



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MILIKAPITI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MILIKAPITI BOARD ROOM ON THURSDAY, 08 MAY 2014 AT 10:00AM

1 **Welcome & Apologies**

1.1 **Welcome**

The meeting opened at 10:55 am.

The Chair (David Boyd) welcomed councillors, members and guests.

This Special Meeting of the Milikapiti 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 Milikapiti Local Authority.

1.2 **Present**

Chairperson: David Boyd.

Local Authority Members: Mayor Lynette De Santis, Cr Irene Tipiloura, Loretta Cook, Pius Tipungwuti, Christine Joran, Connell Tipiloura (12:30 pm).

Visiting Councillors: Nil.

Visitors Nil.

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), Vince North (Regional Manager Civil Services).

Minutes: Bruce Moller (Governance Manager).

1.3 **Apologies**

Accepted : Cr Anita Moreen, Mary E Moreen, Thomas Puruntatameri, Bronson De Santis.

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

Pirlangimpi 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, dog registration, local transport, 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 old TILG (CSF) rate in 2006 was approx. \$ 33 per f/n, and a new rate per family (husband, wife & children) would need to be determined. Discussions with Centrelink will also need to be arranged to access Centrepay deductions for some community members.

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

2. PUBLIC TOILETS

Members raised the urgent need for the building and operation of public toilets for the Milikapiti Community. Currently there were no facilities in the town area and this was a continuing problem for visitors to the community.

3. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Members raised the urgent need for the playground equipment to be inspected at the park adjacent to the Store. Most of the play equipment is very old and in desperate need of repairs / upgrading / or total replacement.

4. BOAT HIRE (PRIVATE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY)

Members raised the idea of a possible new local business venture (private boat hire business).

The CEO mentioned that there was a small team from NTG (Dept. Chief Minister – Economic Development Section) that had recently visited Wurrumiyanga (Tue 6th May) and that they would be visiting all communities across the Tiwi Islands looking at developing a new Draft 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.

Staff from the Territory Business Centre in Darwin are also available for 1 – 2 days per month in offering assistance to Tiwi Islands community members for Business Advice and Business Planning.

DIRECTORS PRESENTATIONS

CORPORATE SERVICES & HUMAN RESOURCES Lesley Palmer

Lesley presented a 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

The Meeting adjourned for a lunch break at 12:20 pm, and the Meeting recommenced at 1:00 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

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

2 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Milikapiti Local Authority is Tuesday, 24th June 2014.

3 Closure The meeting closed at 2:20 pm.