



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE WURRUMIYANGA BOARD ROOM ON TUESDAY, 06 MAY 2014 AT 10:00AM

1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 10:25 am.

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

This Special Meeting of the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority was called by the CEO to facilitate each of the newly created Local Authorities to participate in the Draft 14/15 Tiwi Islands Regional Council Strategic Planning / Budgets process.

It is anticipated that there will be two Special Meetings each year where Local Authority members participate in preliminary and final draft versions of Regional Council Strategic Planning / Budgets.

Today is the first of the Special Meetings to commence discussions / consultations with the newly appointed Wurrumiyanga Local Authority.

1.2 Present

Chairperson: John Ross Pilakui.

Local Authority Members: Cr Leslie Tungatalum, Cr Brian Tipungwuti, Cr Barry Puruntatameri, Francisco Babui, Bonaventure Timaepatua, Cr Gawin Tipiloura, Jane Puautjimi, Marie Frances Tipiloura (10:35 am), Richard Tungatalum, Mavis Kerinaiaua, Teresita Puruntatameri (10:35 am), Miriam Tipungwuti, Cr Crystal Johnson (11:35 am).

Visiting Councillors: Nil.

Visitors – Group 1: Arrived at 11:06 am - Hon. Anthony Albanese MP (Shadow Minister for Infrastructure & Transport), (Shadow Minister for Tourism), Senator Nova Peris OAM (Senator for NT), Hannah Frank (Adviser to Hon. Anthony Albanese MP), David Money (Chief of Staff to Senator Nova Peris OAM), Jack Crosby (Office of the Hon. Warren Snowdon MP).

Visitors – (Local) Peter Penley (Dept. PMC - GEC), Jacinta Tipungwuti.

Visitors – Group 2: Arrived at 2:20 pm – NTG – Hayley Richards (Director of Economic Development DCM), Monique Eliseo (Senior Project Officer DCM), Sharyn Innes (S1 Consultancy).

Officers: Alan Hudson (CEO), Karl Sibley (Director Infrastructure), Rosanna De Santis (Director Community Support), Bill Toy (Dep. Director Community Support), Lesley Palmer (Dep. Director Corporate Services), Maina Brown (Executive Assistant / Records), Sally Ullungura (Governance Support).

Minutes: Bruce Moller (Governance Manager).

1.3 Apologies

Accepted : Cr John Naden, Kevin Doolan, Richard Tipuamantumirri

Not Accepted : Nil

1.4 Leave of Absence

Nil

1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

Nil

INTRODUCTION BY CEO

The CEO provided a short introduction to members on the new processes for the development of the 2014/15 Tiwi Islands Regional Council Draft Strategic Plan and Budget.

Recent successful grant applications have seen additional funds approved for the Water Feature at Milikapiti, and for Oval Upgrading at Milikapiti.

Further good news was also recently received where it was anticipated that additional NTG funding for 2014/15 from Dept. Local Government & Regions of \$ 5 Million across the NT for all Regional Councils for assistance with Local Authorities. This new funding (Estimated \$ 400 K for TIRC) will be allocated to Regional Councils for specific local community projects within each Local Authority area.

The CEO advised members that approx. \$ 100K could possibly be allocated to each Local Authority (Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi & Milikapiti) for local community projects during 2014/15, with the remainder of \$ 100K to be allocated by the Regional Council.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

1. COMMUNITY SERVICE FEES

Wurrumiyanga members were keen to see the possible re-introduction of the former TILG Community Service Fees (CSF) where community members contributed to local services such as lawn mowing, access to car ferry, passenger ferry, and small boat transfers to / from Melville Island.

A new rate per fortnight would need to be canvassed with community members but this was seen as a valuable service that would be accessed regularly.

The CEO then introduced each Director to members and advised that each Director had prepared a PowerPoint presentation on their areas of service responsibility.

DIRECTORS PRESENTATIONS

COMMUNITY SUPPORT Rosanna De Santis

Rosanna presented a PowerPoint presentation covering the following service areas under her responsibility:

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

The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP (Shadow Minister for Infrastructure & Transport), (Shadow Minister for Tourism), spoke to members about various Infrastructure issues and what things were like in his own Electorate in Sydney. He was interested in the newly formed Local Authorities for the Tiwi Islands and in local economic / infrastructure development opportunities.

Senator Nova Peris OAM (Senator for NT) also spoke briefly to members and was very supportive of the active role that sport and recreation played on the Tiwi Islands and the keen local interest in AFL.

Cr Gawin Tipiloura raised the issue of the upgrading of all of the Tiwi Island Ovals, and how the Regional Council had recently formed a new Sub Committee (Special Projects) to assist Council in identifying and bringing special projects to fruition.

Bonaventure Timaepatua also raised the issue of roads with the Hon. Anthony Albanese MP and suggested that the gravel roads on Melville Island were in desperate need of upgrading to bitumen standard (especially the major connector roads between Paru to Pirlangimpi, Paru to Milikapiti, and Paru to Tiwi College).

The first group of visitors left the meeting at 11:25 am to travel to Melville Island for meetings at both Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti Communities.

The Meeting adjourned for a lunch break at 12:20 pm, and the Meeting recommenced at 1:10 pm.

INFRASTRUCTURE Karl Sibley

Karl presented a PowerPoint presentation covering the following service areas under his responsibility:

- Rubbish / Waste Management
- Parks & Gardens
- Civil Works
- Marine Services
- Council Buildings / Facilities
- Fleet / Workshops
- Airports / Essential Services

VISITORS FROM NTG (Group 2) – Dept. Chief Minister (Economic Development)

At this point of the meeting members welcomed the visitors from the NTG Dept. Chief Minister (Economic Development) Section.

Hayley Richards introduced members of her group and explained the purpose of their visit to the Tiwi Islands. The primary purpose was to talk to the local community and to commence planning for a Tiwi Islands Economic Development Strategy & Infrastructure Plan. This would involve discussions around what are the barriers to economic development, on ground analysis, investment profiling, tourism plan and precinct, and discussions with various stakeholders. Sharyn Innes then explained her role as the supporting Consultant for this work and that she would be commencing discussions shortly with each community / stakeholder.

Hayley Richards also confirmed that staff from the Territory Business Centre in Darwin are available and would be prepared to travel to the Tiwi Islands for 1 – 2 days per month to assist local community members with Business Advice and Business Planning.

CORPORATE SERVICES & HUMAN RESOURCES Lesley Palmer

Unfortunately, due to the additional visitors at today's meeting there was not enough time to allow Lesley to present her PowerPoint presentation covering the following service areas under her responsibility:

CORPORATE SERVICES

- Office Management
- Records Management
- ICT
- Community Engagement

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

7 Next Meeting

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

8 Closure

The meeting closed at 3:45 pm.