



MINUTES OF THE WILLOWRA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD
IN THE CENTRAL DESERT SERVICE DELIVERY OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2017 AT 10:56AM

1 OPEN

This meeting was held as a provisional due to insufficient numbers.

2 PRESENT

Local Authority Members

Harold Ross (Chairperson), Jeannie Presley, Lillian Long, Kathy Walker and Freddy Williams.

Ex Officio

Shane Vels (CSM), Sascha McKell (RSM), Diane Hood (CEO), Paula Wines (NTG), Maria Viegas (NTG), Amy Simson (Governance).

3 APOLOGIES/ABSENCES

3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

SUMMARY: That the Local Authority accept apologies and note absences.

Will026/2017 **RESOLVED (Lillian Long/Kathy Walker)**

That the Local Authority note the absences of Justin Forrest, Justina Forrest, Cr April Martin, Cr Cecilia Alfonso, Cr Jacob Spencer and Cr Georgina Wilson.

4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

5 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

5.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

SUMMARY: The agenda of this Local Authority meeting is being tabled. Local Authority members decide whether they wish to accept the agenda as it stands or whether they wish to make changes.

Will027/2017 **RESOLVED** (Kathy Walker/Jeannie Presley)

That the Local Authority accept the agenda for the meeting with the addition of item 13.1 Willowra/Yuendumu road.

6 CODE OF CONDUCT

6.1 CONSIDERATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

SUMMARY: The Local Authority endorsed a revised Code of Conduct. To ensure that the Local Authority is familiar with the code of conduct it is presented at every meeting. The Local Authority can use this item as an opportunity to discuss any concerns.

Will028/2017 **RESOLVED** (Freddy Williams/Kathy Walker)

That the Local Authority re-confirm their commitment to the Code of Conduct.

7 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

8 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

8.1 TRACHOMA TREATMENT

SUMMARY: Discuss trachoma and the community wide distribution of antibiotics from 25 – 29 September 2017 to help eliminate trachoma in Willowra.

Will029/2017 **RESOLVED** (Lillian Long/Jeannie Presley)

That the Local Authority:

- 1. Note the deputation given by Department of Health about improving community understanding of Trachoma.**
- 2. Accept the planned activities and treatment of Trachoma in Willowra.**

9 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

9.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

SUMMARY: Local Authority is to consider the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Local Authority meeting.

Will030/2017 **RESOLVED** (Kathy Walker/Lillian Long)

That the Local Authority defer this item to the next meeting due to being provisional.

10 ACTIONS REGISTER

10.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION ITEMS

SUMMARY: Attached is the running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

Will031/2017 **RESOLVED (Lillian Long/Kathy Walker)**

That the Local Authority note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received.

10.2 REPORT FROM REGIONAL COUNCIL

SUMMARY: Council decisions made in the last Regional Council meetings are available in the attached Summary of Major Items.

Will032/2017 **RESOLVED (Freddy Williams/Kathy Walker)**

That the Local Authority:

- 1. Accept the report from Council on decision made in the last Ordinary Council meeting in July, 2017.**
- 2. Advise no changes should be made to the alcohol restrictions in Willowra, it should continue being a dry community, to avoid humbug and disputes.**
- 3. Discussed the need for a Police officer on community to assist with grog related issues.**
- 4. Request a NTG representative attend the next meeting to discuss the Alcohol policy review and receive the Local Authority's feedback.**

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING 2017/18

SUMMARY: The Local Authority is to discuss and identify ideas to utilise their Local Authority Project Funds for the community. Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from Department of Local Government and Community Services.

Will033/2017 **RESOLVED (Kathy Walker/Freddy Williams)**

That the Local Authority confirm the 2017/18 Local Authority project funding of \$34,322 to be spent on the softball oval relocation; taking the total expenditure of the softball relocation to \$68,644.

12 COMMUNITY REPORTS

12.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY: The Council Services Report is provided by the Council Services Manager at every Local Authority meeting to provide information to members.

Will034/2017 **RESOLVED (Kathy Walker/Freddy Williams)**

That the Local Authority:

1. Note the Council Services Report.
2. Confirm discussion will be held with community members of the importance for CDP participants who cannot attend activities to provide a valid reason to ensure CDRC will continue running the CDP program in Willowra, for the benefit of community members.

12.2 FINANCE REPORT

SUMMARY: The Finance Report outlines the budget for the community and details works expenditure as required in the community.

Will035/2017 **RESOLVED (Freddy Williams/Kathy Walker)**
That the Local Authority note the Finance Report.

12.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROL REFERENCE GROUP

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

Will036/2017 **RESOLVED (Kathy Walker/Lillian Long)**
That the Local Authority advise Community Safety Patrol and Mediation are working collaboratively and creating positive outcomes; However the Community Safety Patrol officers are still struggling with grog related issues.

13 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

13.1 WILLOWRA/YUENDUMU ROAD

SUMMARY: The Local Authority discuss the state on the Willowra/Yuendumu road and the safety concerns surrounding it.

Will037/2017 **RESOLVED (Kathy Walker/Jeannie Presley)**
The Local Authority advise Council the communities safety concerns regarding the Willowra/Yuendumu road and request the repairs be prioritised to avoid a possible accident once funding is received.

14 NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

14.1 NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT REPORT

SUMMARY: A NTG representative from the Department of Housing and Community Development will attend each Local Authority meeting to provide information and take questions on NTG services including, health, education, police, housing, etc.

Will038/2017 **RESOLVED (Jeannie Presley/Kathy Walker)**
That the Local Authority:

1. Note the update from the NTG Representative on issues raised at the last meeting.
2. Request the NTG representative to ensure a NTG officer attend the next meeting to discuss the Alcohol Policy review and receive the Local Authorities feedback.
3. Request the NTG representative to investigate with the Department of Planning and Logistics regarding moving forward with the Local Authority softball court relocation project and provide a proposed timeline.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 1:06pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 4 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Willowra Local Authority HELD ON Wednesday, 16 August 2017 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 11 October 2017.

Chairperson