



CENTRAL DESERT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES LARAMBA LOCAL AUTHORITY WEDNESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Laramba Local Authority Meeting of the Central Desert Regional Council was held in the Laramba Council Office on Wednesday, 1 September 2021 at 1:00PM.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Meeting opened: 1:12PM

1 ADMINISTRATION

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

	PRESENT	APOLOGY	Staff and Guests
Irene Floyd (Chair)	✓		Diane Hood (CEO)
Billy Briscoe (Deputy Chair)	✓		Irenee McCreevy(G.M Organisational Development)
Michael Ryan	✓		Nicole Neilson (P.M-Operations)
Peter Stafford	✓		Samadhi Nisansala (Governance Officer)
Ron Hagan		Absent	Robin Hall (Dept. of Chief Minister & Cabinet)
Stephen Briscoe		Absent	
Cr Adrian Dixon	✓		
Cr David McCormack	✓		
Cr James Glenn		✓	

Michael Ryan arrived at 1:16PM

Meeting status: Quorum

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Local Authority (LA) reviewed the Code of Conduct.

Irene Floyd, Billy Briscoe declared Conflict of Interest because they work for the Council.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Lar003/2021 **RESOLUTION (Billy Briscoe/Michael Ryan)**

That the Local Authority confirm the minutes from the meeting held on 28 April 2021.

2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS

2.1 Community Plan

The committee discussed about Laramba community plan. Good progress on most priorities.

2.2 Local Authority Projects

CEO updated the available funding for this year and projects that are in progress. New proposed projects are:

- Shade structure and bench seats at centre park.
- Three or four solar lights between the community gate and hall.

2.3 Community Safety Patrol Reference Group

CSP is operating well and no issues.

2.4 CDP – How is this working in the community?

Congratulations to CDP for earning a staff values award.

LA also noted that the CDP is finishing off the trees around the community.

2.5 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.

Finance Report

The Local Authority noted the finance report.

Council Services Report

The Local Authority reviewed and noted the Council Services Report.

The CEO informed LA about the next Vet visit and advised the availability of tick treatments and encouraged all the dog owners to treat their dogs against the tick disease.

The CEO also mentioned that the road between Laramba to Tilmouth Well is graded by the council. There was some discussion relating to other roads, however these were private roads and not Council business.

3.2 General Business

1. School Nutrition Program was raised by Michael Ryan. He advised NIAA is working with Food Bank to try and source food.

RESPONSE: CDRC continues to be willing to be a service provider as long as costs are fully covered. This matter is with the NIAA for action.

2. Non-official roads were raised as an issue as there is a road between outstation Palardi and Laramba people are using to access to the Medical Clinic.

RESPONSE : This road did not appear on any maps and was not a gazetted road. People should use the graded Council road to the Tanami Road and then can use the station road from Tilmouth Wells to Laramba which Council grades once a year.

4 OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Petitions and Deputations

Nil

4.2 Northern Territory Government Report

Robin Hall (Dept. of Chief Minister & Cabinet) asked for the feedback from the LA for reasons why residents are reluctant to participate in voting and suggestions to improve the community engagement.

The LA noted that most families are not in the community at the moment and they are not aware of the available voting options if they are travelling. LA also noted that and younger age groups are not interested in casting their votes and participate in decision making.

LA suggested that NTEC should display more banners of elections at visible places such as at the community gate , shop, office and over the road signs. Also mention that the Government should provide more education, encouragement and motivation for young people. The LA also suggested that setting up BBQs such as Democracy sausage may help enormously when it comes to engaging the community in voting.

Also asked the LA's opinion on Covid-19 Vaccine and how can government increase the vaccination in communities. LA responded that people in the communities have different opinion about Covid Vaccine and it is good to have more education and communication. Door to door vaccine service might work and setting up BBQ or community engagement events may also help to encourage more people to get their vaccines.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed 2:37PM

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