The Lajamanu Local Authority Meeting of the Central Desert Regional Council was held via teleconference on Wednesday, 13 May 2020 at 1:00pm.
ORDER OF BUSINESS

Meeting opened: 1:05pm

1. ADMINISTRATION

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

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<td>Cr Robert George (Chair)</td>
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<td>Sheree Anderson (Deputy Chair)</td>
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<td>Cr Joe Marshall</td>
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<td>Andrew Johnson</td>
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<td>Doris Lewis</td>
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<td>Elizabeth Ross</td>
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<td>Jenny Johnson</td>
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<td>Mike Doolan</td>
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Staff and Guests

- Leslie Manda (A/CEO)
- Michael Erglis (Senior Admin Officer)
- Maria de Dios (Governance)
- Robin Hall (DLGHCD)
- Bruce Fyfe (DLGHCD)

Meeting status: Quorum

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Local Authority (LA) reviewed the Code of Conduct.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Laj001/2020 RESOLUTION (Cr R George/A Johnson)
That the Local Authority confirm the minutes from the meeting held on 9 September 2019.
2. COMMUNITY BUSINESS

2.1 Community Plan
The Community Planning needs to be scheduled once travelling is allowed.

2.2 Local Authority Projects
Senior Admin Officer Michael Erglis gave an update on the following projects:

1. Playground equipment at football oval – sourcing quotes.
2. Shade structures at parks and oval – Sourcing more quotes. Picnic tables and chairs will also be put up.
3. Relocation of softball oval – Backstops and dug outs have been completed. Sourcing quotes for levelling of field and grading. After the earth works, the perimeter fence needs to be put up.

The following proposed projects have been approved:

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<td>Laj002/2020</td>
<td>(A Johnson/Cr J Marshall)</td>
<td>1. 2 x 2000L water tanks and trailer. Budget is $50,000.</td>
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<td>Laj003/2020</td>
<td>(S Anderson/Cr J Marshall)</td>
<td>2. Cleaning package for each house (broom, dustpan with brush, rubbish bags, mop bucket and mop. LA members to be shown images of packages bought in other communities. LA members requested a cobweb broom to be included in the package, if budget allows. Budget is $20,000.</td>
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<td>Laj004/2020</td>
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<td>3. Gardening package for each house (garden hose, sprinkler, shovel, rake and bucket). Budget is $20,000.</td>
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2.3 Community Safety Patrol Reference Group

LA advised that more staff is needed for Night Patrol. A/CEO advised that staffing for Night patrol in Lajamanu is six based on service modelling needs of the community. Night Patrol staff are rostered and staff numbers are based on how many are required to fill the roster. There have been no changes in staffing for the program recently.

2.4 LA Action Register

No open items.

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 Attached Reports

Previous Council Decisions
The Local Authority noted resolutions from the previous Council meeting.

A/CEO advised that Harts Range Bush Sports Weekend will not be going ahead and we have not heard from Govies’ Muster if the event is going ahead.

Finance Report
The Local Authority noted the finance report.

Council Services Report
The Local Authority reviewed and noted the Council Services Report.

3.2 General Business

Q1. Can a governance training and cultural awareness training be arranged for the Local Authority?

A/CEO advised that Governance training is provided when a member(s) is newly nominated as part of their induction to the LA. The Code of Conduct training provided today is an extension of the Governance training and if LA members would like to have a broader governance
training as a refresher of member roles and responsibilities we will investigate future dates when such training can be provided.

Q2. Can we get microphone and speakers for safekeeping by Night Patrol so it can be used for public meetings?

A/CEO advised the LA that Night Patrol cannot have custody of Local Authority acquired assets as they are non-council assets. A/CEO advised that the LA’s proposal that Night Patrol will keep the equipment and use it to control public meetings, such activities do not fall within the scope of Night Patrol. A/CEO advised that Night Patrol:

- Assist vulnerable people by transporting them to a safe place
- Refer vulnerable people to other services such as police, clinics, and safe houses
- Take children home or to a safe location with a parent or carer at night, and
- Divert intoxicated people away from conflict.

A/CEO emphasised that Night Patrol are not crowd controllers, do not detain or arrest people and do not take the place of police.

Q3. What is the procedure if there are repairs or services that needs to be done in outstations?

A/CEO advised that outstations funding is identified by the funding body. Council provides municipal & essential services including housing and maintenance services as on listed outstations. Lutju outstation is included in this funding and the outstation residents/family are encouraged to visit the Council Office in Lajamanu and complete the required forms to obtain repairs and services covered by this funding.

Q4. Why was the community not advised about the closure of the tip?

A/CEO advised that Council has to adhere to legislative requirements when disposing of materials and keeping the environment clean and also we want to keep everybody safe.

What has been closed at the tip is the operational area because open access to the tip is a risk to the person and Council. Proper disposal of waste should also be ensured. There are drop off bays for general waste and Council has rubbish collection services every Mondays and Fridays.
Essential services such as school and clinic have an additional rubbish collection every Wednesday.

Q5. Why are there fees and charges for disposal of rubbish for businesses?

The Council’s has a Fees & Charges policy that is approved annually and dumping of commercial waste is included in this document that sets unit prices for different items.

The Council has a legislative requirement to dispose the waste properly and the fees charged contribute not only to overall licencing fees, compliance, upgrade of the facility but also the staff costs involved in managing the waste disposed.

If Community members and the LA have a suspicion that businesses are dumping waste illegally they can report it to the NT Department of Environment and Natural Resources that has a free hotline number where community members can make reports directly.

The fees and charges are available at the Council’s website and Michael Erglis can print copies for those interested in seeing the document.

Q6. When the shop used to manage the parks, the grass and trees are green.

Council municipal services includes activities that include the maintenance/upkeep of parks and playgrounds for which Council has responsibility over.

Q7. Can the community have more big trailers and 2 rubbish trucks?

A/CEO advised that Council’s waste management equipment distribution is matched to the size of the community and the requirements to fulfil Council’s waste management program. The CSM and Director Council Services work closely to ensure that there is a match. A/CEO will advise the LA if Council has extra trailers that can be allocated to Lajamanu if current equipment does not meet service needs.

The rubbish truck has been taken to Katherine for repairs and will return to the community once completed.

Q7. Can we create more jobs for the youth?

A/CEO advised that CDP in Lajamanu is provided by Victoria Daly. Community members can approach the CDP provider if they require
training or discuss with the provider about the specific trainings they provide.

Council actively advertises job vacancies on community and encourages local community residents to apply.

Q8. Can the Council dispose broken cars?

A/CEO advised that Council is working with Barkly and MacDonnell Councils on a scrap metal recycling project. Council currently does not have the resources and infrastructure to dispose of or recycle vehicles. There are legislative requirements that also need to be considered.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Petitions and Deputations

There were no petitions and deputations.

4.2 Northern Territory Government Report

Robin Hall talked about the postponed commencement of the Local Government Act from July 1 to next year due to complications of the pandemic.

A/CEO advised the Local Authority that the major implication on the Local Authority with the new Local government Act is that the 50% +1 rule will be changed to 1/3 to have a quorum and the delay of the new Act will impact Local Authorities that struggle to have a quorum.

Outstanding Actions

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<td>13 March 2019</td>
<td>Expensive water rates and low water pressure. The LA would also like to be informed about the future community water supply.</td>
<td>NTG to ask Power &amp; Water to make a deputation on the next LA meeting.</td>
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<td>13 May 2020</td>
<td>No feedback on the complaint to Department of Education regarding issue with principal.</td>
<td>NTG to inform Department of Education that LA is awaiting response to certain issues raised during April meeting.</td>
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**CLOSE OF MEETING**

Meeting closed  2:45pm

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