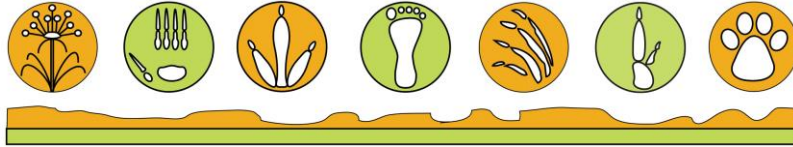


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY

Held on Tuesday 4 November 2014

Council Conference room, 1 Brown Street

1. MEETING OPENED 10.20 am

1.1. MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr. Ray Aylett	Ex Officio
Cr. Bob Bagnall	Ex Officio
Jody Nish	Local Authority Member
Mona Rennie	Local Authority Member
Cristopher Neade	Local Authority Member
Andrew Murray	Local Authority Member
Peter Mullan	Local Authority Member

1.2. ALSO PRESENT

Henry Szczypiorski	Barkly Regional Council Executive Director Operations
David Heron	Barkly Regional Council Director Corporate Services
Jill Kliener	Department of Local Government and Regions
David Curtis	Department of Local Government and Regions
Gayle Marsden	Barkly Regional Council Elliott A/Community Coordinator
Barb Dalloway	Barkly Regional Council Elliott Governance officer
Alan Thompson	Elliott Clinic
Danielle Campbell	School/ Young peoples representative
Sgt. Jonas Johnson	Elliott Police

1.3. APOLOGIES

President Barb Shaw	Ex Officio
Edwina Marks	Ex Officio
Joshua Jackson	Local Authority Member
Wade Nish	Local Authority Member

1.4. ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGY

Jeremy Jackson	Local Authority Member
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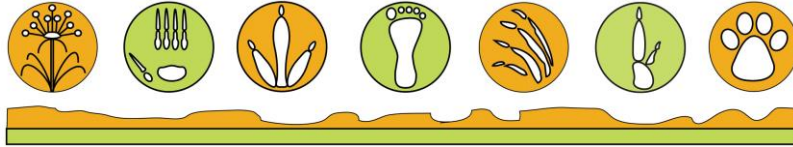
1.5. RESIGNATIONS

Nigel Westerheis has moved away from the community and missed three meetings without an apology. As a result, his position on the Authority becomes vacant. In addition, Andrew Murray, School Principal advised he will leave the community at the end of school year and his position on the Local Authority will also become vacant following his resignation.

The Authority agreed to reopen nominations for two vacancies on Monday 5 January 2014. If more than two nominations are received for the two vacancies, a selection panel will be called consisting of one elected member, the President and the CEO to decide on the nominations.

Action: Nominations for two new members to open on Monday 5 January 2015 for a period of 28 days and close on Monday 2 February 2015.

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2. PREVIOUS MEETING/ BUSINESS ARISING

- 2.1. That the Minutes of the Elliott Local Authority held on the 23 September 2014 be accepted with one modification; basketball courts to be changed to tennis courts in item 6.2.

Moved: Peter Mullan

Seconded: Jody Nish

Carried

2.2. **Action List – Local Authority Items**

2.3. **Action List – Regional Council Actions**

Henry Szczypiorski went through the 2 action lists; external stakeholder and BRC list. Following questions, the following actions were nominated and/ or to stay on the action lists;

Action: That BRC lobby the NT Government for funding to extend the service road to North Camp to allow a safer exit from North Camp to the Highway.

Action: That BRC's librarian / historical officer to work with Members of the Local Authority to identify unmarked graves so the Register Book can be updated for the 4 years where gaps exist.

Action: That BRC write to Power Water to request they visit at night to assess the areas that are considered to be dark by community members with the possibility of getting higher voltage lights in some areas.

Action: That EDI to present the letters that have been sent to DOI to the Local Authority with the replies.

3. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

3.1. **Community Health Issues**

Alan Thompson addressed the meeting with an update from the clinic. Clinic has been running well although there had been some unnecessary callouts from people who were visitors to the community. Alan also sited child restraints in the Ambulance as a problem and he has gone to his superiors to try to resolve this issue.

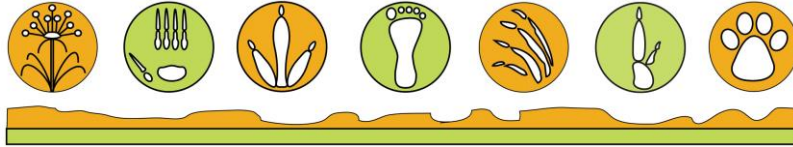
3.2. **Police issues**

The new Sargent requested LA Members assistance to make the community aware of the following;

- Children under 18 are not allowed in the drinking area.
- No child restraints sold in the local Store, and very expensive, fine if Children under a certain age are not restrained
- New Laws to ban smoking in cars with children present

Action: At the request of the local Authority, BRC Community Coordinator to place signs around the community about children not allowed in drinking area.

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4. LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS/ ITEMS

4.1. Local Authority member reports

Nil

4.2. Elliott Feasibility Study

Two main concerns arose during discussion;

- The report mentioned a figure of \$ 750,000 however it was pointed out 2 houses can cost that amount and a big complex would cost much more, so questions remain about the source of the figures.
- Giving away the land which is currently a public area – the area is used 12 months of the year and is popular with community and visitors.

Resolutions

- (a) The Elliott Local Authority recommends to Council that the block which is currently a park remains a public park

Moved: Jody Nish

Seconded: Peter Mullins

Carried

- (b) That any funding left over from conducting the Elliott Feasibility Study be used to further investigate the Ampol block and that Newcastle Waters Management, specifically Ken Warriner as he has knowledge of previous arrangements, be approached to remove the underground tanks, a request inline with their previous verbal undertaking to do so.

Moved: Cr Aylett

Seconded: Mona Rennie

Carried

4.3. Elliott Community Fund Priorities (fund is \$ 49, 454)

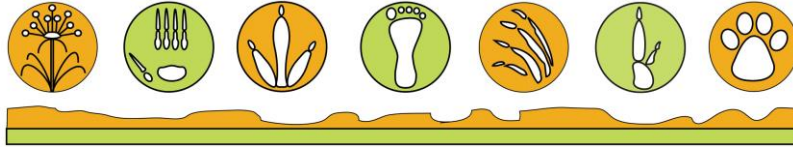
BRC Governance officer read out the decisions of the Local Authority, following the planning session held at 8.30am to 10am, prior to this local Authority meeting.

The following were all considered of high value to the community and low effort and could be achieved within the timeframe of 18 months;

- Greening the surrounds of the ANZAC Memorial
- Cemetery upkeep and marking of graves/ updating of the burial register to commence. New sign for Elliott Cemetery. Possible planting of trees, table & chairs, water supply.
- New signs to be designed and erected at both entrances to the town
- Playground equipment to be installed in both town and town camp parks and town camps grassed.
- \$ 10,000 to be set aside to enable the Local Authority to make decisions on any projects that may be requested by the community over the next 12- 18 months. These projects are to be assessed as having high value and require a low effort to achieve.

In addition, the other longer term priorities identified in the planning session will be typed up and presented back to the BRC for infrastructure planning.

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Resolution

That Elliott Local Authority advise Council of its priorities for spending the Community Project fund

Moved: Cr. Aylett

Seconded: Mona Rennie

Carried

Action: Future Local Authority meetings will put each project on the agenda so that a progress report can be given.

5. COUNCIL REPORTS

5.1. **A/CEO Report**

Dave Heron, on behalf of President Shaw congratulated Andrew Murray for his award as School Principal of the year, Hazel Jardine Teacher of the Year and two other awards. Cr Bagnall is the Deputy Chair of Council for the next four months. A new Complaints process is being finalised which will help BRC report to Local Authorities on complaints made about a Council service in their area.

5.2. **ELECTED MEMBERS REPORT**

Cr Bagnall spoke about a presentation made to Council by Australia Post. He encouraged Local Authority members to pass on any issues they are having with the Australia Post service in Elliott, eg lack of post Boxes and he will communicate these to Australia Post. Cr Bagnall also advised on 23 February 2015 the Borella Ride will come through Elliott and stay overnight at the basketball court and a community BBQ will be held.

5.3. **COMMUNITY COORDINATORS REPORT**

Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting. Relieving Community Coordinator also advised the LA members that Newcastle Waters & Ucharonidge Stations were commencing a baiting program and for LA members to spread the word around the community. The Stations will have signage in place.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1. **Indigenous Advancement Funding Strategy**

Dave Heron spoke about the need for the Local Authority to advise of its priorities when BRC applies for the Indigenous Advancement funding strategy. Dave read out a list of programs and the Authority nominated the following as its priorities; SNP, ISARP, Night Patrol & Playgroup

Action: CC draft a letter containing quotes from LA members regarding programs to be signed by chair to support funding applications

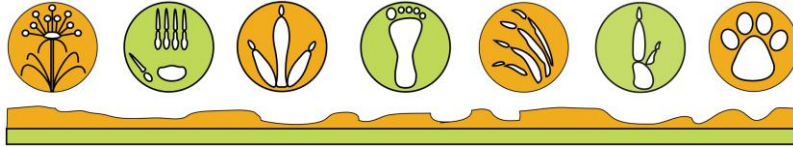
6.2. **School Principal**

Ms Jen Kite is the New Principal on a two year contract. Everyone thanked Andrew for his work and wished him well.

6.3. **Waterpark**

Expression of Interest closed on Friday 31 October 2014. Two companies withdrew their quotes and the 3rd quote is over the allocated budget. This quote will need to go back to the next council meeting for a decision regarding top up funds.

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7. MEETING CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

7.1. The meeting closed at 11:35am. The next meeting is Tuesday 3 February 2015.

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

- (a)** That Elliott Local Authority advise Council of its priorities for spending the Community Project fund as follows;
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