

Mayor Wilson opened the meeting at 9:47am and welcomed all in attendance

PRESENT

Mayor	John Wilson
Deputy Mayor	Terry Sams
Elected Member	Mark Martin
Elected Member	Wally Minjin
Elected Member	Ralph Narburup

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer	Shaun Hardy
Manager Governance	Rebecca Purser
Regional Services Manager	Steve Horton
Regional Services Manager	Michael Fitisemanu
Regional Services Manager	Glenn Parker

GUEST

Staff for Warren Snowden	
Member for Lingiari NT	Stuart McGill

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Elected Member	Mark Tunmuck-Smith
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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

There were no declarations of interest at this Council Meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30 November 2017; Local Authority Meeting Wadeye 8 December 2017, Local Authority Meeting Palumpa 7 December 2017 and Local Authority Meeting Peppimenarti 6 December 2017.

182/2017 RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Moved: Cr. Minjin
Seconded: Cr. Martin
Resolution: Unanimously

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

9:50am – The following persons joined the meeting:

Bianca Middleton – Paediatrician
Rebecca Pincus - Study Coordinator
Ada Parry – Cultural Advisor

1) Menzies School of Health - Optimising Rotavirus Vaccination in Aboriginal Children (ORVAC)

Bianca Middleton conducted a power point presentation regarding the Rotavirus Vaccination in Aboriginal infants. Currently infants receive two vaccinations however Rotavirus is still prevalent in the communities. Menzies School of Health wish to conduct a study on whether a third booster vaccination will be effective in eradicating Rotavirus in Aboriginal infants.

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1. That Council approves the Menzies School of Health to conduct an ORVAC study in the Wadey Community.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams
Seconded: Cr. Martin
Resolution: Unanimously

10:15am – Bianca Middleton, Rebecca Pincus and Ada Parry left the meeting at the conclusion of the presentation.

10:15am – Paul Henderson from Project Sea Dragon joined the meeting.

2) Presentation - Project Sea Dragon

Paul Henderson informed the Council of Project Sea Dragon and the employment opportunities for local Indigenous people that the project will bring. Construction will be in the Dry Season 2018 with Stage 1 production to commence in 2019. Councillors have indicated that they would like to visit the Cardwell prawn farm for comparative purposes and Mr Henderson will make inquiries in this regard. Councillors have also requested that a joint stakeholder meeting in Wadey be arranged in the Dry Season and for Project Sea Dragon to attend and advise all stakeholders of the project and possible employment opportunities.

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1. That Council notes the presentation on Project Sea Dragon.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams
Seconded: Cr. Narburup
Resolution: Unanimously

10:39am – Paul Henderson left the meeting at the conclusion of discussions.

3) Chief Executive Officer's Report

CEO spoke to his written report. Matters to note were that given the AFL grand final was such a success, Council will continue to support community events. Clarification was provided to the Councillors with regards to homeland funding, particularly HEA and SPG – the funds are for specific items only and there are no administration fees deducted from the funding. RSM Peppi raised the question if it was possible that pay day could be changed to Friday as staffing is a major issue with staff AWOL after pay day. CEO will make inquiries with CouncilBiz for options regarding pay day and will

present to Council at next Council meeting.

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1. That Council note the report from the Chief Executive Officer.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams

Seconded: Cr. Martin

Resolution: Unanimously

11:41am - The following persons from Yingwati Pty Ltd joined the meeting:

Kim Hill – Yingwati Managing Director

John Halkitis – Director Halkitis Brothers/Yingwati

Theo Rapp – Yingwati Civil and Construction Manager

4) Yingwati Pty Ltd - Power Point Presentation

Kim Hill presented Council with an overview of Yingwati and the services they can offer to West Daly Regional Council.

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1. That Council notes the presentation from Yingwati Pty Ltd

Moved: Cr. Martin

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams

Resolution: Unanimously

12:09pm – Stuart McGill left the meeting

12:25pm – Kim Hill, John Halkitis and Theo Rapp left the meeting at the conclusion of the presentation.

12:25pm – Mayor Wilson closed the meeting for lunch

1:22pm – Mayor Wilson re-opened the meeting.

1:22pm – The following persons from BCA National joined the meeting:

Jill Newlands – Quality delivery process and training

Chris Stevens – Business and financial management

Bruce Callaghan – Governance

5) BCA National - Power Point Presentation

Jill Newland conducted presentation on the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care (NATSIFAC) Standards and the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP). Information and reporting requirements for NATSIFAC Standards and CHSP Standards were delivered to Council.

Chris Stevens advised the Council on the Thamarrurr Aged Care Services sources of revenue and its obligations in meeting funding body financial requirements. Mr Stevens also advised that the Minister has recently announced that all site visits regarding quality reviews will be unannounced.

Bruce Callaghan addressed the Council with regards to good governance.

It was noted that an Aged Care Strategic Plan will be developed for presentation to Council at its February 2018 Meeting.

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- 1. That Council receives and notes the information provided by BCA National.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams
Resolution: Unanimously

2:12pm – Jill Newland, Chris Stevens and Bruce Callaghan left the meeting at the conclusion of presentation and discussions.

6) Draft CouncilBiz Constitution

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- 1. That Council endorses the revised CouncilBiz Constitution.**

Moved: Cr. Sams
Seconded: Cr. Narburup
Resolution: Unanimously

7) Financial Report - November 2017

CEO spoke to the written report provided by the Senior Financial Consultant. Matters to note were that all current underspends are planned to be fully spent by end June 2018.. Deputy Mayor Sams queried whether an upgrade of the Emu Point Oval could be funded through Local Authority funds allocated to the Wadeye Local Authority (Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward)..

ACTION: RSM to seek quotes for upgrade of Emu Point oval for next Wadeye Local Authority meeting.

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- 1. That Council receives and notes the financial report for November 2017.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup
Seconded: Cr. Martin
Resolution: Unanimously

8) CCTV Camera Installation – Wadeye

Council declines to accept the proposal from NTPFES at this stage until further information as to actual costs is provided and considered reasonable and affordable.

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- 1. That Council receives and notes the information regarding the NTPFES proposal to install CCTV cameras in Wadeye.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams
Resolution: Unanimously

9) Variation No.1 of 2017-18 Municipal and Essential Services, Housing Maintenance Services and Homelands Jobs Funding Agreement

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- 1. That Council approves the use of the common seal on Funding Agreement Variation No.1 of 2017-2018 Municipal and Essential Services, Housing Maintenance Services and Homelands Jobs from Department of Housing and Community Development**

Moved: Cr. Martin
Seconded: Cr. Narburup
Resolution: Unanimously

10) Local Authority Projects and Action Items Update

Councillors were advised that Victims of Crime Remote Communities Program (VoCNT) grant of \$10,000.00 per community has been approved in principle for speed humps and lighting. The following projects have been recommended by Council for submission to VoCNT:

1. Wadeye – Solar Lights
2. Palumpa – Speed Humps
3. Peppimenarti – Speed Humps

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That Council approves the following recommendations from the Local Authority Peppimenarti:

- 1. An amount of \$11,044.00 for the purchase and installation of two (2) sheltered picnic areas in front of the Council office.**
- 2. An amount of \$6,763.89 for the purchase and installation of a Solar Light at Emu Point from Wadeye Local Authority funding.**
- 3. An amount of \$5,455.00 for the purchase and installation of one (1) picnic bench for the clinic waiting area in the garden.**
- 4. That Council approves the nomination received from Nathan Ahwon-Wilson as a Local Authority Member for Peppimenarti.**

That Council approves the following recommendations from the Local Authority Palumpa:

- 1. An amount of \$1,500.00 to cover costs of food drinks, gloves, rubbish bags and prizes for children.**
- 2. The purchase of a Solar Light for the rear access point to the Community at a cost of \$6,439.89.**
- 3. The purchase of Park Benches for Community use at a cost of \$11,044.00 which includes freight from Victoria to Darwin.**
- 4. The purchase of three Rubbish Bins for the WIFI area at a cost of**

\$4,350.00 plus GST.

That Council approves the following recommendations from the Local Authority Wadeye:

- 1. An amount of \$4,057.00 for the installation of one Sentinel 50 LED light outside Manthathpe Store.**
- 2. An amount of \$9,822.20 for the installation of a pedestrian crossing in front of Manthathpe Store.**
- 4. An amount of \$12,694.00 per unit for the installation of 6 calming wombats around Wadeye, Nilinh and Manthathpe.**

Council further approves under the Victims of Crime Remote Communities Grant of \$10,000.00 per community, speed humps for Palumpa and Peppimenarti and solar street lighting for Wadeye.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams
Seconded: Cr. Minjin
Resolution: Unanimously

COMMUNITY REPORTS

11) Regional Services Manager's Report - Palumpa

Regional Services Manager Palumpa spoke to his written report.

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- 1. That Council receives and notes the Regional Services Manager's report.**
- 2. That Council accepts the recommendation to dispose of the former Sport and Recreation vehicle (NT registration CA-23-PO) and have it removed from the asset register**

Moved: Cr. Narburup
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams
Resolution: Unanimously

12) Regional Services Manager's Report - Wadeye

Regional Services Manager Wadeye spoke to his written report. Matters to note were requests from Councillors that barriers on either side of recently installed speed humps were required to stop people driving around them. Quotes for a suitable vehicle with relevant fit out for aged care requirements be sourced.

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- 1. That Council receives and notes the Regional Services Manager's report.**
- 2. That Council accepts the recommendation that the Aged Care Mercedes bus (NT registration CA-35-YD) be sent to Graysonline**

for auction and have it removed from the asset register.

Moved: Cr. Martin
Seconded: Cr. Minjin
Resolution: Unanimously

13) Regional Services Manager's Report - Peppimenarti

Regional Services Manager spoke to his written report. Matters to note were that the refurbishment of the old BRACS building for the Community Night Patrol office are in the vicinity of \$20,000.00 and in excess of available budget. Grants Manager to investigate the possibility of a Special Purpose Grant.

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1. That Council receives and notes the Regional Services Manager's Report.

Moved: Cr. Minjin
Seconded: Cr. Narburup
Resolution: Unanimously

14) Night Patrol Manager's Report

Regional Services Manager from Wadeye spoke to the written report provided by the Night Patrol Manager.

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1. That Council receives and notes the Night Patrol Manager's report

Moved: Cr. Minjin
Seconded: Cr. Narburup
Resolution: Unanimously

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mayor Wilson raised concern over potential hazard regarding houses at Fossil Head. The houses are currently unsafe as wires from the lighting in the ceiling are exposed and with water leaking through the roof when raining may cause possible injury. It was noted that the exposed wires were not recorded on the Homelands Servicing Report however given the urgency of the repairs, this matter would be given priority.

Homeland service and delivery plans are currently being developed with health and safety issues being first priority, second priority, third priority and so forth. As Council does not employ either an electrician or a plumber, quotes will be sourced where applicable.

CEO advised that there are 5 graders on the ground at the moment on outstation roads with expected completion by next week and that an electrician would be engaged for immediate rectification of the electrical wiring hazards at Fossil Head.

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDATION:

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and

access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the *Local Government Act* as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

- 15 Organisational Chart** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*
- 16 Palumpa Station Rates** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*
- 17 Delegations Register** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*

The meeting closed at 3:30pm.

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