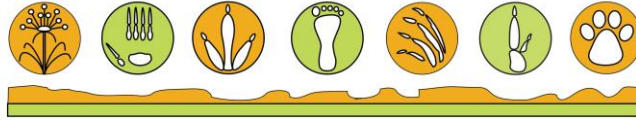


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF AMPILATWATJA LOCAL AUTHORITY

Meeting held on Wednesday 13 August 2014

Ampilatwatja Office Conference Room

1. **MEETING OPENED** 10:20am

2. **ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES**

2.1 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cr. Ada Beasley	Ex Officio
Graham Morton	Local Authority Member
Leslie Morton	Local Authority Member
Peter Morton	Local Authority Member
Lulu Teece	Local Authority Member
Alwyn Morton	Local Authority Member
Andrea Morton	Local Authority Member
Zephaniah Morton	Local Authority Member

2.2 **ALSO PRESENT**

Peter Ryan	Barkly Regional Council Director Human Resources
Enock Menge	Ampilatwatja Community Coordinator, Barkly Regional Council
David Curtis	Department of Local Government and Regions
Frank Turner	Community Member
Jeannie Beasley	Community Member
David Smith	Community Member
Nigel Morton	Community Member
Jeffrey Nelson	Community Member
Therese McKeeman	Atnwengerrpe Outstation
Chris McKeeman	Atnwengerrpe Outstation
Wayne Jeffs	Government Business Manager

2.3 **APOLOGIES**

President Barb Shaw	Ex Officio
Edwina Marks	Barkly Regional Council Chief Executive Officer

2.4 **ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGY**

Cr. Noel Hayes	Ex Officio
Cr. Lucy Jackson	Ex Officio
Cr. Tim Price	Ex Officio
Damien Peterson	Local Authority Member
Amanda Morton	Local Authority Member

3. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR**

The representative from the Department of Local Government made a presentation to the meeting on the operations of the new Local Authorities. It was clarified that the Local Authority needed to elect a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. The members of the Local Board were then given the opportunity to consult and come up with a chair and a deputy by all non-members moving out of the hall. After consultations, they came up with the following names.

**Chair:** Peter Morton

**Deputy Chair:** Zephaniah Morton

Peter Morton presumed as Chair.

#### **4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

That the minutes of the Local Authority meeting held on 30 April 2014 be accepted.

**Moved:** Andrea Morton

**Seconded:** Lulu Teece

**Carried**

#### **5. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

##### **5.1 ENTRY FOR '2014 TERRITORY TIDY TOWNS'**

The Local Authority was informed that the names of the three winners during the general community clean-up in May had been nominated to the 'Keep Australia Beautiful Council NT' sponsored '2014 Territory Tidy Towns' competition that has entrants from across The Northern Territory.

##### **5.2 FENCES AROUND YARDS**

The Local Authority was informed that a contract had been awarded by the Barkly Regional Council for fencing and the contractor was due to start fencing in a matter of weeks.

#### **6. COUNCIL REPORTS**

##### **6.1 COMMUNITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Enock Menge, Community Coordinator highlighted that a drainage problem that had been identified at the basketball court ablutions had been fixed and they were available for public use. It was appreciated that the Local Board had held meetings regularly since January without failure. The Local Authority was guided through the 2014/2015 Budget Estimates for the delivery of services in the Community. It was pointed out that the main items on the budget included:

- responsibility for the operation of essential services i.e., water and electricity supplies
- management of rubbish
- maintenance of the landfill and airstrip
- repair and maintenance at the outstations Centrelink and Post Office operations

#### **7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

##### **7.1 NEXT COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP**

That a second general Community clean-up be done on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2014. The BRC shall provide garbage bags for residents to collect rubbish in their yards as was done previously. Council staff and vehicles will be mobilised to collect and dispose bags of rubbish deposited by the road during the day.

**Moved:** Cr Ada Beasley

**Seconded:** Andrea Morton

**Carried**

##### **7.2 COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The Local Authority was informed that a request had been tabled for Community members to run a footy carnival on the Community. The Police at Arlparra sent a message to the organisers of the footy carnival to cross-check the music bands participating as some had been excluded from events in this region.

That the footy carnival be held during the weekend of the 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2014 to avoid disrupting the School activities. That Leslie Morton shall lead a Committee of 5 community members in planning for and managing the carnival. That the Community Store and the Local Authority shall each contribute towards the incidental costs associated with running the carnival.

**Moved:** Leslie Morton

**Seconded:** Alwyn Morton

**Carried**

### **7.3 MEN'S ART CENTRE**

Local Authority members indicated their desire for a Men's Art Centre to be established at a spot opposite Lot 24. It was agreed that the Art Centre be approached to explore the possibility of sponsoring such a facility opposite Lot 24.

### **7.4 BUSH LEARNING ACTIVITIES**

The Local Authority requested BRC Aged Care to explore the possibility of getting a vehicle for bush learning trips.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **8.1 ATNWENGERRPE AND IRRUTJA OUTSTATIONS REPRESENTATION ON THE LOCAL AUTHORITY**

The Local Authority considered a request to provide two (2) additional positions on the Local Authority for representatives from Irrutja and Atnwengerrpe which are Outstations associated with Ampilatwatja.

That Council approves an additional two (2) members to the Local Authority to represent two (2) Outstations; Irrutja and Atnwengerrpe that are served from Ampilatwatja. The two Outstations shall nominate the names of representatives.

**Moved:** Lulu Teece

**Seconded:** Leslie Morton

**Carried**

### **8.2 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

The Local Authority requested that a representative of Community Corrections be invited to make a presentation during the next Local Authority meeting to inform members how Community correctional programs could work in Ampilatwatja.

## **9. NEXT MEETING**

To be held 8 October 2014

Items for inclusion in the Agenda for the next meeting

- Presentation from Community Corrections
- Response from the Art Centre

## **10. MEETING CLOSED at 1:05pm**

### **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A** That it be a recommendation to Council that the number of members of the Local Authority be increased from 9 to 11 to provide for representation of Irrutja and Atnwengerrpe Outstations.