



MINUTES WUTUNUGURRA LOCAL AUTHORITY

Held Thursday 12 November 2015

Wutunugurra Community Centre

1. MEETING OPENING

Owen Torres opened meeting at 11:25am, welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance.

2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

2.1 Members Present

Owen Torres	Local Authority Chair
Geraldine Beasley	Local Authority Member
Steward Beasley	Local Authority Member
Rochelle Bonney	Local Authority member
Lucy Jackson	Ward Councillor

2.2 Also Present

Mark Parsons	Barkly Regional Council Community Coordinator
Skye Price	Barkly Regional Council Director Communities
Courtney Barber	Barkly Regional Council Executive Assistant to CEO
Annette Ningala	Community Member
Gladys Beasley	Community Member
Adalida Beasley	Community Member

2.3 Apologies

Cr. Noel Hayes	Ward Councillor
Cr. Ada Beasley	Ward Councillor
Cr. Tim Price	Ward Councillor

2.4 Absent without Apology

Kaye Beasley	Local Authority Deputy Chair
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2.5 Resignations from the Local Authority

Nil

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR FOR NEXT 12 MONTHS

3.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Mr. Owen Torres nominated himself to be the next Local Authority Chair.

MOTION

That the Authority

- Elect Mr. Owen Torres as the Local Authority Chair for the 2015/16 year

Moved: Owen Torres

Seconded: Geraldine Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolution 09/15

3.2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Elect Ms. Geraldine Beasley as the Local Authority Deputy Chair for the 2015/16 year

Moved: Geraldine Beasley
Seconded: Stewart Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolution 10/15

4. NOMINATION OF RECRUITMENT SELECTION PANEL REPRESENTATIVE

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MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Elect Geraldine Beasley to be the authorities representative on recruitment selection panel for managerial positions within the Wutunugurra Community, as per the Local Authority Guidelines.

Moved: Stewart Beasley
Seconded: Rochelle Bonney

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolution 11/15

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING LA4 - 17 JUNE 2015

MOTION

That the Authority

- b) Receive and note the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting (LA4) held 17 June 2015 as true and accurate.

Moved: Stewart Beasley
Seconded: Geraldine Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolution 12/15

5.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING LA5 - 17 JUNE 2015

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting (LA5) held 17 June 2015 as true and accurate.

Moved: Geraldine Beasley
Seconded: Rochelle Bonney

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolution 13/15

6. ACTION ARISING FROM PREVIOUS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

6.1 ACTION LIST – MEETING HELD 17 JUNE 2015

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the Action List from the previous meeting held 17 June 2015

Moved: Geraldine Beasley

Seconded: Stewart Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolution 14/15

7. POLICIES

7.1 CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY (CP000040)

Mark Parsons; Community Coordinator provided members an overview of the Code of Conduct Policy and its intent.

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the Code of Conduct Policy (CP000040)

Moved: Rochelle Bonney

Seconded: Geraldine Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolution 15/15

7.1 DELEGATIONS POLICY (CP000008)

Mark Parsons; Community Coordinator provided members an overview of the Delegations Policy and its intent.

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the Delegations Policy (CP000008)

Moved: Rochelle Bonney

Seconded: Geraldine Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolution 16/15

8. LOCAL AUTHORITY ISSUES

8.1 UPDATE ON LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

Mark Parsons, Community Coordinator provided members an update on the current Local Authority Projects and allocation budget.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Broken windows: Community Centre

Quotes are being obtained for lexon windows to be installed. The quotes will be provided to the next meeting for endorsement and allocation of funds from the Local Authorities budget.

Grading of Wutunugurra Road

Discussions have taken place with Epenarra station owners regarding the graders availability and for the work to be carried out. The grader is currently at Murray Downs Station and once returned the grading will be carried out. However a date has not been advised.

Intervention Signs

This project is currently on hold with further investigations being carried out by the Community Coordinators.

PROPOSED PROJECTS

Community Sports Carnival

Members discussed the possibility of hosting a sports carnival in Wutunugurra. It was highlighted regarding the detailed logistics involved in the preparation of such a significant event. The Local Authority to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Community Christmas Event

Members expressed their interest in holding a community BBQ for Christmas celebrations

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Allocate up to \$2,000 from the 2014/15 Local Authority Budget to host a community Christmas BBQ

Moved: Geraldine Beasley

Second: Rochelle Bonney

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 17/15

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 CEO REPRESENTATIVE REPORT INCLUDING ANY COMPLAINTS RECEIVED CONCERNING SERVICE DELIVERY

Skye Price, Director Communities relayed the apologies of Chief Executive Officer Edwina Marks. Skye introduced Ms. Courtney Barber, Barkly Regional Council Executive Assistant to the CEO (A/Governance), and Mr. David Curtis; Department of Local Government and Communities, thanks were extended to the members of the Local Authority for allowing them to attend.

Skye Price provided an update to members on highlights that have occurred since their last meeting was held in June, this included:

- The Draft Regional Plan adopted by Council in July 2015
- The new Tennant Creek Swimming Pool opened first week November 2015
- Barkly Regional Council CEO, Edwina Marks resignation, with her last day being Friday 27 November 2015
- Barkly Regional Acting CEO, Mr. Peter Holt will commence 18 November for an interim period while recruitment for a permanent CEO is undertaken. Peter has over 30 years experience in Local Government.
- Director Corporate Services; Chris Wright Commenced with Barkly Regional Council in October. This position provides the money story.
- Director Infrastructure; Ranjani will commence with Barkly Regional Council late November. The Director manages all of the aspects of council including fleet management, works projects and municipality.
- Interviews for the Wutunugurra Community Service Supervisor position will commence soon
- Interviews for the Ali Curung / Wutunugurra Community Coordinator will commence soon
- Regional Waste Coordinator has commenced and is a joint project with Barkly Regional Council, MacDonnell Regional Council and Central Desert Regional Council. The Coordinator will be attending Wutunugurra, but keeping in mind that he works across three (3) councils and will not be able to attend on a regular basis.

Chair Owen Torres expressed the concern for the three (3) positions vacant within the Night Patrol of Wutunugurra. It was advised that the three (3) positions are those of a Team Leader and two (2) Officer Positions. There is to date no interest for these positions.

Owen extended the importance to the members of having the community work together to ensure these positions are filled.

Skye advised that positions are well supported with a Regional Manager and Zone Manager, the opportunity to further develop skills, training and learning on the job. Some of the requirements include a current driver's licence and that a working with children check and a criminal history check are undertaken.

9.2 COMMUNITY COORDINATOR REPORT

Mark Parsons, Community Coordinator tabled the report for members.

It was also highlighted that Barkly Veterinary Clinic in conjunction with Barkly Regional Council Animal Health Worker and Barkly Regional Council Environmental Health Worker will visit Wutunugurra next week.

9.3 QUARTERLY BUDGET

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the quarterly Wutunugurra Financial Budget

Moved: Steward Beasley

Second: Geraldine Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 18/15

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Chair, Owen Torres reminded members to respect the building and if you use the facility to make sure you leave it clean and take your rubbish away with you.

Owen highlighted what a great asset this is and the community needs to look after it.

10.2 WATER POOLING ** ITEM WITHOUT NOTICE

Members raised their concern with the approaching wet season, the water pooling on the edges of the roads and in yards.

Members were advised that water pooling within the yards is not a Council Service Delivery and that they would need to discuss options with Department of Housing.

Suggestions were put that soil be laid on the edges of the road to minimise the water pooling during the wet.

10.3 BACKHOE ** ITEM WITHOUT NOTICE

Members discussed the need for a backhoe for the community, especially surrounding the digging of graves. Currently the community are manually digging the graves and this is extremely time consuming.

ACTION: Funding options to be identified for the possible purchase of a new backhoe.

10.4 COMMUNITY CENTRE ** ITEM WITHOUT NOTICE

Members enquired if the community centre was free to use. This was confirmed yes, members of the community have free access to this facility, however if stakeholders wish to use, there will be a charge incurred. Council maintain the facility and cover the user costs associated with power and water.

10.5 HEALING EVENT ** ITEM WITHOUT NOTICE

Members discussed a Healing Event, to assist with current passings within the community.

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Note the high priority of holding a healing event and that it be discussed at the next meeting

Moved: Geraldine Beasley

Second: Rochelle Bonney

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 19/15

11. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

12. NEXT MEETING / MEETING CLOSE

The next meeting of the Wutunugurra Local Authority is scheduled to be held, 28 January 2016.

It is proposed that training will be provided to members by LGANT at its next meeting

Chair Owen Torres closed the meeting, the time being 12:50pm