



MINUTES

ALI CURUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY

Held Tuesday 19 April 2016

Barkly Regional Council, Ali Curung, Conference Room

1. MEETING OPENING

Cr. Noel Hayes, Local Authority Chairperson, opened the meeting at 10 am and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

2.1 **Members Present**

Cr. Noel Hayes	Chair (Ward Councillor)
Cr. Lucy Jackson	Deputy Chair (Ward Councillor)
Edith Hanlon	Local Authority Member
Derek Walker	Local Authority Member
Charlie Poulson	Local Authority Member
Ronald Brown	Local Authority Member
Andrew Tsavaris	Local Authority Member

2.2 **Staff and Visitors Present**

Marion Smith	Barkly Regional Council CEO
Mark Parsons	Barkly Regional Council Community Coordinator
Ralph Adamo	Barkly Regional Council Regional Night Patrol Manager
Tim Hema	Barkly Regional Council Night Patrol Zone Manager
Barb Dalloway	Barkly Regional Council Governance Officer
David Curtis Sr.	Department of Local Government and Communities
Adele Gibson	Department of Health
Ian Grieves	Art Gallery
Meg McGrath	Training Northern Territory
Pauline Hampton	GEC – Prime Minister and Cabinet
Colleen Court	Ali Curung Health Clinic
Neil Price	Australian Bureau Statistics - Census 2016
Nita Patrick	Community member

2.3 **Apologies**

Graham Beasley	Local Authority Member
Peter Corbett	Local Authority Member
Ned Kelly	Local Authority Member

2.4 **Absent without Apology**

Nil

2.5 **Vacancies and Resignation From Local Authority**

Nil resignations and there are two (2) vacancies on the Local Authority. Mr. Sammy Ladd has expressed interest in nominating.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2016

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the minutes of the Ali Curung Local Authority held on 2 February 2016 as true and correct.

Moved: Derek Walker

Second: Ronald Brown

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 7/16

3.2 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2016

Discussion on the playground equipment project that was put on hold until more Local Authority funds became available. The Community Coordinator will gather more quotes and put to the next meeting as well as setting the ground rules for how the two (2) mowers, paid for by the Local Authority, will be hired out.

Members were given feedback and written notes from Power and Water on water quality that show water quality has improved since the installation of the treatment plant, however water may give off a smell due to chlorine.

Discussion took place on the letter to Senator Scullion and the issue of low school attendance as a result of the Yellow Shirt program being cut. It was agreed to write two further letters;

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Recommend to Council that the CEO write a further letter to Senator Scullion requesting details of the transfer of funding to the NT Department of Education and advising that no Truancy Officer is yet in place at the community.
- b) Recommend to Council that the Chair of the Local Authority write to the Principal of the Ali Curung School asking for information on how they operate the Yellow Shirts program in 2016.
- c) Request the above actions be placed on the Local Authority Action list for follow up by Barkly Regional Council.

Moved: Ronald Brown

Seconded: Edith Hanlon

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 8/16

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the action list of the Local Authority held 2 February 2016 as true and correct
- b) Reconfirms that the playground equipment remains a priority for LA funding.
- c) Recommend to Council to allocate \$ 1,450 to buy two quality lawn mowers.

Moved: Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: Derek Walker

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 9/16

4. LOCAL AUTHORITY ISSUES

4.1 REPORT ON LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDED PROJECTS

At the next meeting on 31 May 2016, members will be asked for a new list of priorities for allocating the 2016/17 Local Authority fund of \$ 86,170.00

The Art Centre has produced a large painted sign and asked members for the words to go onto the welcome sign at the Park.

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Recommend that the football colours, blue and white be used for the Welcome to Ali Curung words at the top of the sign
- b) Confirm that the colours for the lettering be red, black and yellow
- c) Confirm that the white section across the painting be used to write in the name of the 4 language groups with the Aboriginal flag in the centre
- d) Recommend to Council to allocate \$ 1,500.00 to pay the artist and paint.

Moved: Ronald Brown

Seconded: Edith Hanlon

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 10/16

4.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY- PROJECT FUNDING

Mark Parsons reported that gas bottles and shade cloth were purchased on the advice of the LA, but no motion was put to recommend to Council to allocate \$ 643.84 of LAs funds to these products. Members were asked to correct these oversight by moving a motion:

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Recommend to Council to approve expenditure of \$643.84 for purchase of gas bottles and shade cloth.

Moved: Derek Walker

Seconded: Edith Hanlon

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 11/16

4.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY- DECISION ON THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS IN A YEAR

Barb Dalloway took members through three (3) big changes to how Local Authorities will operate;

- 1) The minimum number of meetings in a financial year has been dropped from six (6) to four (4) .
- 2) A new meeting type called Provisional meeting made up with half of the community members + one (50% +1). Once quorum is reached the meeting can go ahead, Example, at Ali Curung, 8 community members, so 5 are needed to have a meeting. Allowances are still paid and minutes taken.
- 3) From May, Local Authority agenda will now have Northern Territory Business listed.

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Recommend to Council that the Ali Curung Local Authority will meet six (6) times in the new financial year, 2016/17.

Moved: Ronald Brown

Seconded: Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 12/16

5. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

5.1 CEO REPORT OR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Marion Smith, the new CEO introduced herself. Marion has already enjoyed a tour of the community.

5.2 COMMUNITY COORDINATOR REPORTS

Mark Parsons, Barkly Regional Council Community Coordinator, spoke to his written report that was in the members' folders. The CDP program is working very well and thanks to everyone working on it. The Community is very clean as well. The letterbox at the turn-off needs some repairs and Mark will speak to CDP and report back at the next meeting.

Tim Hema was introduced as the new Night Patrol Southern Zone manager and was warmly welcomed by the Chair. A PM&C grant has been given for a New Night Patrol office (\$ 95,000) and it will be put up on the site of the old office.

Mark will also investigate solar lighting around the Water Park

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 WATER PARKS AND VANDALISM

Mark Parson reminded members to report any vandalism at the Water Park following an incident last month where someone used the filter box as a toilet and contaminated the whole system. Please make reports to the Night Patrol or police.

6.2 VICTIMS OF CRIME FUNDING – DISCUSION

A Victims of Crime grant has allowed installation of CCTV cameras at the Aged Care centre and school; cameras will be installed after Anzac Day.

7. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

7.1 DR CARA BEAL, GRIFFTH SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Please promote the 2 year research program on water saving and Cara asked for more families to join the 12 families who have signed up already.

7.2 NEIL PRICE – AUGUST CENSUS 2016

Spoke about the importance of the Census information to planning, government grants and the future of each community. Jobs at \$ 34.45 per hour are available for approx. 2 months. Neil is hoping 4- 6 people will be employed from Ali Curung and 1-2 in Murray Downs. See Mark Parson if interested.

7.3 MEG MCGRATH – COMMUNITY BASED TRAINING

Meg is here today at the invitation of Ronald Brown and to listen to what community needs for training and if anyone has any suggestion about a training program that can be delivered in Ali Curung, please contact Mark who will pass on the information.

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

Chair Noel Hayes closed the meeting, the time being 12 noon.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday 31 May 2016.

Following the meeting, the Community Coordinator spoke to community members and Local Authority members regarding the Sports Voucher program and their recommended sports for further training.

The outcomes was; Males - AFL Football and Females - Softball