlangimpi Council appointed the initial members of the new Wurrumiyanga Local Authority. Attached to this report is the listing for members information.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority members note the new membership listing.

3.4 GUIDELINE 8 - REGIONAL COUNCILS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The Minister for Local Government has now approved the new Ministerial Guideline # 8 which introduces Regional Councils, and the new Local Authorities.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Members note this report for information, and keep a copy of Guideline # 8 in their information folders.

4 REPORTS FOR DECISION

Nil

5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Nil

6 OTHER BUSINESS

See separate listing of Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Action Items which has been prepared as part of these Minutes.

The Regional Council must respond to Local Authority Action Items in a timely manner so that members can relay this information back to their local communities.

7 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority is Tuesday, 29 July 2014.

8 Closure

The meeting closed at 12:20 pm.

Wurrumiyanga Local Authority – Action Items 2014

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND OUTCOMES

Agenda Item	Action or Outcome Arising	Responsible person	Timeline	Action to be taken	Response to Local Authority
General Business Item 1 – Palakui Park plant 20 new mango trees, shade structure and landscaping. 29/4/14	Members enquired as to the current status of this older item. (Brought forward from 28-1-14) (Item 3.3.1)	CEO	Next Meeting	CEO to follow up with Infrastructure Director. Consider possible shade structure and landscaping as a new project for 2014/15 Draft Budget.	
General Business Item 2 – Melville Island Barge Landing Notice Board. 29/4/14	Cr John Naden enquired as to the current status of this older item. (Brought forward from 28-1-14) (Item 3.3.5).	CEO	Next Meeting	CEO to follow up with Infrastructure Director.	
General Business Item 3 – Bathurst Island Army Cadets to visit. 29/4/14	Cisco Babui advised that the Army Cadets were visiting soon and could the Tauntipipi Road be graded please.	Director Infrastructure	Next Meeting	If possible could the road to Tauntipipi beach be graded prior to the large groups visit.	
General Business Item 4 – Car Ferry Access on Public Holidays 29/4/14	Bonaventure Timaeputua asked why the inter island car ferry did not operate on ANZAC Day ?	CEO / Director Infrastructure	Next Meeting	Could this be looked at as a future Service Fee option. If there is enough community interest and support ?	
General Business Item 5 – Community Service Fees 29/4/14	Kevin Doolan & John Naden advised that there was community support for re-introducing Community Service Fees.	CEO	Next Meeting	CEO to discuss with NTG Local Gov. as to the "legality" of re-introducing a voluntary service fee to cover areas such as inter-island car ferry or grass cutting.	

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<p>General Business</p> <p>Item 6 – Remote School Attendance Program.</p> <p>29/4/14</p>	<p>Cisco Babui advised that he had recently commenced work as one of the Remote School Attendance Officers (Aust. Govt Dept Prime Minister & Cabinet).</p>	CEO	Next Meeting	<p>Council is aware of this new Australian Government program and would consider support for inclusion in the Draft 2014/15 Council Plan.</p>	
<p>General Business</p> <p>Item 7 – Rubbish around Community. (HIGH PRIORITY)</p> <p>29/4/14</p>	<p>Leslie Tungutalum and Mavis Kerinaia raised the issue of litter and rubbish in public areas. This is a major ongoing problem and requires a strong response to clean up the community. Environmental concerns, and request for stands for wheelie bins.</p>	CEO	Next Meeting	<p>Council to consider a Community Cleanup Day, possible By-Laws and other strategies for inclusion in the Draft 2014/15 Council Plan.</p>	
<p>General Business</p> <p>Item 8 – Drainage / Road Verges.</p> <p>29/4/14</p>	<p>Members raised general concerns in relation to long grass on some road verges and road corners. Also, some ponding of water with algae in drains. Large puddles near NUA Store / take away.</p>	Infrastructure Director	Next Meeting	<p>Drainage and Verge maintenance programs are ongoing. Inspections to be arranged around Wurrumiyanga community of problem areas.</p>	
<p>General Business</p> <p>Item 9 – Concrete slabs adjacent to Church.</p> <p>29/4/14</p>	<p>Members raised the idea of breaking up and removal of the two large concrete slabs adjacent to the Church. Rubble to be placed on foreshore area.</p>	Infrastructure Director	Next Meeting	<p>Site inspection to be arranged to determine Lot number, then discuss with Lot owner to see if this is possible.</p>	

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General Business Item 10 – Night Patrol Operating times & Public Holidays	Members raised concerns that the current hours of operation for the Community Safety Program are not sufficient. People are still out in the community after 11pm. Concerns were also raised that the Community Safety Program was not operating on Public Holidays.	Director Community Support	Next Meeting	Consider attending the next Local Authority Meeting and providing a short briefing to members on current program and operational timings.	
29/4/14 General Business Item 11 – Playground Equipment	Members raised general concerns as to the current state of play equipment in all park areas of Wurrumiyanga.	Infrastructure Director	Next Meeting	Site inspections to be arranged for each park / playground area. Recommendations for replacement / upgrading of play equipment to be considered for incorporation into the draft 2014/15 Council Plan / Budget.	
29/4/14 General Business Item 12 – Council Newsletter	Cr John Naden enquired as to the progress of the new Regional Council newsletter	Deputy Director Corporate Services	Next Meeting	Follow up required with Chris Smith as to the current progress on the new version of the newsletter.	
29/4/14 General Business Item 13 – Cemetery Maintenance	Cr Brian Tipungwuti raised a number of concerns in relation to the general upkeep and condition of the Wurrumiyanga Cemetery. Lack of Plot plans & lot #'s. Maintenance of grassed areas Clean up of graves & markers Termitte activity on crosses Overall beautification required.	Infrastructure Director	Next Meeting	Arrange for a site inspection and prepare an overall Cemetery Maintenance Plan for consideration in the Draft 14/15 Council Strategic Plan / Budget.	

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General Business Item 14 – Regional Council & RJCP to work Together. 29/4/14	Cr Leslie Tungutalum suggested to members that it may be possible for both TIRC and the RJCP provider to work together to clean up Wurrumiyanga as it was a Growth Town.	CEO	Next Meeting	Consideration to be given as to the possibility of the 2 service organisations working in harmony for the betterment of the Tiwi people.	
General Business Item 15 – Fencing of Houses 29/4/14	Cr Leslie Tungutalum advised members of the need for some community houses to have their fencing repaired / replaced.	CEO	Next Meeting	CEO to raise this issue with NTG Territory Housing as a maintenance item and a health & safety priority.	
General Business Item 16 – Community Fighting 29/4/14	Mavis Kerinaia raised the issue of the ongoing community unrest / bad behaviour and public fighting. Lack of respect for culture and children were now being affected.	CEO	Next Meeting	CEO to consider some strategies for dealing with this ongoing issue.	
General Business Item 17 – Wurankuwu School / Clinic & Training Centre 29/4/14	Miriam Tipungwuti & Mavis Kerinaia raised the issue of the possibility of the Wurankuwu School re-opening and other local facilities.	CEO	Next Meeting	CEO to discuss this issue with relevant Agencies to determine if it is viable to re-open the Wurankuwu School and other local facilities.	
General Business Item 18 – Community / Public Meetings 29/4/14	Richard Tungutalum suggested the urgent need to re-introduce Community Meetings on a more regular basis and to just discuss one main issue. (ie School attendance, rubbish cleanup, lack of community pride etc.).	CEO	Next Meeting	CEO and Local Authority members to consider the possibility for more regular community meetings and to focus on one major issue per meeting.	

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<p>General Business</p> <p>Item 19 – Recreation Hall</p> <p>29/4/14</p>	<p>Bonaventure Timaepatua enquired as to what were the activities on offer currently for kids at the Rec Hall on weekends. Maybe consider a regular disco ?</p>	<p>Director Community Support</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Consider providing a list of all activities for children that are currently provided and also include possible weekend / school holiday activities.</p>	
<p>General Business</p> <p>Item 20 – Wurrumiyanga Oval</p> <p>29/4/14</p>	<p>Richard Tungutalum suggested the urgent need to secure the Oval and to take pride in this community facility.</p>	<p>Infrastructure Director</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Council has established a new Sub Committee (Special Projects) to investigate and assist with identifying projects for future funding. All ovals across the Tiwi Islands have recently been inspected and require substantial upgrading to playing grounds and player / spectator facilities.</p>	