



MINUTES OF THE NYIRRIPI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2017 AT 12:24PM

1 OPEN

Meeting opened at 12:24pm
Meeting held with provisional quorum

2 PRESENT

Local Authority Members

Lance Turner (Chairperson), Ben Gallagher (Deputy Chairperson),
Kathy Satour, Lee Wayne

Councillors

Cr Warren Williams, Cr Jacob Spencer

Staff

Sascha McKell (RSM), Libby Nuss (Governance Manager), Phoebe
Chia (Governance Officer)

Guests

Bruce Fyfe (Department of Housing & Local Government), Anjali Palmer
(Department of Health), Pauline Vicary (Acting Superintendent) *via
teleconference*

3 APOLOGIES/ABSENCES

Apologies: Jeff Taylor, Ansalem Wilson, Cr April Martin, Cr Adrian Dixon,
Diane Hood (CEO), Elizabeth Delaney (Department of Health Trachoma
Program)

Absences: Henry Wilson, Cr Freddy Williams

4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

4.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Local Authority accepted the agenda for the meeting with the removal of the following deputation due to an apology by the Department of Health: agenda item 7.2 - Proposed Trachoma Program and Schedule for Nyirripi in 2018. See Item 13.1 – NTG Standing Item.

5 CODE OF CONDUCT MATTERS

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

The Local Authority re-confirmed their commitment to the Code of Conduct.

The Local Authority discussed the meaning of “gifts” in the Code of Conduct and decided that only gifts received from suppliers or people wishing to be awarded work in community should be declared.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Lance Turner (Chair) declared a professional conflict of interest as he works for Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation (WYDAC), is Chairperson for the community store and involved with Ngurratjuta’s Community Development program.

6 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

7 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

7.1 ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES

SUMMARY: A policy of Harm Minimisation has been adopted across Australia designed to reduce harm caused by the misuse of alcohol. The Harm Minimisation Unit of the NT Department of Health assists communities to develop a response to reduce alcohol related harm.

The Local Authority received and discussed an update from the NT Department of Health in relation to Alcohol Management in remote communities.

Item 7.2 moved to Item 13.1

Item 7.3 moved to Item 13.1

7.4 FUTURE OF POLICE COMPOUND IN NYIRRIPI

SUMMARY: Local Authority members have requested information in relation to the future of the Police Compound and policing services in community.

The NT Police Department representative, Pauline Vicary advised that a review of policing services in Nyirripi is currently underway . In the meantime, police will continue assisting from Yuendumu.

The Local Authority questioned why there is no permanent police presence in Nyirripi. Ms Vicary stated that the number of incidents reported from Nyirripi does not justify a permanent police presence. There were 69 reports since January 2017, with only 33 of them considered actual cases eg domestic violence, assaults, road accidents and general disturbances. Most reports were “prank” calls.

Ms Vicary pointed out that Nyirripi community falls under the NT Family Safety Framework and therefore the police will prioritise assisting families considered at risk.

8 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Previous minutes could not be accepted at this meeting due to its status as a provisional meeting.

13:50 Meeting suspended

13:58 Lee Wayne left the meeting

14:00 Meeting resumed

No quorum at this point, however meeting proceeded informally.

9 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

9.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION ITEMS

The Local Authority noted the current outstanding actions.

Action Item NYI031/2017 Quotes for grandstand seating Ongoing

Action Item NYI 042/2017 Letter to AFLNT Closed

The letter addressed to AFLNT has been signed by six appointed and elected members and will be sent to AFLNT by the Governance Officer.

9.2 REPORT FROM REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Local Authority noted the report from Council on decisions made in the last Regional Council meeting in September 2017.

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING 2017/18

The Local Authority looked at and broadly discussed the quote received from Felton Industries for grandstand seating (tabled), however no decision was reached.

14:27 Kathy Satour left the meeting

11 COMMUNITY REPORTS

11.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

The Local Authority noted the Council Services Report.

Council was recently awarded \$3.6 million through the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements(NDRRA) to fix damages incurred to the Nyirripi Road in January 2017.

14:32 Kathy Satour returned to the meeting

14:34 Lee Wayne returned to the meeting

Provisional quorum re-established.

11.2 FINANCE REPORT

The Local Authority noted the attached Finance Report.

11.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROL REFERENCE GROUP

Lance Turner declared a conflict of interest as he is a former employee of Council's Community Safety Patrol (CSP), and did not vote in relation to the resolution.

SUMMARY: The Community Safety Patrol provides an update and profile on the operations of Community Safety Patrol to the Local Authority for their input and feedback, if any.

Nyi044/2017 **RESOLVED (Jacob Spencer/Lee Wayne)**
The provisional meeting of the Nyirripi Local Authority request that the CEO investigate ways that the Yuendumu Community Safety Patrol (CSP) can support the Nyirripi CSP.

The Local Authority has provided feedback that community members are not interested in applying for CSP due to the stressful nature of the job despite the encouragement from Local Authority members and Councillors. The Local Authority feel the best solution is to have full time police presence in the community.

It was suggested by Local Authority members that community members come together to sort things out as they have a duty of care and should be reporting incidents to police, including domestic violence and fighting.

14:58 Ben Gallagher left the meeting

15:00 Ben returned to the meeting

15:04 Kathy Satour left the meeting

15:06 Kathy Satour returned to the meeting

12 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

SUMMARY: The Local Authority discussed local employment opportunities for community members.

Nyi045/2017 **RESOLVED (Jacob Spencer/Lance Turner)**
The provisional meeting of the Nyirripi Local Authority request from the CEO information in relation to how Council can assist in maximising local employment.

SUMMARY: The Local Authority requested a space for fixing cars in the community shed.

The NTG representative, Bruce Fyfe recommended that this issue can be followed up through Council, and that GMAAAC funding could be available for Local Authority funding.

SUMMARY: The Local Authority requested information regarding vet visits to community.

The Regional Services Manager noted that Warlukurlangu Arts has run a vet program for many years. The partnership between Warlukurlangu and Council was established in Yuendumu five years ago where Council provided in-kind support. Nyirripi currently being trialed.

13 NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

13.1 NTG STANDING AGENDA ITEM

The Local Authority:

1. Noted the update from the NTG representatives on issues raised at the last meeting.
2. Requested action on new issues listed below.

SUMMARY: The Local Authority have previously raised with the NTG representative that Territory Families have visited community without permission and taken photographs.

The NTG Representative reported that Territory Families have investigated the incident and apologise to the community that this is the wrong way to work. Staff at Territory Families have been told to inform the Council, Clinic and Police in advance with a phone call and an email when visiting community. Staff are also required to ask permission prior to taking photographs.

STATUS: Closed

SUMMARY: Department of Health's Trachoma Program failing to provide information to the Local Authority regarding future programs.

The Local Authority noted that whilst they are keen for the trachoma program to continue in community in 2018, this is the third time a deputation has been submitted without an actual presentation to the Local Authority. The Local Authority has requested that the Department of Health be present at the next scheduled meeting.

STATUS: Ongoing

SUMMARY: The Local Authority received and discussed recommendations from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in relation to the removal of air-conditioning (AC) units from community houses in Nyirripi.

Nyi046/2017 **RESOLVED (Kathy Satour/Ben Gallagher)**

The provisional meeting of the Nyirripi Local Authority request:

- a) that the NTG continue to speak with DHCD to find out if AC units will be replaced and by whom, and**
- b) that a senior housing representative is invited to a community meeting to explain to residents when the AC units will be replaced, and**
- c) that DHCD explain how Housing works at present, especially in relation to rent and repairs and maintenance**

The DHCD was not able to attend the previous Local Authority meetings but were in community recently to provide an update on the AC issue.

In addition, the Northern Territory Government representative, Bruce Fyfe reported that Central Desert Regional Council was contracted to refurbish community houses on behalf of DHCD. DHCD only requested the removal of AC units, but not the replacement of.

The Local Authority mentioned that no response has been provided as to whether the AC units will be replaced. Mr Fyfe commented that DHCD will allow people to install their own AC units provided they inform DHCD. However, the Local Authority commented that this was not their understanding. Mr Fyfe undertook to clarify the difference of opinions.

STATUS: Ongoing

SUMMARY: The Local Authority discussed the need for the NT Electoral Commission to update their database

Nyi047/2017 **RESOLVED (Lance Turner/Kathy Satour)**
The provisional meeting of the Nyirripi Local Authority request that the NTG representative ask NT Electoral Commission to update their database so that street names and numbers are correct.

STATUS: Ongoing

SUMMARY: The Local Authority discussed the NT Department of Health's Clinic has been asking patients to transport themselves to the Yuendumu clinic at their own expense.

Nyi048/2017 **RESOLVED (Lance Turner/Kathy Satour)**
The provisional meeting of the Nyirripi Local Authority request that the NTG representative follow up with the Department of Health to investigate why new staff have been requesting community members take sick people to Yuendumu Clinic at their own expense.

STATUS: Ongoing

SUMMARY: The Local Authority brought to the NTG's attention problems with the morgue.

Nyi049/2017 **RESOLVED (Lance Turner/Kathy Satour)**
The provisional meeting of the Nyirripi Local Authority request that the NTG representative follow up with the Department of Health to investigate why the morgue broke down, keys were not available and the backup generator did not work.

STATUS: Ongoing

14 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 3:37pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEDING 7 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE NYIRRIPI LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD ON Tuesday, 12 December 2017 AND WILL BE CONFIRMED AT THE NEXT NYIRRIPI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 7 MARCH 2018.

Chairperson