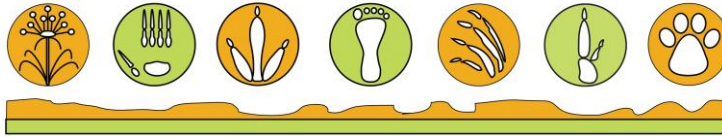


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY Held Tuesday 23 February 2016 Elliott Conference Room

1. MEETING OPENING

Chairperson Chris Neade opened the meeting at 10.54am

2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

2.1. Members Present

Chris Neade	Local Authority Chair
Jody Nish	Deputy Chair
Mona Rennie	Local Authority Member
Jonas Johnson	Local Authority Member
Jeremy Jackson	Local Authority Member
Wade Nish	Local Authority Member
Peter Mullan	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.

Ranjani Jha	Barkly Regional Council Director Infrastructure
Gayle Marsden	Barkly Regional Council Community Coordinator (phone)
Jill Kleiner	Department of Local Government and Community Services
Neil Price	Australian Bureau of Statistics
Nigel Bancroft	Department of Lands, Planning and Environment

2.3 Apologies

Jen Kite	Local Authority Member
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2.4 Absent without apology

Mary James	Local Authority Member
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2.5 Resignations from the Local Authority

Nil

3. PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION

That the Local Authority

- Accept the Minutes of the Elliott Local Authority meeting held 1 December 2016 are true and accurate.

Moved: Cr Bob Bagnall
Second: Jeremy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 1/16

3.2 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING CONTINUING ACTION LIST

Golf Course greens program

On hold until early 2016

Cemetery Beautification

Community Development Program have commenced making headstones, electronic register is completed, all documents have been saved electronically into the Council record system

Elliott Feasibility Study

Ongoing, Director of Infrastructure is pursuing funding for the development of a concept plan & environmental study which will cost approximately \$25000.

Town Entry Signs

Photos sought depicting Elliott in World War 11. Community Coordinator will seek assistance from the Elliott Librarian to provide a selection of photos.

Elliott Waterpark

Completed. Teething problems with automatic chlorinator are being addressed.

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

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

New Chief Executive Officer has been appointed – Marion Smith

Council is currently completing the budget review. Council is looking to control the budget deficit, has received information regarding all grants and acquittals and budget priorities from each community

Elliott Feasibility study – Director of Infrastructure working to develop a concept plan and seeking funding of approximately \$25000 for the plan.

Problems with Waterpark are within the twelve month defect period and will not be at Council's expense.

Department of Infrastructure tenders for airstrip maintenance have been lodged.

Local Authority members requested information regarding the Tractor and Slasher purchased for Elliott. After much discussion Jill Kleiner (Department Local Government and Community Services) advised that if a SPG has been completed specifically for Elliott then the plant should be positioned in that community. She also stressed the importance of developing an asset management plan.

MOTION

That the Local Authority

- a) Request a decision be made by the Chief Executive Officer regarding the placement of the new tractor and slasher to Elliott

Moved: Jody Nish

CARRIED UNAN.

Second: Cr Ray Aylett

Resolved 2/16

4.2 CEO REPORT ON ANY COMPLAINTS RECEIVED CONCERNING DELIVERY

A complaint was received regarding some unhealthy food being used for the School Nutrition Program. After speaking with the school and the Aged Care Coordinator the issue has been resolved.

There was also a complaint about Aged Care serving frozen meals. The Community Coordinator spoke with the Aged Care Coordinator. At times there is some left over food so rather than throw this food out it is frozen and only used when there is a shortage of staff. An example is some Fridays there may only be two people at the Aged Care and these people have to provide approximately one hundred meals for the School Nutrition Program and Aged Care. These are the days when frozen meals may be used.

4.3 ELECTED MEMBERS REPORT

Cr Aylett requested a letter of thanks be sent to Triple C contracting for work they are doing in the community. It was pointed out that Triple C is a contractor and as such is no different to any other business. It was decided that when they finish working on the houses it may be considered at that time.

Cr Bagnall spoke about the letter sent to Noelene Swanson, Department Local Government and Community Services on 1 December 2016 in regard to the manner the Housing matters in Elliott were handled by the Department and the fact that Council is yet to receive a reply.

MOTION

That the Local Authority

- a) Request Council to follow up the letter sent to Noelene Swanson, Department of Local Government and Community Services dated 1 December 2015.

Moved: Cr Ray Aylett
Second: Mona Rennie

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 3/16

Cr Bagnall spoke regarding the Chief Minister announcing that Utopia would receive \$28.3M which includes new housing. Elliott has missed out again by receiving \$1.5M for maintenance and the representatives from Department of Local Government and Community Services were adamant that there would be no new houses for outstations.

MOTION

That the Local Authority

- a) Request Council write to the Department of Local Government and Community Services expressing our dismay at Utopia outstations receiving \$28.3M including funds for new housing when Elliott only received \$1.5M for housing maintenance.

Moved: Jeremy Jackson
Second: Wade Nish

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 4/16

4.4 QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT

Local Authority members were taken through a copy of the Elliott quarterly budget report.

MOTION

That the Local Authority

- a) Receives and notes the report

Moved: Cr Ray Aylett

Second: Mona Rennie

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 5/16

4.5 COMMUNITY COORDINATORS REPORT

Monthly reports December and January were distributed in business papers and inserted in folders for members to review

- All rubbish collections and landfill duties were completed except Marlinja in January due to the road been flooded and closed
- 1 funeral in the reporting period
- Night Patrol had a break over Xmas and is back operating; the focus however has shifted from alcohol to child safety.
- All programs are operating.
- Australia Day celebrations were successful. Local Authority Chair Chris Neade presented the awards followed by a community BBQ.
- Waterpark toilets have been completed
- Electrician has been December and January working on houses with safety issues
- Clinic has a Doctor for a six month trial
- Very successful Citizenship Ceremony in December.

Jeremy Jackson advised that Newcastle Waters creek is now running under the road.

Community Coordinator to contact Barkly plumbing to confirm they can now cross the creek with a road train.

Acting Community Coordinator Shelley McDonald to contact Telstra and report no mobile phone service at Marlinja.

5. LOCAL AUTHORITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS

5.1 REPORT ON LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDED PROJECTS

5.1.1 Waterpark: Completed with some teething issues being addressed

5.1.2 New Signs: Photos of Elliott in World War 11 days to be sought from Elliott archives through the Elliott Librarian.

5.1.3 Council resolution regarding Item 6.3 Elliott Local Authority Minutes (1 December 2015): Resolution was read to the Local Authority. Cr Bagnall advised that he has spoken to Alan Thompson, Clinic Manager and they are happy for the plaque to be placed in the clinic. Cr Bagnall has gone ahead and purchased the plaque and should funding be made available he would then be reimbursed, this was done due to time constraints and no one knowing when the Clinic will officially open. Cr Bagnall is also going to follow up through Council, a letter that was to be written to the Cattleman's Association regarding this matter.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Elliott Local Authority is the Governance body for the Elliott Alcohol Management Plan. Department of Business seek an email from the Community Coordinator at the Local Authorities request for the following motion.

MOTION

That the Local Authority

- a) Request NT Gaming and Licensing action the Elliott Local Authority recommendation 6.2 from the 1 December 2016 meeting minutes to introduce a permit system for Gurungu, Wilyugu and Marlinja

Moved: Wade Nish

Second: Jeremy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 6/16

6.2 DOG ISSUES

Dogs are becoming an issue in the community with ticks, larger numbers and general problems associated with dogs. Community Coordinator to follow up Item 7.2 from the 6 Oct 2015 Local Authority meeting requesting Council to pursue funding for Animal Management.

6.3 FENCING

A request to provide funding for fencing was sought by a Local Authority member. Jill Kleiner advised that monies for other communities for fencing were from the Commonwealth and administered through NT Government Housing. She also advised it requires a very substantial amount of money to fence a whole community. The only way to get fencing money would be through a Special Purpose Grant. The funding agreement for housing maintenance does not include fencing.

6.4 OPAL FUEL

Elliott is not included in the latest roll out of Opal Fuel. To north Opal fuel starts at Mataranka and to the south Three Ways. This means the stretch of highway including Elliott is not getting Opal fuel. The Local Authority is concerned that this may encourage substance abusers to come to Elliott to access unleaded fuel. Sgt Jonas Johnson will follow up and report to the next meeting.

7. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

7.1 NEIL PRICE – AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

The census is being conducted 9 August 2016. Neil outlined the uses of the census data and the importance of collecting quality data. The intention is to employ local people as interviewers and have a team leader coordinating the process.

MOTION

That the Local Authority

- a) Receives and notes the presentation from the Australian Bureau of Statistics on the 2016 Census
- b) Supports the Australian Bureau of Statistics in conducting and collecting quality data for Elliott and surrounds.

Moved: Jody Nish

Second: Cr Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 7/16

7.2 NIGEL BANCROFT – DEPARTMENT LAND, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

Nigel presented an aerial map showing a potential area for a new subdivision in Elliott. The Department is seeking input for future planning. The idea is to cost services for the subdivision and then plan and seek budgetary support for the proposed subdivision. This is the first stage of a possible five to ten year plan. Local Authority members are encouraged to phone Nigel and provide input. It will be placed on the next Local Authority agenda for further comment.

8. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12 April 2016 at 10.30am

9. CLOSE OF MEETING

Chris Neade closed the meeting at 1.22pm