

Minutes

Palumpa Local Authority meeting

10.00 am November 3, 2015

Resource Centre

Meeting opened by the Chairperson Amy Narburup at 10.15

1. Present

Local Authority members:

Amy Narburup – Chairperson
Warren Wodidj
Lorraine Kerringbo
Sam Anglitchi
Mary Wodidj

West Daly Regional Council Elected Members

Councillor Ralph Narburup

Community Members

Mabel Wodidj
Jill Wodidj
John Luckan
Moses Wodidj

Staff

Megan Howlett RSM
Peter Groth Shire Civil team leader
Scott Page Night Patrol manager
Matt Corbett Night patrol team leader
Shannon Corbett Team leader
Siany Hodgins Sport and Rec
Carmen O'Shea Director of Council Services

Lea Brady RJCP (minute taker)

Nicholas Sarah Community Development Officer Department of Local Government & Community Services

Alex McDermott Government Engagement coordinator

2. Apologies

Roger Wodidj

John Paul Wodidj

Glenn Berry

Sandra Jacky

Glenda Teede CEO West Daly Regional Council

Jack Wodidj

3. Disclosure of interest

No declaration

4. Confirmation of previous Minutes

That the minutes of the meeting on the 8th April 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record

Moved: Sam Anglitchi

Seconded: Warren Wodidj

Resolved

5. Action Items from previous local Authority minutes

All items for action are listed for discussion under general business

6. General Business

i. **Causeway** The RSM (**Megan**) stated that the council have applied for a \$1.3 million grant under the "Black Spot program" and the "towards a stronger future "to bituminise and put a pedestrian path, lighting and rails up. RSM will follow up as to progress.

ii. **Cemetery** The council are in process for approval for digging a 280 metre ditch and laying water to the cemetery, RJCP are going to fence it and plant trees. There was discussion around the need to extend it.

It was resolved that Megan and Peter G would meet with Mabel Wodidj and TO's to work out which side it should be extended on.

iii. **Street naming** Amy and Ralph will talk to community members as to what road should be named what. They will bring it to the next meeting.

iv. **Road to Airstrip and Tip** The RSM (Megan) reported that more gravel will be laid and the grader from Wadeye will do the road before the wet. Alex McDermott has spoken to Gary Higgins re the need to bituminise between the clinic and the airstrip. Alex asked the council for clarification about how much money was set aside for road works in Palumpa, given that Palumpa roads are the worst internal roads in the council district. It was assured that Palumpa was to have the highest priority in having these roads attended. Director of Council Services to follow up with CEO Council.

V. Sandpit It was decided that the sandpit should be located near the meeting structure. Lea and Peter to liaise re this.

vi. Speed bumps and speed signs Discussion around the issue of cars speeding in the community and the need for speed signs and speed bumps. Nicholas Sarah stated that bylaws were needed for speed signs but not for speed bumps. CEO of Council to contact LGANT for support with the bylaws for the signs. John Luckan raised the issue of Nama wanting speed bumps, which raised the issue of whether Nama was covered by this Local Authority.

Resolution: Megan, Peter, Amy and Ralph to meet and decide about the placement of speed bumps, they will follow through with anyone else who is contacting i.e. LGANT who may have knowledge of effective placement and construction of speed bumps.

Moved Sam Anglitchi

Seconded Mary Wodidj

Resolved

Resolution: That the council investigate whether the outstations of Nama, Wudapulli, Nemarluk and Merrepan be included in the Palumpa Local Authority. Megan to meet with the TO's of these communities whether these communities would like to be included and report back to the next meeting re this. This would have no effect on ward boundaries.

Moved Sam Anglitchi

Seconded Mabel Wodidj

Resolved

vii. Rubbish Dump Relocation The council are still investigating several sites. it was decided that the RSM (Megan) will follow up with Ralph and the TO's around which of the proposed sites is the most suitable.

7. RSM Report to Council

Megan's report was distributed with the papers for the meeting.

Resolved to accept the RSM report

8. Chief Executive Officers Report

There was an issue with the computer system and the report could not be downloaded. Megan will download and distribute

9. Visitor report Nicholas Sarah explained his role as supporting local council authorities and that he will be at all meetings of the Local Authority Nic is based in Katherine.

10. **Council Financial Report** Megan presented the report in the 2014/15 financial year the Palumpa Local Authority has \$45,000 in unspent funds and in the current year they have \$52,000 giving a total of \$98,000. There was general discussion around what this money could be spent on. Nicholas Sarah said that it cannot be used to employ someone, it was suggested that it could pay for the speed bumps. It was decided that Ralph and Amy would talk to community members about what things the community would benefit from.

11. **General Business**

- i. Scott Page brought up the issue of Alcohol being bought into the community and that there are too many drunk people and that the community needed to work with night patrol and the police on the issue. It was raised that it is up to T/O's and the community to take this on board as a matter of urgency.

It was decided that a community meeting would be held on Thursday the 12 November 2015 at the shop and that shop should close for this. The police should be present as well as night patrol and there to be discussion there around the use of walking tickets for anyone being found drunk and causing a nuisance or anyone bring alcohol or drugs into the community. The council will put up notices.

- ii. Siany Hodgins raised the issue of no formal aged care programs in the community and that at present the evening meals were being funded through Sport and Rec. Alex to talk to DHS re-funding aged care in the community.

There was no other general business

12. **Next Meeting**

It was decided that we needed to have another meeting before Christmas. Megan to work with Amy and Ralph around finding a suitable date at the end of November early December.

The meeting was closed at 11.50 and Amy thanked everyone for their attendance.