

Nhulunbuy Town Board Inc.
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Tuesday 16 June 2015 at 8:30am

Present

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| Angela MacMillan (AMac) | Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation) |
| Jim Rogers (JR) | NT Government (NTG) Representative |
| Natasha Parkes (NP) | Proxy for Sarah Thurgood – Rio Tinto Alcan Gove Operations |
| Sharon Georgonicas (SG) | Member |
| Chris Putland (CP) | Member |
| Lyn Percic (LP) | Member |
| Alyce Fredriksen (AF) | Secretary |

Creating Communities - Town Vision

AMac introduced Carl Binning (CB) to provide an update on the outcomes of the Creating Communities Town Vision community engagement. CB advised that there are five proposed themes based on community feedback: Unique Lifestyle, Community Participation, Quality Assets and Services, Robust and Diverse Services and Yolgu Country. Creating Communities will be in Nhulunbuy this week to talk to the community about finalising the vision, implementation and any key priorities. AMac conformed that there will be stakeholder and public meetings this week, as well as pop up stalls to finalise this engagement.

Nhulunbuy Police

AMac introduced John Worrall (JW) as the new Officer-in-Charge for Nhulunbuy. JW gave the Town Board information about his professional background. JW has been in Nhulunbuy for a three months. JW's priority is currently Alcohol Management. CP asked whether drugs are a problem in town. JW said that he did not think it was a significant issue at the moment. JW provided crime statistics for Nhulunbuy noting that overall crime is down, but alcohol related crime is increasing. LP raised her concerns about fridging in town. JW asked that all fridging incidents need to be reported to the police on 8987 1333 or alternatively through 131 444.

1. Apologies

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| Sarah Thurgood (ST) | Rio Tinto Alcan Gove Operations (RTA) Representative |
| Gavin Law (GL) | Member |

AMac welcomed all members. NP was noted as the RTA proxy on behalf of ST.

2. Conflict of Interest

JR raised a conflict of interest in relation to CAP Application - Nhulunbuy Rotary Club as he is a member of the club.

3. Confirmation of Minutes – 19 May 2015

Moved: CP

Seconded: SG

Carried

Secretary:

Date:

Chairperson:

Date:

4. Business Arising from Minutes

- Development of the walkway and beach access (07/14): The Nhulunbuy Corporation has applied to the NT Tourism Demand Driver Infrastructure Program for financial assistance to complete access. Successful grants to be notified in August 2015 so the Corporation is waiting on this announcement.
- School zone signage (32/14): Signs have arrived and have been installed with only one complaint.
Animal control (50/14): The Nhulunbuy Corporation's Animal Control Officer will commence on 23 June 2015.
- Nhulunbuy Police visit (11/15): JW attended June 2015 Town Board Meeting as requested on previous month's action plan.
- Zoning in Industrial Area (12/15): NP mentioned RTA will not be able to change the zoning given the purpose of the lease in the Industrial Estate.
- Emergency Vet Service (13/15): Dr Sue has brought in Dr Cocking to work four days a week for the next 4-5 months and provide emergency animal assistance when needed. The need to call on the East Arnhem Regional Council animal welfare service is therefore mitigated for the time being.
- Ground Water at BP (14/15): NP has sent around all required information to Town Board members.
- WiFi (15/15): JR confirmed that Nhulunbuy is on the 2016 rollout program to receive WiFi for tourism purposes.
- Woolworth's carpark (16/15): NP confirmed on behalf of RTA there are no plans in the upcoming future to redesign, or clean up the Woolworths Carpark.

5. Monthly Operations Report – May 2015

Report tabled and noted. AMac highlighted the following:

CEO

- Zenco won the tender for the Nhulunbuy Corporation Head Office fit out. The works have come in well under budget. Furniture items from the existing office will be donated. The Datjala Work Camp will help with the move to the new office.
- Gove Airport runway and town road reseal tenders have been received and assessed. The successful tender will be awarded by the end of June 2015.
- AMac enjoyed a lunch meeting with the NT Administrator the Honourable John Hardy on 31 May 2015.

Airport Operations

- The Senior Airport Operations Officer role is being advertised for the third time. Recruitment will continue until the right candidate is found.
- A disabled aircraft on the runway resulted in the airport being closed for two hours during the month. The airline operator has been briefed on how to improve its response to ensure alignment with compliance requirements.

Town Operations

- Debris is continuing to be cleared from the drains due to the ongoing wet weather. The drain area along Arnhem Road where the spoon drain was extended to improve water drainage seems to be working well.
- Water leaks have reduced recently due to pressure fluctuations and ground movement no longer being an issue.

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- Arnhem Land Pest Control conducted patrols and answered domestic dog-related queries from the public. The new Animal Control Officer commences employment with the Nhulunbuy Corporation on 23 June 2015.
- A new Building Administration Officer role will be advertised over the next coming weeks.
- Fogging operations have been increased. This is now being undertaken four times per week subject to rains and wind conditions.

Corporate and Community Services

- The Community Triathlon on 9 May 2015 had approximately 97 attendees and was a great success.
- The Nhulunbuy Corporation Community Markets on 16 May 2015 were hosted by Relay for Life team “Fishing for a Cure” with 28 stalls in total.
- Walk Safely to School Day saw the road team visit from Darwin and deliver safety messages to Nhulunbuy Primary School, Pre-School, Nhulunbuy High School and both childcare centres.

Town Feedback (complaints/ compliments/ feedback and suggestions)

- One complaint about the installation of school zone signage on a residential verge was received

In Kind Support

| Organisation | Support | Financial value |
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| Nhulunbuy Speedway | Use of loader from dump to carry out earth works | \$520 |
| Gove Peninsula Festival | Town Hall hire- Sticks and Stones puppet show | \$186.75 |
| Rotary | Town Hall hire- Quiz night | \$600 |
| Sacred Heart Catholic Parish | Water Leaks- Payment of remainder of water bill | \$1,100 |
| East Arnhem Rugby Union | Hindle Oval and Shed hire- 50% waiver reduction in hire fees | \$539.45 |
| Moto X | Use of loader for an hour- unload steel from truck | \$130 |
| RSPCA | Use of Hindle Oval from Million Paws Walk | \$149.40 |
| Moto X | Use of loader for 4 hours | \$520 |
| Moto X | Use of water truck for 2 hours- wet track for use | \$746 |
| Monthly Total | | \$5,011.60 |
| Year to date total | | \$7,605.60 |

6. Correspondence

In

- Email from Martin McCarthy - enquiring about setting up a food van business (mobile). AMac has responded to Martin requesting further information about his proposal.

Out:

- NIL

7. General Business

– **Community Assistance Program Application - Gove Relay for Life**

It was resolved that: The Town Board approves the CAP Application that was submitted by Gove Relay for Life for \$900 to purchase \$700 worth of key rings and \$200 for a vase and candle for the ceremony.

– **Community Assistance Program Application - Nhulunbuy Rotary Club**

It was resolved that: The Town Board approves the CAP Application that was submitted by Nhulunbuy Rotary Club for \$1250 to purchase a new freezer for Rotary House.

– **Verge Policy**

The Town Board confirmed that they had reviewed the draft policy and were comfortable with the changes in general. LP asked where the verge cut off point is. LP mentioned that all leases in Nhulunbuy go directly to the gutter and stated the policy should reflect this. AMac stated that the policy will be amended accordingly.

It was resolved that: The Verge Policy was supported by the Town Board with subject to the agreed amendments.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting ended at 11:05am.

Next meeting: Tuesday 21 July 2015 at 8:30am