



## MINUTES OF THE WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE WURRUMIYANGA OFFICE ON FRIDAY, 23 JANUARY 2015 AT 10:00 AM

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### 1 **Welcome & Apologies**

#### 1.1 **Welcome**

The meeting opened at 10:40 am.

The Chairperson welcomed councillors, members, staff, and guests.

Note: The CEO brought forward the date of this meeting (previously Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015) due to operational requirements.

#### 1.2 **Present**

**Chairperson:** John Ross Pilakui

**Local Authority Members:** Cr Gawin Tipiloura, Cr Leslie Tungutalum, Cr Barry Puruntatameri, Cr Venard Pilakui, Kevin Doolan, Jane Puautjimi, Francisco Babui, Marie Frances Tipiloura, Richard Tungutalum, Mavis Kerinaiaua, Miriam Tipungwuti, Ronald Tipungwuti, Bonaventure Timaepatua, Teresita Puruntatameri.

**Visiting Councillors:** Nil

**Visitors:** Shane Ponter (NTG- Education – School Attendance & Truancy).

**Officers:** Alan Hudson (CEO), Karl Sibley (Director Infrastructure), Maina Brown (Executive Assistant).

**Minutes:** Bruce Moller (Governance Manager).

#### 1.3 **Apologies**

Accepted: Cr John Naden (in Darwin), Cr Crystal Johnson (Tiwi Ferry delayed due to bad weather), Richard Tipuamantumirri (sick).

Not Accepted: Nil

#### 1.4 **Leave of Absence**

Nil

#### 1.5 **Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff**

Nil

## **1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

### **Wurrumiyanga Local Authority - 28 October 2014**

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mavis Kerinaiaua

Seconded: Francisco Babui

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

**CARRIED**

## **2 BUSINESS ARISING**

### **2.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Business arising from previous minutes.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority accepts these discussions and reports.**

## **3 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **3.1 MEETING DATES FOR 2015**

Members are provided with a listing of the meeting dates for 2015. This includes the four (4) scheduled meetings (held every three months), plus two (2) additional meetings for consultations on the 2015/16 Tiwi Islands Regional Council Draft TIRC Strategic Plan and Draft Budgets.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority notes the four (4) scheduled meetings (23 January, 28 April, 28 July, and 27 October), plus two (2) additional meetings (dates to be advised in early 2015).

## **4 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

Nil

## **5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

### **5.1 SCHOOL ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE MEASURE (SEAM) - COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS**

The Australian Government Dept. of the Prime Minister & Cabinet (PMC) has a new program called School Enrolment and Attendance Measure (SEAM) and representatives were to attend today's meeting. Unfortunately, due to the change of dates they are now unable to attend. A basic outline of the program is provided below based on information supplied by Dept. PMC and the dates for the upcoming community information sessions are also provided.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority notes this report for information.**

The meeting adjourned for a lunch break at 12:05 pm, and the meeting recommenced at 12:45 pm.

## 6 OTHER BUSINESS

### ACTION ITEMS

See separate listing of the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Action Items and Community Projects Listing (A3 size document) which has been updated 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.

### CEO UPDATE

The CEO provided members with a short update on a few items of current interest.

#### **6.1 ROAD CLOSURES – DUE TO HEAVY RAIN**

During the wet season Council may need to close roads (for short periods) due to exceptional heavy periods of rainfall. This may need to be actioned by Council at short notice to the community.

Community members should not attempt to drive on closed roads as this will only damage the road further, and then make the road repairs more costly for Council to rectify any potential damage.

WLA members are asked to remind the community that Road Closures are generally only for a short period of time and only following exceptional periods of heavy rain.

#### **6.2 WURRUMIYANGA REC HALL – POSSIBLE UPGRADE TO INCLUDE NEW INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES**

The CEO raised with members the option of upgrading the Recreation Hall to include Indoor Cricket, Netball, Basketball & Volleyball. This idea was enthusiastically welcomed by all members and it was recommended by members that a new project be added to the WLA Community Project Listing to include a possible Indoor Sports Centre.

**Action: New project (Proposed New Indoor Sports Facilities – Wurrumiyanga Rec Hall) to be added to WLA Community Projects Listing.**

#### **6.3 WURRUMIYANGA – MAIN FOOTBALL OVAL**

The CEO advised that there was still confusion over the local name of the main football oval. WLA members confirmed that the historically correct name that should be used for the football oval is the “**Stanley Tipiloura Oval**”. In recent times the oval has also been more widely known as the “**TIWI OVAL**”.

It should be noted that Council has responsibility for grounds and facilities maintenance within the oval precinct.

Note: Naming Rights and Sponsorship opportunities of the oval therefore rests solely with Tiwi Islands Regional Council.

**Action: CEO to write a letter to AFLNT advising of the correct naming convention for the Wurrumiyanga Football Oval (Stanley Tipiloura Oval) , that Council has management responsibilities over the football oval with naming / sponsorship rights therefore automatically resting with the Tiwi Islands Regional Council.**

## **WLA - MEMBERS FORUM**

### **6.4 WURRUMIYANGA – SKIN GROUP LEADERS MEETINGS**

Kevin Doolan provided an update for all members on the current round of Skin Group Meetings.

- The primary purpose of the Skin Group Leaders Forum is to provide a link from the Local Authority to community residents and families.
- Two (2) Skin Group Leaders Meetings were held in December 2014.
- The next scheduled Skin Group Leaders Meeting is scheduled for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015.
- The main item of discussion has been to access families / parents to make sure their children go to school every day.
- Future meetings will focus on particular issues as indicated by Skin Group Leaders Forum.
- Request made at today's meeting for the WLA to consider allocating \$ 5,000 to support the Skin Group Leaders Forum.

## **7 Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015.**

## **8 Closure**

The meeting closed at 2:12 pm.