



CENTRAL DESERT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES YUELAMU LOCAL AUTHORITY WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2020

The Yuelamu Local Authority Meeting of the Central Desert Regional Council was held in the Yuelamu Council Office on Wednesday, 26 August 2020 at 11:00am.

Unconfirmed

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Meeting opened:11:10am

1. ADMINISTRATION

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

	PRESENT	APOLOGY	Staff and Guests
Cliffy Tommy (Chair)		Absent	Leslie Manda (Deputy CEO)
Cr Adrian Dixon		✓	Maria de Dios (Governance Officer)
Cr Audrey Inkamala		Absent	Enock Menge (DLGHCD)
Cr David McCormack	✓		
Cr James Glenn		✓	
Billy Stafford	✓		
Linda Marshall	✓		
Mack Murphy	✓		
Melissa Morton	✓		
Norman Hagan	✓		

Meeting status: Quorum

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Local Authority (LA) reviewed the Code of Conduct.

No conflict of interest were raised.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

It was agreed there needed to be an election for Deputy Chairperson.

NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Nominations were called for deputy chairperson.

RESOLVED (M Murphy / B Stafford)

Melissa Morton was nominated as Deputy Chairperson. Melissa Morton accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were given.

All members voted to accept Melissa Morton as Deputy Chair.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Yue004/2020 **RESOLVED (Cr D McCormack/M Morton)**

That the Local Authority confirm the minutes from the meeting held on 24 June 2020.

2. COMMUNITY BUSINESS

2.1 Community Plan

Deputy CEO advised that Council continues to work towards the Yuelamu community plan with advancement of water actions demonstrated through the delivery of a 2000L water trailer delivered and the installation of hydro panels (including water points) at the Depot. The testing of the water quality will be conducted over the next few weeks after which the community will have access to alternative source for drinking water.

Council was recently awarded a \$1M drought communities funding from Federal Government. This grant includes a number of projects such as small cell towers, tree planting, libraries on community, additional 2000l water tanks and shade structures.

2.2 Local Authority Projects

Deputy CEO gave an update on the Local Authority projects:

1. Gardening package - Order has been partially delivered.
2. Footpath – project will be in stages as budget becomes available.

No projects have been proposed. The Local Authority is happy to focus on the footpath.

2.3 Community Safety Patrol Reference Group

Cr. McCormack mentioned that there is no one working at Night Patrol. Deputy CEO explained that Council is trying to actively recruit and look for suitable people.

2.4 CDP – How is this working in the community?

Deputy CEO mentioned that CDP came back to full operation last week but with the Covid19 Council needs to still comply with social distancing requirements for their face-to-face activities.

CDP over the next few weeks will actively re-engage participants and explore options that Council can do such to tap into the interest of the residents.

2.5 LA Action Register

No open items.

Unconfirmed

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

There were no questions from the Local Authority members.

Deputy CEO provided an update that Council has a Covid19 management plan. As part of this plan, Council has 3 priorities identified if there is an outbreak on community:

1. Waste and litter management (Works Crew)
2. Aged Care meal and essential care home delivery (Aged Care)
3. Services required for the safe operation of community such as airstrip maintenance, power and water checks, firebreaks.

All Council facilities will be shut to the public and will be immediately cleaned thoroughly. Council staff will be limited to those 3 areas above.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Petitions and Deputations

There were no petitions or deputations.

Melissa Morton left the meeting, the time being 11:45 AM.

Melissa Morton returned to the meeting, the time being 11:47 AM.

4.2 Northern Territory Government Report

Enock Menge expressed appreciation for the support they received from the community as they went through the electoral roll preparation. There was a good turnout of people filling out forms so they can vote.

He added that at the next meeting, he may be able to let the Local Authority know about the actual voter turnout numbers and LA members may be able to contribute to future strategies to increase voter turnout.

Like the Council, NTG also has plans for Covid19 emergency and the government is keen to protect community from the pandemic.

Cr. McCormack asked for an update on housing?

Enock Menge advised that Housing will visit the community to progress the new houses discussions commenced prior to the elections – however advised that these are discussions that the NTG may need to involve the Minister and may have to wait till a new Minister is appointed before major decisions can be made.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed 11:53am

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