



MINUTES OF THE PEPPIMENARTI LOCAL AUTHORITY
HELD IN THE WEST DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL
LOT 16 PEPPIMENARTI NT 0822
ON THURSDAY, 13 APRIL 2023
AT 12:00 PM

The meeting was originally scheduled for 1:30pm. The Chairperson agreed to reschedule the meeting for 12pm due to circumstances of availability.

Karl Lukonavic opened the meeting 12:12pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

West Daly Regional Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners and custodians of the lands on which we live and work, paying our respect to Elders past, present and in the future.

PRESENT, APOLOGIES AND ABSENCE

	Name	Present	Apology	Absent
1	Cr. John Wilson	X		
2	Karl Lukonavic (Chairperson)	X		
3	Henry Wilson		X	
4	Annunciata Wilson	X		
5	Leaya Smith	X		
6	Nathan Wilson	X		
7	Anastasia Wilson	X		
8	Vacancy			
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10	Vacancy			
11	Vacancy			
12	Vacancy			
13	Vacancy			
14	Vacancy			
	Quorum requires 4	6	1	

CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS ON AGENDA

There are no conflict of interest matters to declare.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The following matters were brought up as General Business and discussed.

Cr Wilson

- Roads requiring grading and was informed that when it dries out this can occur.
- Potholes and road shoulders in community. Will be looked at in the Dry season.

Karl Lukonavic

- Access road to airport needs to be bitumen. Council will need to advocate for this and report back.

Annunciata Wilson

- Lives at Lot 80 Peppimenarti – Fencing has collapsed around her property and Housing has done nothing for years. The fence needs updating as property is getting broken into and has been damaged over 50 times. It's exhausting.

Anastasia Wilson

- Need Housing in Peppimenarti to deal with property damage due to the violence in community.

Action:

1. Access road to airport needs to be bitumen
2. Invite Housing to Peppimenarti

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1) Local Authority Meeting minutes for 30 June 2022

001/2023 Motion:

1. **That Peppimenarti Local Authority members note and confirm the minutes from the meeting held on 30 June 2022 as true and correct.**

Moved: Nathan Wilson-Ahwon
Seconded: Cr. Wilson
Resolution: Unanimously

REPORTS

2) OCM meeting minutes

002/2023 Sharon spoke to the report and advised there are a few Ordinary Council meeting minutes to get through. Councillor Wilson asked if the report topics of the meeting minutes could be individually addressed so if there are any questions they could be relayed.

Karl Lukonavic asked about the motion from the minutes from 29 March 2023 Ordinary Council meeting regarding Peppimenarti A cemetery. Andrew updated and advised that Flinders University is going to Wadeye and will apply the radar technology to identify burial sites.

Cr Wilson asked about the voice to parliament and was against it with a lack of education and understanding of the implications. The indigenous representatives they have are sports people who have no regard or knowledge of the life of the people in remote communities are the 'token' indigenous person for parliament. It was suggested that the voice need to be represented at the next OCM so Councillor Wilson and other Councillors can inform their community and Local Authority membership.

Action:

Invite Local Member to come to OCM to speak about the Voice to Parliament.

Motion:

1. The Local Authority note the decisions made at the Special Ordinary Council in the meeting held on 23 June 2022.
2. The Local Authority note the decisions made at the Ordinary Council in the meeting held on 27 July 2022.
3. The Local Authority note the decisions made at the Ordinary Council in the meeting held on 21 September 2022.
4. The Local Authority note the decisions made at the Ordinary Council in the meeting held on 24 November 2022.
5. The Local Authority note the decisions made at the Ordinary Council in the meeting held on 15 December 2022.
6. The Local Authority note the unconfirmed minutes from the Ordinary Council meeting held on 31 January 2023.
7. The Local Authority note the unconfirmed minutes from the Ordinary Council meeting held on 16 March 2023.
8. The Local Authority note the unconfirmed minutes from the Ordinary Council meeting held on 29 March 2023.

Moved: Nathan Wilson-Ahwon

Seconded: Cr. Wilson

Resolution: Unanimously

3) Finance Report

003/2023 Andrew spoke to the report.

Karl Lukonavic asked why there is a negative figure.

Andrew advised that there is currently an Audit being conducted of the Local Authority projects. With change management in the Finance area the financials have been outsourced and are currently being managed by CouncilBiz. For this report, they found that the financial database was not updated which is why in the negative. These figures may be incorrect and without a sitting Chief Financial Officer to clarify, we can only state that it is a book keeping error. By the next meeting, the Finance report to the Local Authority will provide a clearer picture.

Motion:

- **That the Local Authority receives and notes the financial information provided by Council for the period ending 31 March 2023.**

Moved: Annunciata Wilson

Seconded: Nathan Wilson-Ahwon

Resolution: Unanimously

4) Community Services Manager Report Peppimenarti

004/2023 Chris spoke to the report.

Councillor Wilson asked about the internal roads and culverts. It was advised the culverts were not engineered correctly and as such easily washed away in heavy rain. Andrew stated that roads in community rely on LRCI funding and will investigate.

Karl Lukonavic stated there needs to be training for plant operators so they can operate the yellow fleet.

Karl Lukonavic stated there needs to be someone who holds a Bronze Medallion Certificate as a lifeguard to supervise the pool.

Karl Lukonavic stated the rubbish tip potential site will get flooded with water table. Andrew advised that there is a program for Vehicle removal and a waste control officer to be employed. Councillor Wilson suggest that Santa Theresa dump is a good dump to see for infrastructure. Cr Wilson bought up all the old cars and illegal dumping that is occurring all the time. Keep Australia Beautiful is a campaign where Peppimenarti can aim to be a Tidy Town.

Karl Lukonavic Solar Lights what is occurring. Andrew advised that are coming in Dry season.

Mary Diweula WDRC Community Housing Officer advised that there is a new Housing person that has started by the name of Blair as Josef Kulda has left the Department. With Housing contractors coming to community for repairs and maintenance it was suggested that they come to the office first as a visitor log in and when the job is finished they drop into the office to confirm the job has been done. At the moment there is no communication on the repairs and maintenance

done by Housing as contractors come and go without visiting the office.

Karl Lukonavic - A sign with map of community indicating that visitors are to report to the office before going into community.

Karl Lukonavic - Ablution blocks – need to get going and the WDRC building is falling apart.

Andrew advised that a structural engineer will be coming to assess Councils buildings. Accommodation hub grant was applied for but wasn't successful, will try again with next grant release.

Leah Smith – Centrelink training and systems as she isn't able to help people other than making phone calls to Centrelink. Leah can't help the people in community with issues as only has access to deal with forms. Centrelink site visit Monday.

Annunciata Wilson - Community Safety Patrol needs a laptop. Andrew stated he will get Katrina Seeley the CSP Manager to come and have a chat with the team.

Karl Lukonavic – Training:

- Aerodrome Management Service Training.
- First aid training for people of Peppimenarti.

Andrew stated this would be something for employees and will speak to Ian Health and Safety officer to organise.

Action:

- LRCI funding for Peppimenarti roads
- Training for Plant Operators
- Mary Diweula to engage with Housing and advise preferred process for contractors to visit administration office when arriving and leaving community.
- A sign with map of community indicating that visitors are to report to the office before going into community.
- Centrelink training and systems training for Leah Smith
- Katrina Seeley to speak to Annunciata about requirements.
- Ian WHS Officer - Annunciata - First Aid training

Motion:

- 1. That Local Authority note the Community Service Managers report.**

Moved: Leah Smith

Seconded: Nathan Wilson-Ahwon

Resolution: Unanimously

5) Regional Plan activities

005/2023 Julieanne spoke to the report and provided a story book for discussion.

Explaining that a strategic plan is for 4 years and explains what we want to do as a council and how we plan to do it.

Councillor Wilson

- informed that there is a photo used where there is a member that is deceased and will to seek approval to see if ok to use the photo.
- advised that June – July 2023 there will be cultural events occurring and as such will need community water, seating and shade.

Karl Lukonavic

- With the violence in community, ask Erica the Officer in Charge of Police to come and speak at the next Peppimenarti Local Authority. Police have done nothing about stolen cars and youth who are out of control.
- Queried about the waterpark that was spoken about years ago and would like this to be added.
- Bollards for car parking and could be used on the tracks that are used as roads around community.
- Cemetery - Fencing, water tank for drinking, seating and shading
- Drainage is an issue that still needs addressing
- Animal Management is still an issue
- Sporting and Recreation Hub – open shed for Basketball
- Youth Centre would be great for community.
- Men's shed.

Annunciata Wilson

- Cultural and Community Centre with men and women's separate.

Julieanne thanks Local Authority members for their contribution and provided a booklet with details advising to speak to Councillor Wilson if further ideas.

Motion:

1. That Peppimenarti Local Authority note the opportunity to discuss Councils Vision, Mission and Values and future projects that Local Authority would like Council to investigate.

2. The Peppimenarti Local Authority note that they can speak to their Elected Member Councillor Wilson regarding any future projects.

Moved: Leah Smith

Seconded: Nathan Wilson-Ahwon

Resolution: Unanimously

6) Remuneration Determination - Allowances for Members of Local Authorities.

006/2023 Sharon spoke to the report.

Motion:

- 1. That the Local Authority note the Remuneration Tribunal's Determination No. 1 of 2023 of Allowances for members of Local Authorities.**
- 2. That the Local Authority note the changes in allowances do not come into effect until 1 July 2023.**

Moved: Nathan Wilson-Ahwon
Seconded: Leah Smith
Resolution: Unanimously

7) CEO Report - Peppimenarti Local Authority

007/2023 Andrew spoke to the report. Andrew advised that the CEO has approval from the Mayor to be an apology so he will answer any questions from the membership.

Motion:

- 1. That the Local Authority acknowledges the opportunity to discuss matters with the CEO and notes the information discussed with the CEO.**

Moved: Annunciata Wilson
Seconded: Nathan Wilson-Ahwon
Resolution: Unanimously

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