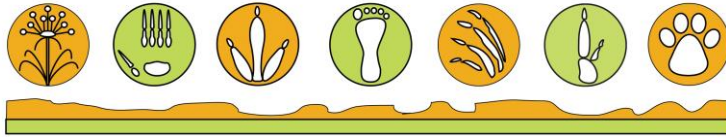


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY Held Tuesday 12 April 2016 Elliott Conference Room

1. MEETING OPENING

Chairperson Chris Neade opened the meeting at 10.52am

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
Jennifer Kite	Local Authority Member
Peter Mullan	Local Authority Member
Alan Thompson	Local Authority Member
Cr. Bob Bagnall	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
Jill Kleiner	Department of Local Government and Community Services
Neil Tilmouth	Office of Aboriginal Affairs

2.3 Apologies

Wade Nish	Local Authority Member
Jeremy Jackson	Local Authority Member
Cr Ray Aylett	Ward Councillor

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 23 February 2016 are true and accurate.

Moved: Peter Mullan
Second: Mona Rennie

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 9/16

3.2 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING CONTINUING ACTION LIST

MOTION

That the Local Authority

- a) receives and notes the updated action list

Moved: Peter Mullan
Second: Mona Rennie

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 10/16

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

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

Ranjani Jha Director of Infrastructure delivered a report on Council services.

Marion Smith commenced as the new Chief Executive Officer on 16 March 2016. Peter Ryan has left Tennant Creek. The overall Council structure is currently being reviewed and we may move from four Directorates to three.

Staff have been busy working on the Regional plan and budget.

Airstrip tenders were successful.

Homelands Extra Allowance (HEA) project at Marlinja is progressing.

4.2 CEO REPORT ON ANY COMPLAINTS RECEIVED CONCERNING DELIVERY

Nil

4.3 ELECTED MEMBERS REPORT

Cr Bagnall advised the following:

The 23 February 2016 Elliott Local Authority recommendations were endorsed at the 17 March 2016 Ordinary Council meeting.

Alan Thompson was selected as the new member of the Elliott Local Authority Council is currently reviewing staff housing and formulating Policies and Tenancy agreements.

Council members were involved in a budget workshop prior to the February meeting.

4.4 COMMUNITY COORDINATORS REPORT

Monthly report for March was distributed in the business papers and inserted in folders for members to review.

MOTION

That the Local Authority

- a) Receives and notes the report

Moved: Cr Bob Bagnall
Second: Mona Rennie

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 11/16

5. LOCAL AUTHORITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS

5.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1.1 New Signs: Photos of Elliott in World War 11 days to be sought from Elliott archives through the Elliott Librarian. The Librarian is on leave and the Community Coordinator will follow up

5.1.2 Changes to Local Authority Meeting Dates

MOTION

That the Local Authority

- a) Resolves that they continue to maintain the current schedule of meetings

Moved: Jody Nish

Second: Jen Kite

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 12/16

5.1.3 Aboriginal Peak Organisation Northern Territory meeting report

Chris Neade attended the Aboriginal Peak Organisation Northern Territory (APONT) meeting 17 March 2016. Members discussed the future board structure as they are finding they are receiving requests from many areas for representation on the APONT board. Chris made a recommendation to APONT that a Regional Council representative may be a better option than himself as he was fielding questions regarding all Barkly Regional communities. It was discussed by the Local Authority that it would be a good option for Chris to stay on the board and the Community Coordinator contact all the other Coordinators in each community prior to the APONT meeting to collate information for Chris to take to the meetings. Santa Theresa community have commenced court action against the Government in relation to housing. The solicitor they have used asked if Elliott would like to join however, Chris explained we have different circumstances.

Chris will phone Daniel Kelly to ask if he can assist in any way to help sort the Land Tenure issue.

5.1.4 Alcohol Management Plan

Email sent to Maria Marriner as per Resolution 6/16 23 February meeting

5.1.5 Low Aromatic Fuel

Document tabled explaining the process that was used and consultation regarding Low Aromatic Fuel. Jonas advised this is not an issue in Elliott at present and is confident that should the issue arise community would work together to resolve the problem.

5.1.6 Elliott Housing Crisis follow up

MOTION

That the Local Authority

- a) Requests Council to write to the Department of Local Government and Community Services to clarify the funding classification and land tenure of Wilyugu and Gurungu. Are they Outstations, Community Living Areas or Town Camps and will they be included in the Town Camp review

Moved: Peter Mullan

Second: Jody Nish

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 13/16

5.1.7 Draft Elliott Concept Plan

Following on from Nigel Bancroft's presentation at the 23 February 2016 meeting he was seeking feedback on the Draft Planning document he put forward. The Community Coordinator has spoken to Heather Wilson regarding feedback and requested feedback from the Local Authority. Feedback is as follows:

Heather Wilson advised that the Heritage site is a grave and she would like the blocks both sides and in front of the Heritage site be included in the Heritage site.

Heather Wilson also wants to ensure that the proposed new subdivision does not overlap the Gurungu Land Trust.

Director of Infrastructure noted the roads were 20m wide which is very wide and as Council inherits these assets maintenance of the road would be more costly at that width. The question should be asked as to why the roads are this wide?

Note be made that a drain runs through where the blocks are proposed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 HEALTH ADVISORY GROUP

Alan Thompson advised that the new clinic official opening will be Thursday 5 May 2016. He also advised that although there will be an official opening the clinic will not be operational until it is completely fitted out. The date this will occur is unknown at this stage.

The Department of Health is planning to set up a Health Advisory Board in Elliott. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to run this meeting off the Community Safety Meeting as it is difficult for people to be attending several different meetings during the month and it tended to be the same people involved.

7. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

7.1 KEVIN TILMOUTH – OFFICE OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

Kevin Tilmouth presented information regarding First Circles, a program running out of the Office of Aboriginal Affairs. He explained the advantages to the community and to the individual should they join the program. One of the advantages is that First Circle members meet once a year with Cabinet on a face to face basis. Members also have the opportunity to be taught to put funding proposals together for their community for small infrastructure projects.

Local Authority members discussed how valuable this program could be for future leaders in the community.

8. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7 June 2016 at 10.30am

9. CLOSE OF MEETING

Chris Neade closed the meeting at 1.05pm