



MINUTES

ALI CURUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY

Held Tuesday 30 September 2014

Council Conference Room

1. MEETING OPENED: 10:30am

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

2.1 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr. Noel Hayes	Ex Officio
Cr Lucy Jackson	Ex Officio
Alston Nelson	Local Authority Member
Andrew Tsavaris	Local Authority Member
Charlie Poulson	Local Authority Member
Edith Hanlon	Local Authority Member
Ronald Brown	Local Authority Member
Derek Walker	Local Authority Member

2.2 ALSO PRESENT

Edwina Marks	Barkly Regional Council Chief Executive Officer
Bob Cullen	Barkly Regional Council Elliott Community Coordinator
Barb Dalloway	Barkly Regional Council Governance Officer
Jill Kleiner	Department of Local Government and Regions Regional Manager
David Curtis	Department of Local Government and Regions
Barbara Sayers	Tennant Creek Hospital
Melissa Ferriday	Tennant Creek Hospital
Leonie Plush/Sandy Lovell	Catholic Care
Samuel Tait	Northern Territory Police
Jan Price	Dept of Housing
Zeza Egan	Community member
Jeff Herbert	Barkly Regional Council staff member
Colleen Keen	Ali Curung Clinic Manager

2.3 APOLOGIES

President Barb Shaw Ex Officio

2.4 ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGY

Peter Corbett	Local Authority Member
Peter Dobbs	Local Authority Member

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

3.1 That Cr Noel Hayes undertake the role of Chair and Cr Lucy Jackson, the role of Deputy Chair of the Ali Curing Local Authority.

Moved: Ronald Brown

Seconded: Andrew Tsavaris

CARRIED

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS

- 3.2 Local Authority vacancies. As only one nomination was received, nominations have reopened for the two vacant positions on the Local Authority and close on 23 October 2014.
- 3.3 Nominees for Council's employment selection panel to assist recruit managerial positions in the Community. The Local Authority requested Council to send an invitation to the Local Authority when a vacancy needs to be filled. Whoever is available from the Local Authority will sit on the panel.

4. OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

Because there was no quorum at the last Local Authority meeting and no minutes, the Local Authority considered the following outstanding actions from the February 2014 Local Board meeting.

CEO; Edwina Marks advised of the following:

Recommendation - The Board asked that the RJCP Manager, Neil Smith, be invited to attend the next Local Board meeting (8 April 2014) to report on their projects and their community staff.

COMPLETED: (Mr Smith was on the agenda for the April 2014 Local Board meeting)

Recommendation - That the land near the dump is quite soft and will need to be packed down before the commencement of the Dump Remediation Project.

COMPLETED: (see Community Coordinator's report on commencement of dump remediation project)

Recommendation - That the AVON Slimline Bus Shelter to be erected on the land adjacent to the Community 'Respite Centre' and at Bert Franks Park near the entrance to the community

Motion – That the Local Authority reconfirms its previous decision to erect the Slimline Bus Shelters on the two nominated sites stated above and commence the installation.

Moved: Ronald Brown

Seconded: Andrew Tsavaris

CARRIED

5. COUNCIL REPORTS

5.1 **CEO (OR REPRESENTATIVE) REPORT**

CEO; Edwina Marks provided the Authority with an overview of the External Complaints policy. Council must bring back to the community any complaints about service delivery in the community, for example, about rubbish or dogs.

CEO; Edwina Marks reported that the Department of Local Government and Regions has made an budget available to each Local Authority to undertake priority community projects. Ali Curung has been allocated \$86,150 to be spent over two years by 30 June 2016, but not on salaries. The basketball court upgrade is a priority for the Local Authority; CEO advised that the basketball court upgrade is part of a Special Purpose Grant (SPG) request by Council.

Chair; Cr. Hayes spoke about a CLC allocation of lease monies of approx. \$ 500.000 that remains mainly unspent. \$ 70,000 spent on youth diversion while other projects such as materials for the coffin business and grandstand have not commenced.



ACTION: A Special Local Authority Meeting is to be held to plan the expenditure of the Community Project Funding and CLC allocation.

5.2 ELECTED MEMBERS REPORTS

Barkly Regional Council considering if it will take over operation of the Tenant Creek Post Office, an essential service to the community. The Tenant Creek Swimming pool will be redesigned to include a skate park. The pool will need to be shut from end of February to September 2015 to allow for an upgrade. A new landfill study is underway as the current landfill is full. Elliot is considering ways to attract new investors. Water park process will start soon and by the next Local Authority meeting the CEO can give start and finish dates.

5.3 COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

The Acting Community Co-Ordinator report was read out for information of members.

5.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS REPORTS

Cr. Jackson and Cr Hayes spoke about street lights not working and the need to complete the street signage project started by Jenny Mitchell of BRC.

ACTION: ESO to conduct monthly audit on the street lights and report back to enable Power and Water to fix lights within 5 days of being notified.

ACTION: Council to complete street name project by installing street name signs.

6. ADDRESSING THE MEETING/PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Colleen Keen– Ali Curung Clinic Manager

Colleen will step down from her role on 19/12/14. While Colleen was on leave, all clinic staff resigned due to the pressures of the heavy workload, especially the after hours load.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Letter of support requested from the Local Authority to support two grant applications, (1) application for the Basketball court upgrade (2) application to the Australian Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy funding round for Council's Indigenous programs at Ali Curung, for example, Night patrol and school nutrition program. The Local Authority indicated its support for both applications

ACTION: Chairmen of the Local Authority to sign both letters on behalf of the Local Authority.

7.2 CLOSING TIMES FOR COUNCIL'S YOUTH, SPORT AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

The Local Authority decided to support the following suggested closing times and then assess the times; 7pm closing time on school days, 8 pm on school holidays and 11 pm on disco nights.

ACTION: The program will operate at the new times, 7pm closing time on school days, 8 pm on school holidays and 11 pm on disco nights and given time to try the new hours, the Local Authority can advise Council if these hours are satisfactory.



7.3 AMITY INVITATION

Inviting Amity to the community to outline its Gambling Education program. Following discussion about the impact of gambling on the community, especially children, the Local Authority agreed to invite Amity to speak to the community about its program. The Local Authority did not specify a date.

ACTION: John Mason, Government Engagement coordinator to follow up with Amity and invite them to the community to introduce their program.

7.4 FENCING PROGRAM

Fencing will be rolled out for new houses in the first three months of 2015.

- 8.5 Coffin making project – CEO reported that funding was available to assist Indigenous businesses such as the coffin making business. However, a condition of funding is a business plan must be written about how the business will function. The Local Authority agreed to invite Indigenous Volunteers Australia to find a volunteer with the skills to assist the community write a business plan.

ACTION: A Local Authority member is to complete an Indigenous Volunteers Australia application form that is in the Community Coordinators office and send it off before the next meeting.

8.6 AIRFIELD REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

Local Authority raised concerns about the poor state of the airfield. This asset is critical to the community to transport seriously ill patients to hospital.

ACTION: Council to meet with the Dept of Infrastructure to request repair work start as soon as possible on the correct position of markers and cables. Council to assist by cleaning the field lights and ordering the wind-sock. These works are to be paid for by the Department of infrastructure.

8.7 GRAVES AND KEEPING OF RECORDS OF BURIALS

Concerns raised about record keeping of burial sites which has been poor, especially the last 5 years and the state of grave digging equipment.

ACTION: Community Coordinator to check if the grave digging attachment to the tractor is in working order and repair if necessary.

Council to provide feedback to the Local Authority on how Tenant Creek Cemetery manages its record keeping of graves.

8.8. COMMUNITY PARK UPGRADE

Motion - That Council spend \$ 30,000 it previously set aside, to upgrade the park by re- seeding, installing sprinklers and playground equipment (if funds allow).

Moved: Ronald Brown

Seconded: Andrew Tsavaris

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil



9. CLOSE OF MEETING

Next meeting, Tuesday 25 November 2014 and Meeting closed at 12:21pm

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

- a) That the AVON Slimline Bus Shelters to be erected on the land adjacent to the Community 'Respite Centre' and at Bert Franks Park near the entrance to the community and commence the installation.
- b) That Council spend the \$ 30,000 it previously set aside, to upgrade the Ali Curung Community park by re- seeding, installing sprinklers and playground equipment (if funds allow).