



CENTRAL DESERT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES ENGAWALA LOCAL AUTHORITY THURSDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2021

The Engawala Local Authority Meeting of the Central Desert Regional Council was held in the Engawala Council Office on Thursday, 28 October 2021 at 11:00AM.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Meeting opened: 11:11AM

1 ADMINISTRATION

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

	PRESENT	APOLOGY	Staff and Guests
Kathy Inkamala (Deputy Chair)		Absent	Leslie Manda (Acting CEO)
Dianne Dixon	✓		Sally Langton (Director Agency Services)
Elizabeth Dixon		Absent	Scott Pinchbeck (Co-ordinator, Council Services (Acting) - Engawala)
Janet Tilmouth	✓		Samadhi Nisansala (Governance Officer)
Joy Turner		Absent	Robin Hall (Dept of Chief Minister & Cabinet)
Rachel Tilmouth	✓		Tony Bollwing (ALO member for Namatjira.
Cr Jeff Iversen	✓		

Meeting status: Quorum

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Local Authority (LA) reviewed the Code of Conduct.

Diane Dixon and Rachel Tilmouth declared Conflict of Interest because they work for the Council.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

LA members nominated Cr Jeff Iverson to chair the meeting.

Eng005/2021 **RESOLUTION (Janet Tilmouth / Rachel Tilmouth)**
That the Local Authority appoints Cr. Jeff Iversen as the Chairman.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Eng006/2021 **RESOLUTION (Dianne Dixon/ Janet Tilmouth)**
That the Local Authority confirm the minutes from the meeting held on 15 April 2021 and 26 August 2021.

2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS

2.1 Local Authority Projects

The Acting CEO updated the projects that are currently in progress, upgrade and move the playground equipment and solar street lights. The Acting CEO informed that the LA that it can only afford 3 solar streetlights within its current funding at this stage.

LA has determined the locations for the solar street lights as

- Near the new playground (Lot 94/95)
- Near Lot 78
- Between the clinic and rec hall (Lot 74)

LA also proposed the Lot 24 (The Old Shop) to be considered as a location for next year solar light project.

2.2 Community Safety Patrol Reference Group

No issues and happy with the service.

LA also noted that they always see CSP team driving around the community at night.

2.3 LA Action Register

No 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.

3.2 General Business

1. List the top 3 things Council should achieve in the next 4 years

1. Water park or a cooling area made up with recycle water.

Response – Engawala is a water stressed community and creation of such a facility is a possible contrary to the water situation in the community. Further a water park has operational such as dust and litter, insurance and maintenance issues to consider. In addition the use of recycled water poses potential risks such as decontamination/treatment

including obtaining PWC approval in relation to dealing with water supply/availability and ongoing maintenance. It was proposed to the LA to consider other organisations taking charge of this such as in Lajamanu where the school is leading this initiative. There are possible options to learn from approaches used by Barkly Regional Council with its water park in Ali Curung.

2. List the top 3 things Council should fight for in the next 4 years.

1. Bitumen to the rest of the entrance road up to the HWY.
2. Clinic – lengthening the hours/days of operation to cater for emergencies
3. Water security – Continue to work with NTG re progress towards pipeline.

Other open questions

1. Question : Fitness Equipment bought a few years ago

Response : The LA proposed it needs to consider whether to keep the equipment or sell it off. The Acting CEO advised that the LA may not be able to get much from the disposal of the equipment and at this stage there is not current LA funding to cover the possible installation costs. Consideration will need to be made where such equipment will be located if it was to go ahead including consideration of insurance risks.

2. Question: Bitumen road at the entrance not good quality.

Response : The Acting CEO advised that the flattening of the road was done in line with acceptable standards according to our roads consultant however to have smoothen the road would have cost council double the allocated budget and as such due to the low risk the current surface was assessed as acceptable.

3. Question : Determine the better time for road grading programme.

Response : The Acting CEO noted the points raised and advised the LA that our road grading program is designed to take into

consideration availability of equipment as well as timing of other works in the area.

4. The Acting CEO discussed about the CHO's directions on mandatory vaccination including all staff and the LA members. LA were requested to provide the evidence of vaccination or if unable to sign the acknowledgment letter noting that they may not be able to attend the Council office for LA meetings and may only do so via teleconference until a time Council makes its determination.

4 OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Petitions and Deputations

Nil

4.2 Northern Territory Government Report

Robin Hall (Dept of Chief Minister & Cabinet) reinforced the importance of getting vaccination against covid-19 and deadline for covid-19 vaccine mandate for all NT workers who are interacting with vulnerable people such as elderly people and young children.

Robin also mentioned that if residents are having housing and maintenance issues, they should keep ring the housing department to convey their concerns.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed 12:18PM

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Engawala Local Authority meeting held on Thursday, 28 October 2021 and unconfirmed.