

## Minutes

Peppimenarti Local Authority Meeting  
9.30AM, Tuesday, February 17, 2015  
Peppimenarti Council Office

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Meeting opened by Chairperson Nathon Wilson-Ahwon.

### 1. Present

Nathon Wilson-Ahwon - Chairperson  
Kayla Hodgson – Vice Chairperson  
Annunciata Wilson  
Rickiesha Hodgson  
Malcolm Wilson  
Francis Miler  
Anthony Thomas  
Rose Peckham – RSM  
Harold Wilson – Mayor (10:25am)  
Nathaniel Knapp – Department of Local Government & Community Services  
Chris Rollinson - Department of Local Government & Community Services  
Chris Harden – NT Police, OIC Peppimenarti

### 2. Apologies/ Absent

Absent: Edward Kundu  
Basil Jimarin  
Sylvario Gilbert

Apology: Kirk Whelan – Government Engagement Coordinator, Peppimenarti & Nauiyu  
Louise Beilby – WDRC LA Coordinator

The RSM advised that a formal letter of resignation was received from Clara Kundu dated the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and accepted by the RSM due to the advice given at the LA meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> January. The RSM informed the members that a policy was put up at the Council meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> January and asked Mr. Knapp for advice on behalf of the members in relation to her email on the 20<sup>th</sup> January regarding member's non-attendance.

Motion:

That the resignation of Clara Kundu be accepted.

Moved: Annunciata Wilson

Seconded: Rickiesha Hodgson

Resolution: Carried Unanimously

Motion:

Members resolved to remove Basil Jimarin and Sylvario Gilbert's membership due to non-attendance and residency, as both no longer reside in the community. Members further advised that the Chairperson is to write to the members advising them of this decision.

Moved: Malcolm Wilson

Seconded: Anthony Thomas

Resolution: Carrier Unanimously

### 3. Disclosure of interest – Members and Staff

Annunciata Wilson & Francis Miler declared a conflict with Housing Allocations.

### 4. Confirmation of previous Minutes

That the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record or proceedings.

Moved: Francis Miler

Seconded: Kayla Hodgson

Resolution: Carried Unanimously

## **5. Action items from previous Local Authority Minutes**

The RSM advised that after the last meeting discussions have taken place with AlencoNT in relation to the concerns raised in regards to the street lights being smashed. After consultation with the RSM at Palumpa an amended quote was sought for the installation of LED lighting as it is harder to smash. The RSM also brought this to the attention of the community at the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February.

MOTION:

That the Local Authority wish to engage the services of AlencoNT to repair all the street lighting with LED lights due to resistance of vandalism totaling \$36,885.42 (GST Inc.) and ask that Council consider topping up LA funding from the Wadey funds to cover these repairs.

Moved: Annunciata Wilson

Seconded: Kayla Hodgson

Resolution: Carried Unanimously

Housing:

No feedback from community or members.

Street Naming Project:

No action taken to try and address next meeting.

## **6. Call for items of general business**

- Cemetery Act Review
- Review of Constitutional Arrangements
- First Circles
- Housing Allocations
- Sewerage & Water
- Fencing

## **7. Chairperson update**

Chairperson advised that a report will be submitted at the next meeting of the LA.

## **8. CEO report on current Regional Council services in the Local Authority area**

That the Local Authority notes the report.

Moved: Francis Miler

Seconded: Annunciata Wilson

Resolution: Carried Unanimously

## **9. Visitor presentations**

Nathaniel Knapp – Regional Manager, Department of Local Government & Community Services

- Funding
- Housing Allocations – using the LA to resolve agency issues
- First Circles – information, nominations close March 15
  - Need members from this area
  - North & South 15 members all up
- Review of Constitutional Arrangements
  - Discussion first then vote
  - Ward structures
  - Consultant to come around and discuss

Chris Rollinson – Outstation Program Officer, Department of Local Government & Community Services

- Outstation Program (run out of Katherine)
- MUNS and Essential Services
- Housing maintenance
- Capital Grant – 1 or 2 per year Territory wide
- HEA Program (\$14m for 4 yrs, application based)
- Will be funding Namarluk
- 6yrs guaranteed funding

Chris Harden – NT Police, OIC Peppimenarti

- Community Safety Committee
- Meeting last week
- Extension of service – usually 3 months have asked to extend for 8 months

## 10. Council financial reports:

Tabled 13 January 2015.

## 11. General Business:

### Cemetery Act Review:

Discussed with the Local Authority.

### Review of Constitutional Arrangements:

Discussed briefly with the Local Authority and members were urged to have a look at the document.

### First Circles:

Discussed earlier with Nathaniel Knapp – good feedback received from Nhumbulwar and Borrooloola.

### Housing Allocations:

Four houses have been allocated in Peppimenarti, it will be a couple of weeks prior to any tenants moving in as Scott Hammet Building have to come in to do a clean, get lease agreements signed and handover of keys.

1. Lot 77A has been allocated to Errol Wilson as he is long term resident and this will be beneficial to the community.  
Moved: Annunciata Wilson  
Seconded: Malcolm Wilson  
Resolution: Carried Unanimously

2. Lot 43 has been allocated to Freda Kundu as she is a long term resident and this will be beneficial to the community.  
Moved: Rickiesha Hodgson  
Seconded: Anthony Thomas  
Resolution: Carried Unanimously

Annunciata Wilson left the meeting due to disclosure of interest, the time being 10:20am

3. Lot 77B has been allocated to Leah Wilson as she is a long term resident and this will be beneficial to the community.  
Moved: Francis Miler  
Seconded: Kayla Hodgson  
Resolution: Carried Unanimously

Francis Miler left the meeting due to disclosure of interest, the time being 10:21am  
Annunciata Wilson returned to the meeting the time being 10:21am

4. Lot 43 has been allocated to Francis Miler as he is a long term resident and this will be beneficial to the community.  
Moved: Annunciata Wilson  
Seconded: Anthony Thomas  
Resolution: Carried Unanimously

### Sewerage & Water:

Local Authority members advised that there are smells coming from the sewerage every night, pits were pumped last year but sewerage is still coming up and now that the wet season is here with every good rain toilets are backing up due to pumps not working properly.

1. The Local Authority authorises the Regional Services Manager-Peppimenarti (RSM) to liaise with the Northern Territory Environmental Protection Authority and the PowerWater Corporation on their behalf in relation to the ongoing issues with the sewerage and water quality within the community.
2. The RSM to ensure that all feedback is reported to Council at its 18 March 2015 meeting and the Local Authority meeting on the 14 April 2015.

Fencing:

Discussion in regards to the unfinished fencing program.

**12.Next meeting**

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 at 9:30am, Council Office.

**13.Meeting close**

10:40am

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