

Minutes

Wadeye Local Authority Meeting

10:00am, Wednesday 9th September 2015

Council Office

Meeting opened at 10.05am by Chairperson Don Pultchen

1. Present

Don Pultchen – Chairperson

Martin Mullumbuk

Cyril Ninnal

Jeffery Pultchen

John Allen – RSM

Mayor Harold Wilson

Councillor Mark Martin

Jake Quinliven – Northern Australia Development Office NT Regional Director

Nicolas Sharah – Department of Local Government and Community Services

Alexandra McDermott – Government Engagement Coordinator

Lindsay Smith – Power and Water

Katherine Fuller – Power and Water

Misty Taaka – Department of Housing

Neil Hassal – Tenancy Officer

2. Apologies/Absent

Apologies:

Glenda Teede – Chief Executive Officer for West Daly Regional Council

Absent:

Tobias Nganbe

Thaddeus Dartinga

Leon Melpi

Damien Tunmuck

Alphonsus Kungal

Benildus Narndu

Michael Pultchen

Steven Pultchen

3. Disclosure of interest – Members and Staff

Nil

4. Confirmation of previous Minutes

That the minutes for 21st April 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings

Moved: Don Pultchen

Second: Cyril Ninnal

Carried: Unanimously

5. Action items from previous Local Authority Minutes

i. Safety Rails

RSM presented the Local Authority with 2 quotes, Quote 1 from Thamarrurr Development Corporation and Quote 2 from Arjays Sales and Services

Resolution: That the Local Authority budget \$35,000 towards the installation of safety rails in Wadeye and selects Arjays as the preferred contractor.

Moved: Don Pultchen

Second: Jeffery Pultchen

ii. Bottom Camp Oval Lighting

Minister Gary Higgins has allocated \$500,000 towards new lights at the oval.

iii. Speed Humps

RSM advised the Local Authority that speed humps have arrived in Wadeye, once allocated roads in Wadeye have been resealed speed humps will be installed.

iv. Street lights

Contractor has completed.

v. Oval Toilet Block Upgrades

Contractor has completed.

6. Call for items of general business

i. Future Projects

ii. CDP

- 25 hours / week
- Labour work only

iii. Planting near Accommodation (closest to Airport)

Local Authority advised that they would like to discuss this at a later date.

iv. Resurfacing of Roads

RSM to advise Local Authority of a completion date.

v. Cemetery Fencing and Shelter

Local Authority advised that they would like to discuss this at a later date.

RSM to follow up on water supply to cemetery

- vi. Uniforms (Jake)

Resolution: That Local Authority allocate \$2,000 towards uniforms, designs to be presented at next meeting.

- vii. Security Barge Landing

This item was not discussed

- viii. Softball Area

Resolution: That the Local Authority allocate \$20,000 to repairing and upgrading of the softball area in Wadeye and select TDC as there preferred contractor.

Moved: Don Pultchen

Second: Cyril Ninnal

- ix. Welcome to Wadeye

Local Authority would like to discuss this item at a later date.

- x. Irrigation for Oval

The Local Authority allocate \$150,000 to irrigation of the Main oval, RSM to obtain quotes and advise Local Authority at next meeting.

Moved: Don Pultchen

Second: Cyril Ninnal

- xi. Tractor at Airport

Not discussed

- xii. Cash payments after meetings for Members

Not discussed

7. RSM Report to Council – 19 August 2015

Verbal report provided by RSM. RSM advised the LA that the car dumped will be moving to the main dump, RSM to follow up on timeframe and report back to LA.

Age care has received a small repairs and maintenance grant.

Fire and Emergency response meeting will be held in Wadeye on 15th September for volunteers, training will commence approximately 2 weeks later.

8. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Not discussed.

9. Visitor presentations

- i. Power and Water – Lindsay Smith

New pre paid meters have been installed across Wadeye this took 9 days to complete.

New meters have a no disconnect period on the weekends, commencing Friday 5pm.

Post office and Tukkerbox are selling power with the hope that other stake holders will come on board and sell.

New power station is high voltage, previous one is low voltage.

Water tank on Main Street will be decommissioned, a new one has been installed at new power plant.

10. Council financial reports

Not discussed.

11. General Business

i. LA Members

Local Authority members discussed attendance at length and came to the conclusion that membership should be ceased for Benildus Narndu, Leon Melpi, Michael Pultchen, Steven Pultchen and Thaddeus Dartinga for failing to turn up to meetings. The LA would like to keep the number of members to 6-7.

Moved: Cyril Ninnal

Second: Jeffery Pultchen

ii. Bin Stands

LA allocates \$20,000 towards the purchase of bin stands across Wadeye, RSM to obtain quotes and provide at next meeting.

Moved: Don Pultchen

Second: Cyril Ninnal

iii. Street lighting from Nilinh to town

LA allocates \$45,000 to the purchasing of solar lights from Nilinh to town, RSM to obtain formal quotes and provide at next meeting.

Moved: Don Pultchen

Second: Mark Martin

iv. Support for Local festivals

LA advised that next year they would like to show more support for Wadeye festival and make contributions. Discussions to take place with committee board next year.

Moved: Don Pultchen

Second: Cyril Ninnal

v. Public toilets in Main street

The toilets in the main street are in need of urgent repairs so they can be used by community members, RSM to obtain quotes to refurbish the toilets. The LA will discuss at a later date utilizing the upstairs space as a future Night Patrol office.

Moved: Don Pultchen

Second: Cyril Ninnal

12. Next meeting

Monday 2nd November

13. Meeting close

Chairperson Don Pultchen closed the meeting at 12.40pm