

## Minutes

Peppimenarti Local Authority Meeting  
1:00pm Wednesday 26 August, 2015  
Peppimenarti Council Office

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Meeting opened by the Regional Services Manager by request from the Deputy Chairperson.

### 1. Present

Nathon Wilson-Ahwon - Chairperson  
Kayla Hodgson – Deputy Chairperson  
Rickiesha Hodgson  
Malcolm Wilson  
Anthony Thomas  
Rose Peckham – RSM  
Nicholas Sharah – Department of Local Government & Community Services  
Jessica Powter – Department of Housing  
Jass Hucks – Scott Hammett Building  
Christopher Harden – NT Police  
Dave Scorgie – Peppimenarti Store Association

### 2. Apologies/ Absent

Absent: Edward Kundu

Apologies: Francis Miler

Annunciata Wilson  
Harold Wilson – Mayor WDRC  
Kirk Whelan – GEC  
Susan Paul – Principal Peppimenarti School

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

Nil.

### 4. Confirmation of previous Minutes

That the minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Moved: Malcolm Wilson

Seconded: Annunciata Wilson

Resolution: Carried Unanimously

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

Deewin Kirim – Panel of Contractors, Housing Maintenance:

DK need to ensure that they are CAL Accredited prior to applying to be on the Departments panel of contractors. Tender process becomes available in 2018.

### 6. Call for items of general business

Nil

### 7. RSM Report to Council – 6 August 2015

RSM advised that her report to Council for July was limited due to being on leave for the majority of the month.

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

Nil received.

#### i. Council Responses

No responses were received by the RSM in relation passed resolutions.

Motion:

1. The Local Authority members ask that the RSM draft a letter on their behalf to the Council again expressing their disappointment with the lack of feedback and ask for an explanation as to why responses and reports are not forthcoming.
2. That this letter be signed by the Chairperson and all members of the LA Peppimenarti.

Moved: Rickiesha Hodgson

Seconded: Anthony Thomas

Resolution: Carried Unanimously

## 9. Visitor presentations

### Jessica Powter – Department of Housing

- Visitor Policy
  - Previously 6 weeks, new policy states 2 weeks.
  - If you have visitors staying for more than 2 weeks applications to be filled out and sent into Housing through the SHB Officer.
  - Housing will get back to the LA / Council to clarify if anything is happening in the community.
  - Asked to present to the Community meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> September to discuss with the community.
- Maintenance Officer
  - Jass Hucks will now be based in the community and they are looking for someone local to assist.
  - If you can not get Jass then the 1800 number listed on the posters will get you through to the Katherine office.
  - His role is general maintenance, trades still go through panel.
  - Will be based here during the wet.
- Tender for Housing
  - Comes around in 2018
- Complaints Process
  - Need a formal complaint in order to strike, need 3 strikes.
  - Poster at the office has the complaint number written on it.
  - Has to be in writing or call the number
  - Trial period now and can remain anonymous.
  - Can also use the form to complain about housing staff, contractors, etc. anything to do with housing.

### Nicholas Sharah – Department of Local Government & Community Services

- Surrounding Outstations and Funding
  - Some councils use the surrounding outstations to be included in their funding.
  - All current outstations within Council come under the Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward
  - Need to make a formal resolution to Council.
- Ideas for projects for next financial year present at the next LA meeting.

Motion:

That the Peppimenarti Local Authority members recommend to Council that the Peppimenarti Local Authority Area be defined to include the Homeland residents of;

1. Wudicupildiyerr, Emu Point, Kelerrk, Wudaduk, Leichardt and Un-marr that are currently serviced by the Yantjarrwu Outstation Resource Centre Aboriginal Corporation;
2. That the smaller outstations of Delye, Mulingi & Uminyuluk are to also be included.
3. That Council write to the Minister for Local Government and Community Services advising of this decision of Council and request that future allocation and distribution of Local Authority Project Funding take into account the addition of these Homeland populations.
4. That this letter be signed by the Mayor, Chairperson and all members of the LA Peppimenarti.

Moved: Malcolm Wilson

Seconded: Kayla Hodgson

Resolution: Carried Unanimously

### Christopher Harden – OIC Peppimenarti - NT Police

- Community Safety Meeting will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015
- 5 weeks remaining before he departs Peppimenarti
- Community members license's, etc. do now prior to his departure

## 10. Council financial reports:

Nil received

**11.General Business:**

Nil

**12.Next meeting**

Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 5pm.

**13.Meeting close**

2:10pm.