



MINUTES
AMPILATWATJA LOCAL AUTHORITY
Held on Wednesday 23rd March 2016
Service Centre Conference Room

1. MEETING OPENED

Cr. Ada Beasley opened the meeting, the time being 10:05am

2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

2.1 Members Present

Teresa McKeeman	Local Authority Member
Patrick Ross	Local Authority Member
Ellwyn Holmes	Local Authority Member
Andrea Morton	Local Authority Member
Ronald Palmer	Local Authority Member
Jeffrey Nelson	Local Authority Member
Eldon Ross	Local Authority Member
Cr. Ada Beasley	Ward Councillor (chair)
Cr. Noel Hayes	Ward Councillor
Cr. Lucy Jackson	Ward Councillor

2.2 Staff and Visitors Present

Enock Menge	Barkly Regional Council Community Coordinator
Barbara Dalloway	Barkly Regional Council Governance Officer
Jillian Kleiner	Department Local Government and Community Services
David J. Curtis	Department Local Government and Community Services
Danny Curtis	Department Prime Minister and Cabinet
Chansey Paech	Hon. Snowdon's Office
Neil Price	Australian Bureau of Statistics - visitor
Josephine Bethel	ABS - visitor

2.3 Apologies

Nil

2.4 Absent without Apology

Leslie Morton	Local Authority Member
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2.5 Resignations from the Local Authority

Nil

2.6 Update on Nominations to fill Vacancies

Meeting was informed that Messrs Ronald Palmer and Jeffrey Nelson nominated to the advertised positions and the Barkly regional Council had endorsed their membership in the Local Authority.

3. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY**

Members were informed of the procedures for electing individuals into the above positions by Crs. Ada Beasley and Noel Hayes together with the Governance Officer and given time to consult.

3.1 CHAIR ELECTION

MOTION

That Jeffrey Nelson becomes the Chairman of the Local Authority, Ampilatwatja.

Moved: Patrick Ross

Seconded: Andrea Morton

Resolution 1/16

CARRIED UNAN.

3.2 DEPUTY CHAIR ELECTION

MOTION

That Ronald Palmer becomes the Deputy Chairman of the Local Authority, Ampilatwatja.

Moved: Ellwyn Holmes

Seconded: Eldon Ross

Resolution 2/16

CARRIED UNAN.

4. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Ministerial guidelines for meetings

Local Authorities are to hold four meetings per year. Ampilatwatja has 8 Local Authority members, therefore 5 Community members can raise quorum for a provisional meeting for which, members present are paid a sitting allowance. Only the Barkly Regional Council can approve expenditure.

5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING**

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION

That the Minutes of the Local Authority meetings held on 4th November 2015 be accepted as true and accurate.

Moved: Teresa McKeeman

Second: Cr Ada Beasley

Resolution 3/16

CARRIED UNAN.

5.2 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

i) Letter to the Chief Minister regarding housing in Ampilatwatja
The reply from the Chief Minister was tabled for the members to consider.

MOTION:

That a new letter be written inviting the Chief Minister to visit Ampilatwatja Community.

Moved: Cr Ada Beasley

Seconded: Teresa McKeeman

Resolution 4/16

CARRIED UNAN.

MOTION

Write a letter to the Director of Housing Services – Michael White and invite him to the next Local Authority Meeting to discuss housing.

Moved: Patrick Ross

Seconded: Ellwyn Holmes

Resolution 5/16

CARRIED UNAN.

MOTION

Send a letter to Hon. Warren Snowdon inviting him to attend the next LA meeting.

Moved: Ronald Palmer

Seconded: Eldon Ross

Resolution 6/16

CARRIED UNAN.

6. COUNCIL REPORTS

6.1 CEO REPORT ON COUNCIL SERVICES IN THE AREA

Meeting was informed that:

- The new CEO – Marion Smith has started and she looks forward to meeting everyone very soon.
- Sports vouchers- NT government will provide vouchers to schools for sports.
- The Government has asked BRC to identify the sports Community members are interested in and the Council would like the advice of the LA. For example, if you said netball is very popular in this community, the govt provides vouchers to the school and Netball association comes out to community to give training.
- The Regional Plan and Budget is being prepared and will incorporate the Local Authority priorities provided at the last meeting.
- After April, the Regional Council will meet for 2 days every 2 months, but this will not have any impact on the Local Authority meetings that will go on as planned.

6.2 COMMUNITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Local Authority

The LA meeting planned for the 10th of February 2016 did not succeed because of lack of quorum. During the month of February, we had three funerals and the BRC provided support to the concerned families. The Centrelink and Postal services operated normally except for two occasions when there were bereavements. All traffic management signs were installed at the locations specified in the resolutions of the Ampilatwatja Local Authority.

It was noted and reported that the sealed surface on the Main Street between the Finke River Mission and the Sandover exit is extensively potholed and requires urgent attention.

The staff accommodation that was funded by the NT Government was installed during the past month.

6.3 ITEMS THE AUTHORITY IS REQUIRED TO CONSIDER ON A PERIODIC BASIS

The Community Coordinator presented the Third Quarter's Financial Report for Ampilatwatja Service Centre in the 2015/2016 Budget to the members. It was noted that the budget was tracking well. The LA was reminded of the Cadetship initiative from the Council's Cultural Advisory group and interested Community members were invited to participate. The LA was also informed that one of the younger Municipal staff members was undertaking mechanical apprenticeship at Charles Darwin University.

7. LOCAL AUTHORITY ISSUES

7.1 REPORT ON LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDED PROJECTS

Ampilatwatja Local Authority has a balance of \$84,725.00 from its grants for 2014-2016.

MOTION

The Local Authority recommends that the ablution block at the oval and basketball court be upgraded using its grant before the next sports carnival in September 2016. Quotes to be obtained for the renovations.

Moved: Ellwyn Holmes

Second: Eldon Ross

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolution 8/16

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Review of the Regional Plan – Ampilatwatja

LA was invited to review the Ampilatwatja component of the Barkly Regional Plan which will be open for review in early May 2016 during the next meeting.

8.2 General Community clean-up

MOTION

That the Local Authority recommends that a general Community clean-up takes place, during the week of 16th - 21st May 2016.

Moved: Patrick Ross

Seconded: Ellwyn Holmes

Resolution 9/16

CARRIED UNAN.

9. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

9.1. ABS Census presentation by Mr Neil Price and Ms Josephine Bethel:

- Updated the LA on the upcoming Census exercise and encouraged all to ensure they participate.
- Indicated that there will be employment opportunities for some Community members as census officers and a team leader.
- Interested Community members were invited to contact the presenters

10. CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at 12:56 pm/Next meeting to be held on 11th May 2016.