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AGENDA
YUELAMU LOCAL AUTHORITY
WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY 2018

The Yuelamu Local Authority Meeting of the Central Desert Regional Council will be held in the Central Desert Service Delivery Office on Wednesday, 2 May at 10am.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ADMINISTRATION

1.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Local Authorities reviewed the Code of Conduct and committed to following the Code. The following members declared a conflict of interest in relation to the listed items:

1.3 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The following changes were agreed to the agenda:

1.4 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting on 1 March 2018.

Yuelamu LA meeting

1 March 2018

1.1 Attendance and apologies

Attendance: Cr Adrian Dixon, Cr David McCormack, Norm Hagen, Melissa Morton, Linda Marshall, Cliffy Tommy, Mack Murphy

Apologies: Noel Kunoth

Absent: Cr Audrey Inkamala, Cr James Glenn

Status: Quorum

Guests: Diane Hood (CEO), Amy Simson(NTG Representative), John Gaynor(Director of Community Services), Libby Nuss (Governance Manager), Peter Schonfield

Opened 10:21

1.2 Conflict of Interest

- Cliffy Tommy, Norman Hagen, Mack Murphy are all Central Desert Regional Council employees.

1.3 Acceptance of the agenda

- No changes were made to the agenda

1.4 Previous Minutes

Recommendation Mach Murphy / Norman Hagen
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The Local Authority confirms the minutes from the 24 October 2017 LA meeting.

2.1 Community Plan

- Because the community planning session is underway, there is nothing to report against this agenda item.

2.2 LA projects

Basketball fence is finished

- Actual spending to be advised

2.3 Community Safety Patrol

- Alcohol is an issue in community at the moment

10:45 Melissa Morton left the meeting.

11:23 Melissa Morton returned.

2.4 Yuelamu Local Authority Action Register

- The CEO updated the LA in relation to the action register.

3.1.1 Previous Council Decisions

- The CEO updated the LA in relation to the January Council meeting.

3.1.2 Financial Report

- The CEO updated the LA in relation to the January Council meeting.
- The Local Authority enquired about the 'other expenses', the CEO explained that this is costs such as workers compensation costs that are yet to be put somewhere else in the budget.

3.1.3 Council Services Report

- It is noted that "Children's Services" should be ticked in Yuelamu
- The CEO commented that GMAAC projects are being revised at the moment

3.2 Questions with notice

Question Problem with broken down care littering the community

Recommendation: Melissa Morton / Billy Stafford

The Local Authority requests that the Council consider a bi-law for removing broken down and old vehicles from public spaces and transferring them to the tip.

Question The LA would like to explore more speed humps for the community

Question The LA asked if there is provision for a street light at the top of the hill?

Question The LA asked if lights can be put on the basketball court and around the toilets?

4.1 Petitions and Deputations

- There were no petitions or deputations.

4.2 Northern Territory Government

Existing Issues

Old Issue	Outcome	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long term lease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government is getting ready to spend money on housing in community as the lease is just about to be signed 	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality of water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue green algae is still a problem, Government is not able to do anything except community awareness and adding an extra tap in each house. NTG representative will request that Power Water Corporation attend the next meeting. 	Ongoing

- CEO commented that Council and the community are looking for a commitment from Government in relation to the water issue in Yuelamu.

New Issues

Date Raised	Subject	Issue
01/03/18	Fencing	Fences around houses is not adequate
01/03/18	Police	Police not present in community

The NT Government representative noted that NT Police:

- Are currently short staffed,
- Are currently recruiting new staff, hopefully some will be put into remote communities although not enough staff to have an officer in each community,
- Are looking for other ways to get police into each community,
- Acknowledge that Yuendumu is a short term fix,
- Have recently appointed a new Sargent at Yuendumu,
- Have recently appointed a new Superintendent who is keen to come to all community safety meetings, community should go to community safety meetings to talk to him,
- Should be able to give Yuelamu a more solid answer with regard to policing in the next few months.

Closed

11:39

2. COMMUNITY BUSINESS

2.1 YUELAMU COMMUNITY PLAN

Review and monitor progress against the community plan.

2.2 YUELAMU LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

The Local Authority debates and proposed to Council projects for the local area. Once Council has endorsed the projects, the LA monitors and reviews progress.

All previously agreed LA Projects have been completed and reported on. It is now left to the LA to recommend what they would like to spend their remaining funds on.

Unspent Funds \$0

Unallocated Funds \$39,148.02

(To be spent by 30th June 2018 \$3,958.02)

Recommend that the LA consider what to allocate the above funds to.

2.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROL REFERENCE GROUP

The Local Authority is the Reference Group for Community Safety Patrol and provides feedback to the Regional Council. Any comments or issues raised will be minuted.

2.4 YUELAMU LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

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

The Local Authority may also have its own action items which are noted here, and progress reviewed.

OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS					
Outstanding Actions		Division: Committee: <u>Yuelamu</u> Local Authority Officer:		Date From: Date To:	
Action Sheets Report				Printed: Tuesday, 24 April 2018 10:49:07 AM	
MEETING DATE	REFERENCE	TARGET COMPLETION DATE	ACTION	ACTION OFFICER	PROGRESS/COMMENTS

Traffic Managemet Issues					
27 April 2017	Yue026/2017	11/05/2017	13.3 TRAFFIC MANAGMENET ISSUES SUMMARY: The Local Authority discussed the issue with cars driving in areas that they shouldn't be. [Yue026/2017] RESOLVED (Noel Kunoth/Cliffy Tommy) That the Local Authority request the Roads and Infrastructure Manager to discuss with the Local Authority chair and deputy chair regarding issues with traffic management.	Greg Buxton	23 Nov 2017 - 9:51 AM - Diane Hood Action reassigned to Greg Buxton by: Diane Hood 31 Oct 2017 - 3:26 PM - Greg Buxton Action reassigned to Diane Hood by: LibbyNuss 23 Apr 18. To be addressed at the next LA meeting
General Businesas					
25 October 2017	Yue054/2017	29/12/2017	10.2 GENERAL BUSINESS [Yue054/2017] RESOLVED	Greg Buxton	No update provided.

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			(Noel <u>Kunoth/Mack</u> Murphy) The Local Authority request council to provide an update on the <u>Yuelamu</u> access road which is currently unsafe and subject to being cut off by rain.		
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3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 ATTACHED REPORTS

3.1.1 Previous Council Decisions

Event: Ordinary Council Meeting

Date: Thursday 29 March 2018

Location: Council Chambers, Yuendumu

ITEM
ITEM 10.3 - UPDATE ON ANIMAL BY-LAWS PROJECT
COUNCIL DECISION
<p><i>OC050/2018</i> RESOLVED (Cr William Liddle/ Cr Robert George)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council agrees that the first step in relation to Animal By-Laws should be in relation to 'control of dogs' and mirror those parts of the two examples attached that relate to this. 2. Council endorses that an animal (dog control) by-law for Central Desert Regional Council should apply in all communities. 3. Council endorses that the by-law include links to the Central Desert vet program, for example that dogs must have one vet visit per year. 4. Council notes the next steps for this project.
ITEM
ITEM 11.2 - CHANGES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES
COUNCIL DECISION

OC051/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Adrian Dixon/Cr Jacob Spencer)

The Council notes the resignation of the following Local Authority members and approve the appointment of the following new members:

Resignation of Kezia Ahkit-Kitson from Willowra

Appointment of Harry Moore in Anmatjere and Ashley Martin in Willowra

ITEM

ITEM 11.3 - EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS POLICY

COUNCIL DECISION

OC052/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Norbert Patrick/Cr William Liddle)

The Council approved the attached External Complaints Policy numbered P18.

ITEM

ITEM 11.4 - COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES AND ENTITLEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION

OC053/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Freddy Williams/Cr Jacob Spencer)

The Council noted the current policy in relation to Councilor allowances and cost reimbursements.

ITEM**ITEM 12.1 - FINANCE REPORT****COUNCIL DECISION**

OC054/2018 RESOLVED (Cr James Glenn/Cr Adrian Dixon)

- 1) Council noted the financial reports for the period ending 28 February 2018, and
- 2) Council approved a KPI in relation to sustainability to increase the current ratio to \$2.00 over the next four years

ITEM**ITEM 22.4 - UTOPIA HOMELANDS - CONSIDERATION OF ONGOING CONTRACT****COUNCIL DECISION**

OC055/2018 RESOLVED (Cr James Glenn/Cr Jacob Spencer)

The Council resolved not to seek the Utopia Homelands MES, HMS or HEA contracts with NTG after the conclusion of the current contracts on 30th June 2018.

3.1.2 Finance Report

Please see attached document.

3.1.3 Council Services Report

The Local Authority reviews the reports, discusses impacts to the community and makes any recommendations it wishes to the Council (strategy, policy) or to the CEO (operational).

	Anmatjere	Atitjere	Engawala	Lajamanu	Laramba	Nyirripi	Willowra	Yuelamu	Yuendumu	Utopia
Community Safety	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Family Mediation							Y		Y	
Youth, Sport & Rec	Y	Y	Y		Y			Y		
Aged and Disability	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Children's Services	Y		Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	
School Nutrition	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		
Libraries	Y			Y						
Municipal Services	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Animal Control	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Airstrip Maintenance	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	
Essential Services		Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	
Outstations	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y		
Centrelink	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Post Office Agencies	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
CDP	Y				Y		Y	Y	Y	

Achievements

- Landfill has been redefined, clearly identified bays marked for waste delivery.
- White goods and scrap metal piles are being sorted and allocated to appropriate waste store areas in landfill.
- Slashing commenced in Parks and open spaces
- Basketball Fencing completed (LA project)
- Community consultation undertaken in all nine communities. The NT Government attended most sessions and is aware of the issues raised that fall under their jurisdiction. On some occasions, local members and representatives of Federal Ministers were in attendance.
- Youth Engagement Officer Strategy operating successfully by identifying and re-engaging youth into CDP and other activities.
- Successful re-opening of Yuelamu and Nyirripi Child Care Centres.
- Relocation of 2 SNP services to Childcare Centres in Nyirripi and Yuelamu.
- 90/100% rating for SNP nutritional value.
- IAS Funding for continuation of Yuendumu Childcare Service extended until 31 December 2018.
- Youth Engagement Officer Strategy operating successfully by identifying and re-engaging youth into CDP and other activities.
- Community work teams are concentrating on firebreaks with large fuel loads expected next summer after recent rains.

Issues.

- Risks with machinery age or repairs that have been costly and the required machinery is still not fully functional.
- Lack of machinery for tasks within Community to undertake certain works
- Staff absenteeism has resulted in a slower process of work plans.
- Firebreaks at landfill require works
- Uncertainty around funding/ future sustainable funding for multiple community services projects (Future funding for Laramba, Yuelamu and Nyirripi child care centers. Upgrading of Atitjere Aged Care Centre)
- Road repairs dependent on NDRAA Funding
- NDRAA funding application not fully funded, this is continuing to be followed up with NTG.
- Aging plant and equipment is considered high risk with repairs and maintenance costs increasing as a result.

3.2 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Any questions asked by Local Authority members are noted here, responses will be included at next meeting.

This section does not include service requests, members and the community are encouraged to log service requests with the local office.

Question: The Local Authority would like to explore more speed humps for the community

Answer: The cost of speed humps is \$80.00/lin meter, Speed cushions \$457.00/lin meter. Local Authority to nominate location of speed humps.

Question: The Local Authority asked if there is provision for a street light at the top of the hill?

Answer: Location of lights to be nominated

Question: The Local Authority asked if lights can be put on the basketball court and around the toilets?

Answer: Local Authority to nominate number of lights and location.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

The agencies presenting to the Local Authority today are:

- **National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC)**

The Local Authority reviews the presentation, discusses impacts to the community and discusses with the presenter.

If the presenter is asking the Local Authority for approval – they should provide a written recommendation and the LA resolution will be minuted.

A recommendation for an action may also be made to the NT Government to be included in 4.2 Northern Territory Government Report.

4.1(a) SNAICC – ESTABLISHMENT OF OUT OF HOME CARE

The Local Authority (LA) has been presented with a letter from the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) regarding the establishment of an Aboriginal led out of home care model. SNAICC has presented the attached letter to the LA with the intention of attending the next meeting on 13 June 2018 to consult with the LA.



SNAICC
National Voice for our Children
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation
Suite 8, First Floor,
252-260 St Georges Road
North Fitzroy VIC 3068

Dear Council,

ESTABLISHMENT OF ABORIGINAL-LED OUT- OF- HOME CARE SERVICES

Thank you for allowing me to present at your Local Authority meeting.

I have been engaged to work as Senior Project Officer with SNAICC in the Central Australian region to talk to all stakeholders to develop a plan for the creation of an Aboriginal-led and managed out-of-home care service model.

Out of Home Care is when children are removed from their parents/Family and put into foster care or kinship care. Sometimes this means living with a non-Aboriginal family or carer. This happens because the child has been found to be 'at risk' living in that house/community. We need to make sure that children are safe.

The Northern Territory Government understands that there are too many Aboriginal children going into care and want to work with community to develop a model that is culturally safe, and children can still be connected to family.

Most of the children in care in the NT are Aboriginal.

We have a Steering Committee made up of local Aboriginal Organisations from Alice Springs and Territory Families that will meet regularly to develop a model of Out-Of-Home care that is right for Central Australia.

There will also be 2 workshops for all stakeholders to discuss the right model for us.

This Project will end at the end of August and a report will be sent to the NT Government.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

As a community you might like to discuss how the out of home care model will look like. As an example, one local organisation is looking at recruiting more Aboriginal respite carers and kinship carers. This might mean that if a child is placed in a non-Aboriginal care arrangement then the child can spend weekends or holidays with the Aboriginal respite carer or Kinship carer and eventually return to family to live.

How can we improve Aboriginal families becoming foster carers or kinship carers?

How do you think an Aboriginal child can have a strong connection with family if they are 'in care'?

How do families need to be supported so that the children can be safely returned home?


What is an Aboriginal organisation or community role if a Aboriginal child is taken into care?

Do you think family need to be making decisions about children returning to families?

What do you see your role in this service?

Do you think 1 organisation should run these services or many organisations so all services can be involved in supporting Aboriginal children in care and their families?

I appreciate the time you have taken to discuss this project and look forward to meeting with you face to face to put your ideas to the Steering Committee.



Eileen Van Iersel

Senior Project Officer

SNAICC (National Voice for Indigenous Children)

5 April 2018

4.2 NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT REPORT

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

The Local Authority can make resolutions (motions) to request actions from the NT Government.

Date Raised	Issue	NTG Status
March 2018	Status of Housing lease for Yuelamu	<p>Still being negotiated. Not signed. TOs on the LA would be well aware of the negotiations.</p> <p>This request for information has been raised several times before. An update will be provided to the LA at the meeting on 1 May 2018 if more current information is available.</p> <p>The LA has been made aware before that consideration of fences, an HRG and other questions around Housing, cannot be progressed until the lease is in place.</p>
March 2018	Planning for future water supply for Yuelamu	<p>All reports from community members to Power and Water are that the current arrangements for water supply and drinking water directly to each home is working well. Power and Water continue to look for new sources and assure the community that the current supply is going well and acknowledge the</p>

community's participation in using water wisely. A representative of Power and Water is expected to attend the meeting on 1 May 2018.