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MINUTES
WILLOWRA LOCAL AUTHORITY
WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2018

The Willowra Local Authority Meeting of the Central Desert Regional Council was held in the Central Desert Service Delivery Office on Wednesday, 14 February 2018 at 10am.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ADMINISTRATION

Meeting Opened at 9:56am

1.1 ATTENDANCE

Present:	Harold Ross, Lillian Long, Jeannie Presley, Justina Forrest, Owen Williams, Cr Jacob Spencer
Apology	Kathy Walker, Cr Adrian Dixon, Cr April Martin, Cr Freddy Williams
Absent	Kezia Kitson, Cr Warren Williams
Status	Quorum

1.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

1.3 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

There were no changes requested to the agenda.

1.4 PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION: Lillian Long / Jeannie Presley

The Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting on 12 October 2017.

2. COMMUNITY BUSINESS

2.1 WILLOWRA COMMUNITY PLAN

Community consultation is currently under way across all communities. Once accepted by the Council, the community plans will become part of each Local Authority agenda for comment and consideration.

2.2 WILLOWRA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

The LA project funding for 2017/18 need to be updated to \$49,570.00.

The Council Services Manager provided the following update in relation to Local Authority projects:

Softball oval: CLC and traditional owners have approved the project and a sacred site clearance has been received. Next step is for a surveyor to survey the lot to include softball and football oval. This could take up to 6 months. Plans to be approved by the NT Surveyor General's office. CLC will then give final approval for it to be built.

Budget: The Council Services Manager will know exact figures for the proposed Local Authority projects by the next Local Authority meeting.

Any leftover money from the Local Authority project money are available to be spent on additional projects.

The Local Authority also discussed potentially building a lookout on the Willowra road to the Stuart Highway and/or on the road to Yuendumu.

2.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROL REFERENCE GROUP

Community Safety Patrol, Mediation team and the community are working well together.

2.4 WILLOWRA LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

The Local Authority noted the responses from Council / the CEO on recommendations; and noted progress against any agreed recommendations.

The Local Authority discussed the installation of an additional public phone in the middle area in community. The Community Services Manager undertakes to map the exact location

and forward it to the CEO who will take the matter up with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The Local Authority requests that the CEO seek an update from Activ8me in relation to the installation of wi-fi in community.

3 COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 Attached Reports

3.1.1 Previous Council Decisions

The Local Authority noted the decisions arising from the last Ordinary Council meeting on 31 January 2018. No comments or questions were raised.

3.1.2 Finance Report

The Local Authority discussed the graph for public safety lighting. The Council Services Manager explained that this money is put aside for repair of existing lighting, not new lighting. Repairs are done in April each year so eventually that money will be spent.

A question was raised about the condition of the first 30km of the road to the Stuart Highway and the Willowra to Yuendumu road. Both issues will be added as an action item and a response from the Council will be provided.

3.1.3 Council Services Report

The Local Authority reviewed the reports. There were no questions or comments.

3.2 Questions with Notice

Question Activ8me dish

Response The CEO advised that Activ8me will find somewhere to put the dish and then work with someone in community (probably the shop) to sell wi-fi cards to community members.

Question Zodiac staff member's behavior in relation to LA member was questioned and it was asked to invite Zodiac management attending a future local Authority meeting

Response NTG representative took details and committed to follow up

Question Community mail not being delivered

Response The CEO undertook to address the issue with urgency to have the service restored

Question Ramp on Activity Centre – can we have it relocated to community entrance

Question Training for LA members
Response "How to chair a meeting" training will be provided for all Chairs and Deputy Chairs. Other LA members are able to attend. Training will also be delivered on the Code of Conduct for Members and how conflict of interest works.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

The agencies presenting to the Local Authority today are:

Amity Community Services

ANU and Amity are visiting community to talk about how bad gambling is in community at the moment and how that is good or bad for the community. Amity works with community people to help them decide what message they would like to share with community members about gambling.

Willowra women have asked for some bush trips to get away from community.

4.2 NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT REPORT

The Local Authority noted the action from previous NTG action items and raises some new items:

Past Actions

Date Raised	Issue	NTG Status & Action
	Room to Breath program	ONGOING: No update in relation to a date
	Permanent Police officer in community	ONGOING: Will continue to speak to Government about recruitment
	Willowra to Ti Tree Road	ONGOING: Work has been done to repair majority of problem areas and road has been graded in January 2018, more work will happen plus signage including sign on Stuart Highway to community southbound
	Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest	ONGOING: NTG has recorded Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest in local languages for LA meetings

New Actions

Date Raised	Issue	NTG Action
14/02/18	Zodiac complaint	Raise the complaint with NT Housing and request a visit to the next LA meeting from management
14/02/18	Donkey numbers and animals can be dangerous	Work with Parks and Wildlife to work with community to develop a management plan for feral donkeys
14/02/18	Housing Reference Group	Only one meeting was held in 2017. Ask for more regular meetings to talk about Housing issues.

Meeting closed: 11:33am

This page and the preceding seven pages are the DRAFT minutes of the Local Authority meeting held on Wednesday 15 February 2018 and will be confirmed at the next scheduled meeting of the Local Authority, planned for Wednesday 11 April, 2018.