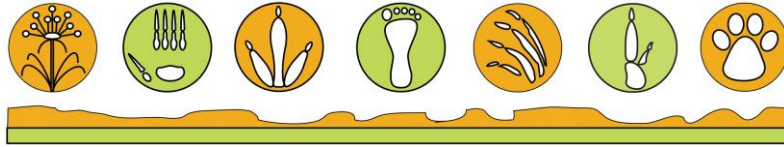


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES

Arlparra Local Authority  
Held 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 12 noon  
Batchelor Training Room

### 1. MEETING OPENING

Meeting opened at 12.10pm.

### 2. WELCOME

#### 2.1. Present Members

Cr. Ada Beasley	Ex Officio
Esau Nelson	Ordinary Member
Stevie Loy	Ordinary Member
Susan Chalmers	Ordinary Member
Brenda Inkamala	Ordinary Member
Edward Jones	Ordinary Member
Jack Club	Ordinary Member

#### 2.2. Present Staff and Visitors

Dennis Kunoth	Prime Minister & Cabinet
Matt Orm	Prime Minister & Cabinet
Di Nona	Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation.
Edwina Mark	Barkly Regional Council
Saleena Ham	Barkly Regional Council
Leonard Kunoth	Community Member
Valerie Sharpe	Community Member
Harold Nelson	Community Member
David Curtis	Dept Local Government
Jill Kleiner	Dept Local Government
Colin Keating	Urapuntja Health Service

### 3. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

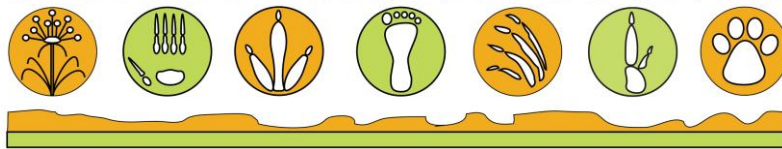
#### 3.1. Apologies

President Barb Shaw	Ex Officio
Cr. Noel Hayes	Ex Officio
Cr. Lucy Jackson	Ex Officio
Edwina Marks	CEO; Barkly Regional Council

#### 3.2. Absent without Apology

Ernie Bailey	Ordinary Member
Cr Timothy Price	Ex Officio

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## 4. LOCAL AUTHORITY ITEMS/PLANS

### 4.1. Local Authority Members Matters

#### 4.1.1. School Attendance

The Members expressed concern regarding school attendance and in particular the impacts of gambling were a concern. Children were staying up all night. Families are without money.

BRC CEO expressed concern with football carnivals being extended beyond the weekends and the impacts on the Council capacity to provide services. The football carnivals become a problem when they extend and children are then kept out of school.

The Members discussed the possibility of Council bringing in lights to play at night and allow more games to occur in a weekend.

The CEO BRC asked the Members who are on the Store Committee could raise this with the Store and request a financial contribution to ensure good services such as toilets are available. She suggested that Arlparra work with Ampilatwatja to coordinate dates. She suggested that the Local Authority call a community meeting to discuss football arrangements so that everyone could be informed about plans.

**ACTION:** Amity to be asked to come and speak with the community about gambling issues and solutions.

**Moved:** Stevie Loy

**Seconded:** Ada Beasley

**CARRIED**

**ACTION:** That prices be provided on hiring lights and on hiring Toilets.

**Moved:** Esau Nelson

**Seconded:** Brenda Inkamala

**CARRIED**

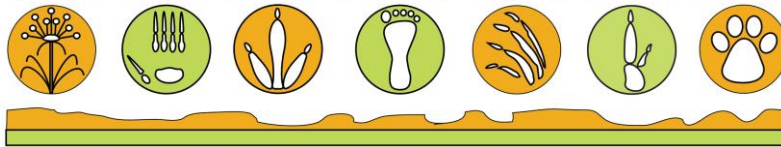
#### 4.1.2. Housing

Members asked when there would be new housing available.

The CEO BRC advised that housing was related to tenure. She asked Jill Kleiner to address the meeting. Jill Kleiner advised that the Land Trust and Government had to sign an agreement to secure a lease for each piece of land that houses stood on. The places with new houses such as Ampilatwatja had given these agreements for leases. No talks had happened in Utopia.

Di Nona said that she had been requesting such talks for some time with Central Land Council and that the people had raised this issue in a number of Council meetings held in Utopia. No progress has occurred. It was galling that in a community with little crime an \$8.3m police station was being

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constructed with multiple houses and units while people next door lived in makeshift shelters.

Jill Kleiner advised that the community would need to ask the Central Land Council to start conversations about leasing in Utopia. This may need them to be very insistent.

Colin Keating advised that none of the local people sitting with him understood what had just been said. Jill Kleiner spoke again to explain what had to be done to have housing built, particularly, that leases had to be granted. Di Nona said that UAC would organize a community letter to senior levels of Prime Minister and Cabinet and CLC to progress the matter. Edward expressed some frustration that more “pieces of paper” would not bring them houses. It was suggested that the community begin a petition signed by residents of Utopia seeking support for housing.

**ACTION:** *That the Local Authority write to the Central Land Council and ask for a meeting to progress the S19 leases for the Utopia Community.*

**Moved:** Jack Club

**Seconded:** Susan Chalmers

**CARRIED**

There was discussion following on from the previous LA meeting, regarding location of the Night Patrol office. The Utopia community has no Night Patrol office to house staff or community members needing safe house services at times. Edward Jones suggested that any Night Patrol office be located next to the Basketball courts inside the existing fence. This area has no lease. The dongas at the back of the Council offices had previously been suggested as an office facility however, they are not well located for the purpose, being somewhat hidden and out of the central community area.

**ACTION:** *That Council pursue options on accessing a Night Patrol Office facilities and leasing of the fenced area (next to the Basketball court) proposed to accommodate Night Patrol offices in the future.*

## 5. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

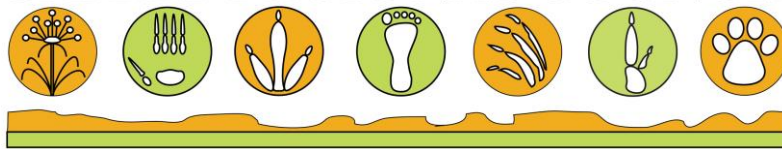
### 5.1. **Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation**

Di Nona spoke to the meeting advising that two Governance training sessions conducted to date and more to come.

### 6.2 **David Curtis – Department of Local Government**

David outlined the role of the Local Authority under legislation and the fit within the structures of local government in the Territory. He explained that the Local Authority must be listened to under law.

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## 6. COUNCIL REPORTS

### 6.1. **CEO (or Representative) Report on Current Regional Council Services in the Community / Budget**

CEO reported on services in the community

### 6.2 **Community Coordinators Report-** to be held over to the next meeting as Saleena Ham departed 2pm for compulsory training in Tennant Creek. She was accompanied by Ada Beasley.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

## 8. NEXT MEETING / MEETING CLOSE

Next meeting 10 February 2015

### **ACTION SUMMARY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Actions to be Taken</b>	<b>Comment</b>
18/11	School Absenteeism - Gambling	Amity to be asked to come and speak with the community about gambling issues and solutions.	
18/11	School Absenteeism – Duration of Football Carnivals	That prices be provided on hiring lights and on hiring Toilets.	
18/11	Housing for Utopia	That the Local Authority write to the Central Land Council and ask for a meeting to progress the S19 leases for the Utopia Community.	
18/11	Night Patrol Office	That Council pursue options on accessing a Night Patrol Office and leasing of the fenced area (next to the Basketball court) proposed to accommodate Night Patrol offices in the future.	