



CENTRAL DESERT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES NYIRRIPI LOCAL AUTHORITY THURSDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2021

The Nyirripi Local Authority Meeting of the Central Desert Regional Council was held in the Nyirripi Council Office on Thursday, 11 November 2021 at 12:00PM.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Meeting opened: 12:07PM

1 ADMINISTRATION

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

	PRESENT	APOLOGY	Staff and Guests
Lance Turner (Chair)	✓		Leslie Manda - Acting CEO
Ben Gallagher		Absent	Caine Hewes - Council Service Co-ordinator - Nyirripi
Alastair Turner		Absent	Samadhi Nisansala – Governance Officer
Desmond Williams		Absent	Enock Menge (Dept. of Chief Minister & Cabinet)
Henry Wilson		Absent	
Judith Martin		Absent	
Cr April Martin	✓ (Dial-in)		
Cr Freddy Williams	✓ (Dial-in)		
Cr Jacob Spencer	✓		

Meeting status: Provisional 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

Nyi005/2021 **RESOLUTION (Lance Turner/Cr Freddy Williams)**
That the Local Authority confirm the minutes from the meeting held on 9th September 2021.

As there was a Provisional Quorum, minutes of 16th June 2021 was held over until the next meeting.

2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS

2.1 Local Authority Projects

The Acting CEO updated the projects that are currently in progress; the shade structure at cemetery and the additional trees around the softball oval. Council is currently waiting for the sacred site clearance and quotes for those two projects. The project of BBQ trailer is finalised and waiting to be picked up from the depot in Alice Springs.

Additional proposed projects to endorsed by council are:

Nyi006/2021 **RESOLUTION (Cr Jacob Spencer/Cr Freddy Williams)**

Small shade structure put around the softball oval.

LA proposed that this project to be prioritised at third place instead of the current project, Additional Trees Around the Soft ball Oval.

2.2 Community Safety Patrol Reference Group

Not operating at the moment and waiting for more staff.

The Acting CEO noted that the council is actively recruiting and working towards addressing staff attendance.

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

The LA requested more time to discuss and decide

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

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Other open questions

1. Question: Vehicle crushing program raised as a concern. The residents are not happy with the removal of cars from the landfill and Men's Business area.

Response: The Acting CEO mentioned that the council has a compliance and legal requirement to comply with Environmental Protection Act and it requires the safe removal and management of metal and its destruction from the landfill as council have the licence to maintain that area.

He also noted the point raised re Men's business area and noted that the contractor should not have visited the areas which are not under Council lease without approval from residents. He mentioned, it is necessary to conduct a proper consultation with residents prior to these types of projects in future.

2. Question: Poor mobile reception and slow internet connection.

Response : The Acting CEO advised that though council installed the small cell technology for mobile coverage to the community, any performance issues should be reported to Telstra and if there is any issues residents must inform CSM and then the issue will be reported to Telstra. Re internet connection, the council anticipates that Telstra is working on a project next year, targeting Nyirripi community to facilitate internet and mobile.

3. The Acting CEO discussed the CHO's directions on mandatory vaccination, rapid antigen testing and mask requirements when travelling in and out from communities with low vaccination rates. LA were requested to provide the evidence of vaccination or if unable to sign an 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

Enock Menge (Dept. of Chief Minister & Cabinet) reinforced the importance of getting vaccination against covid-19 and deadline for covid-19 vaccine mandate. He requested LA to encourage resident to have their vaccine so can travel free and resume business as usual.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed 12:55PM

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