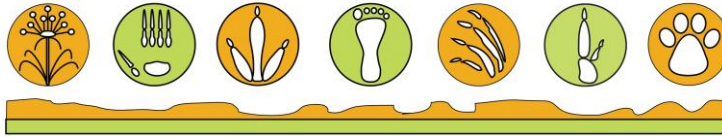


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY Held Tuesday 6th October 2015 Elliott Conference Room

1. MEETING OPENING

Chairperson Chris Neade opened the meeting at 10:40am

2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

2.1. Members Present

Chris Neade	Local Authority Chair
Mona Rennie	Local Authority Member
Peter Mullan	Local Authority Member
Jonas Johnson	Local Authority Member
Mary James	Local Authority Member
Cr. Bob Bagnall	Ward Councillor
Cr Ray Aylett	Ward Councillor

2.2 Staff and Visitors

Chair welcomed visitors and thanked them for attendance.

Gayle Marsden	Barkly Regional Council A/Community Coordinator
David Curtis	Department Local Government and Communities
Carol Ward	Manager Critical Intervention Outreach Service

2.3 Apologies

Jody Nish	Local Authority Deputy Chair
Wade Nish	Local Authority Member
Jen Kite	Local Authority Member

2.4 Absent without apology

Jeremy Jackson	Local Authority Member
Joshua Jackson	Local Authority Member

2.5 Resignations from the Local Authority

Nil

3. PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Accept the Minutes of the Elliott Local Authority meeting held 11 August 2015 as a true and accurate.

Moved: Mona Rennie

Second: Mary James

CARRIED UNAN.

3.2 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING CONTINUING ACTION LIST

Golf Course greens program

No new MOU – awaiting a meeting with CEO,PMC & Julalikari CDP

Cemetery Beautification

CDP have been to look still deciding what to do. BRC supplied paint to repaint the numbers on the plots

Elliott Feasibility Study

Ongoing no change

Safety Padding Basketball Courts

Ordered and being made

Town Entry Signs

Traditional Owners have not given permission to use the photograph of Longreach Waterhole. Need a new idea for signs

Elliott Waterpark

Work on Toilets has commenced

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

4.1 CEO (OR REPRESENTATIVE) REPORT ON COUNCIL SERVICES IN THE AREA

Nil

4.2 CEO REPORT ON ANY COMPLAINTS RECEIVED CONCERNING DELIVERY

Nil

4.3 ACTING COMMUNITY COORDINATORS REPORT

Monthly reports August and September distributed in business papers and inserted in folders for members to review

- New rubble landfill pit has been completed
- New household rubbish Landfill pit has commenced
- Houses have been assessed by an independent Consultant
- Clean up of Camps prior to Minister Bess Price visit
- Aged Care working well and produced large numbers of meals
- Safe house working well and engaging with Community Women in a very positive way.
- Sport and Recreation numbers are good
- Childcare numbers are low and a partnership with FAFT should be encouraged
- Night Patrol is supporting Sport & Recreation with transport at night for the children and also supporting the Yellow Shirt school attendance program with transport
- RIBS is closed due to no funding
- Aged Care Bus transported 13 Women to Tennant Creek for Breast Screening
- Meeting occurred with Newcastle Waters Station Manager Jak Andrews on matters of mutual interest

4.4 PROPOSED LOCAL AUTHORITY GUIDELINES 8 REVIEW

An outline of the changes to Guideline 8 was given to Authority members.

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Endorses the changes to Guideline 8

Moved: Cr Ray Aylett

Second: Mona Rennie

CARRIED UNAN.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1 CODE OF CODUCT

Local Authority members were taken through the Code of Conduct at the August Local Authority meeting.

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Endorses the current Code of Conduct

Moved: Jonas Johnson

Second: Mary James

CARRIED UNAN.

6. LOCAL AUTHORITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS

6.1 REPORT ON LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDED PROJECTS

6.1.1 Safety Padding Basketball Courts

Padding has been ordered and is being manufactured

6.1.2 New Signs

Traditional Owners have not given permission for the photograph of Longreach Waterhole to be used for town signage. We need some new ideas. Jonas has put forward World War 11 photographs as Elliott was a Staging Camp. Photos may be sought from Historical Society, Darwin Military Museum and Elliott Library. Cr Bagnall has some photos for examples at next meeting.

6.1.3 Waterpark Update

Public Toilet refurbishment has commenced. Marking out of Waterpark this week. Cr Bagnall advised a late October start finish in November.

6.1.4 Naming of New Clinic

Letter from Local Authority has been sent to Department of Health

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Request Barkly Regional Council follow up a reply to the Local Authority letter to the Department of Health regarding the naming of the Elliott Clinic.

Moved: Peter Mullan

Second: Cr Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 LETTER SUPPORT BREAST SCREENING IN ELLIOTT

The mobile Breast Screening bus drives past Elliott travelling from Katherine to Tennant Creek. In 2013 BRC transported two bus loads of women to Tennant Creek to access this service again in 2015 but numbers are limited. Breast Screening NT has provided statistics on how many women are eligible to access this service. The majority of Elliott Women are in the low socio-economic group and many do not have access to transport. This is an important service that Elliott is missing out on.

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Requests that Council endorses the Community Coordinator writing a letter to Department of Health requesting the Mobile Breast Screening Bus stop in Elliott in future.

Moved: Mary James

Second: Mona Rennie

CARRIED UNAN.

7.2 DOGS AND CATS

Funding from the Government has been scrapped for the Animal Health Programs in communities. The number of dogs has increased and feral cats are a problem both in Elliott and at Longreach Waterhole. There is already a noticeable difference in Elliott in regard to Animal Health and in turn Community Health in particular skin health.

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Requests Council to identify funding options for animal welfare in communities.

Moved: Jonas Johnson

Second: Cr Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

7.3 FOOTPATH TO NEW CLINIC

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Request that Council allow funding in next years budget for the continuation of the footpath from Buchanan Street to the new clinic

Moved: Peter Mullan

Second: Cr Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

7.4 LETTER OF SUPPORT EMERGENCY BUTTON POLICE STATION

Jonas John, Elliott Police explained that most other Police Stations have an emergency button outside the Police Station that will phone through to Police in an emergency. This would be useful in Elliott for children who feel unsafe, people with no phone credit and tourists.

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Recommends Council endorse the Community Coordinator writing a letter of support to NT Police Department for the need to have an emergency button at the Police Station in Elliott

Moved: Peter Mullan

Second: Cr Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

7.5 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS ELLIOTT SERVICE CENTRE

In the recent past the Service Centre has been required to remain open between Christmas and New Year. At present Barkly Regional Council is having financial difficulties and morale is extremely low. It is very difficult to manage staff during this period and should staff chose to leave town they will, and this leave is Leave without Pay that costs Council money. It is also noteworthy that staff that have been employed from outside the NT are often not able to spend Christmas with their family. As an austerity measure and to give the staff something to look forward to, it would prudent to close the service centre between Christmas and New Year a period of three working days. Staff would be required to take three days annual leave and arrangements for on call staff for Aged Care, Essential Services, a rubbish collection Tuesday and Thursday, a contact in the community for issues and a person capable of pumping septics if required could be arranged. The Service Centre would effectively be closed from 25 December 2015 opening 4 January 2016.

MOTION

That the Authority

- A) Recommends to Council that the Elliott Service Centre be closed between Christmas and New Year as an austerity measure and to boost staff morale.

Moved: Peter Mullan

Second: Cr Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

7.6 SIGN FOR CRAWFORD STREET HAS NOT BEEN REPLACED

Mona Rennie requested that a sign which was misspelt for Crawford Street be replaced. Community Coordinator to follow up.

8. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Carol Ward from the Critical Intervention Outreach Service introduced herself as the new manager for this service and apologised for there being no presentation due to staffing issues.

9. CLOSE OF MEETING

Chris Neade closed the meeting at 11.57am. The next Elliott Local Authority meeting will be held Tuesday 1, December 2015 at 10.30am.