

Nhulunbuy Town Board Inc.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Tuesday 17 March 2015 at 8:30am

Present:

Angela MacMillan (AMac)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Sharon Norris (SN)	NT Government (NTG) Representative - Proxy for Jim Rogers
Chris Putland (CP)	Member
Lyn Percic (LP)	Member
Gavin Law (GL)	Member
Ina Edwardson (IE)	Secretary

1. Apologies

Tracey Billot (TB)	Gove Operations (RTA) Representative
Sharon Georganicas (SG)	Member
Jim Rogers (JR)	NT Government (NTG) Representative

AMac welcomed all members, including newly appointed member Gavin Law to the Town Board. She invited all members to give a short introduction to their backgrounds and what each hopes to bring to the Board.

AMac explained the standard meeting protocols (meeting times, agenda setting etc), administrative procedures and asked that each member be representative of their sectors (residents, government, Rio Tinto, valued each others' opinions and accord respect at all times.

2. Conflict of Interest

None declared

3. Confirmation of Minutes – 6 March 2015

Moved: Chris Putland

Seconded: Lyn Percic

Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes

- Recreational facilities (16/13): AMac explained that Creating Communities will be in Nhulunbuy 23-26 March to conduct further engagement sessions with the community. These sessions will give residents the opportunity to provide input into the future of Nhulunbuy's social fabric, including sport and recreational facilities around town. AMac encouraged all Board members to get involved in this process where possible, and encourage others to do so too. AMac said that the Nhulunbuy Corporation will ensure that any feedback received from Creating Communities about sporting facilities will be used as a basis for the feasibility study this year.
- Beach Access (07/14): AMac confirmed that the Nhulunbuy Corporation is preparing a submission for the NT Tourism Demand Driver Infrastructure Program to gain financial assistance for the beach

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access walkway between Westal Street and Town Beach. SN offered her assistance in completing the grant application.

- Vet services (28/14): SN said the issue of the vet has not been resolved as both East Arnhem Regional Council and the NT Government have been busy with the Cyclone Lam clean up operation. SN said that Council is due to meet in the coming weeks to hopefully make a decision.
- Shade nets corner of Wuyal/Arnhem Road (34/14): AMac said that she has spoken with Rio Tinto about the letter sent by the Town Board requesting that they review the issue of Dhimirru's non-compliance with its Building Application. AMac confirmed that Rio Tinto does not believe that it is an issue and will not be pursuing it further.
- EFTPOS machine at Pool (46/14): AMac said that Westpac has provided feedback that they are unable to provide the Nhulunbuy Corporation with a mobile EFTPOS machine with current technology. Feedback from the Board is that both individual businesses and NT Government have been using this technology without issue already. AMac said that Julie Bryce will follow up again with Westpac as the Nhulunbuy Corporation seems to be receiving conflicting messages.
- Animal Control (50/14): AMac said that the issue of domestic dogs on the town lease remains. Particularly that residents are not registering their dogs and not applying for permission to keep more than two dogs. AMac confirmed that fines are continuing to be handed out for non-compliance, and it has been encouraging to see the number of dog registrations increase in response to the Nhulunbuy Corporation's public awareness campaign. AMac also mentioned that the Nhulunbuy Corporation will provide a letter to LJ Hooker to send out to their tenants to remind them of their dog-keeping responsibilities.

AMac confirmed that the Nhulunbuy Corporation's wild dog control program continues with small successes. Two dogs have been eradicated (one at the Waste Management Facility and the other near the Industrial Estate) and regular patrols are occurring.

- Taxi rank (49/14): Following the previous month's decision not to move the taxi rank for now, AMac confirmed that the Nhulunbuy Corporation is working on options to restrict visual access to the pool. This includes LP's previous suggestion of installing art panels.
- Request to sell fish on the town lease (02/15): AMac confirmed that she has spoken with Lisa Heathcote about the Board's views. Lisa has said that she is happy to move locations and set up operations in the Nhulunbuy Corporation Business Car Park. AMac stated that she had reiterated the conditions of the Board's support, including set days, times and products.

AMac said that this issue has raised the need to review the Nhulunbuy Corporation's Home Occupation Policy with a view to potentially introducing a Mobile Vendor's Licence.

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5. Monthly Operations Report – February 2015

Report tabled and noted. AMac highlighted the following:

CEO

- The response to Tropical Cyclone Lam went well and there have been some valuable learning's for the Nhulunbuy Corporation. The assistance of the Datjala Work Camp in the clean of the town parks and gardens was a significant contribution in returning the town to normality
- The Nhulunbuy Corporation's EBA 2015-2018 was voted through by employees
- AMac met with Rio Tinto to discuss legacy leasing issues, particularly around Dartnell Close, the Town Pool and the Town Hall.

Airport

- A new security lock system was installed in Terminal Building to enhance airport security
- Recruitment for a Senior Airport Operations Officer has commenced
- The airport closed for 24 hours due to Tropical Cyclone Lam which was the result of the Local Controller activating Stage 3: Take Shelter, which meant that it was unsafe for the Corporation's Airport Operations team to remain on site.

Town Operations

- Betapave conducted road maintenance and will return to continue repairs in March
- Pipe work around Jasper and Beagle for Stage 2 of Water Main Project has been completed to time and budget
- Limited fogging could occur during February due to wet weather conditions

Community Services

- The Nhulunbuy Corporation hosted the inaugural Clubs Day on 7 February 2015. This was open to all sporting clubs, groups and not for profit organisations and had 39 stalls. The Nhulunbuy Corporation ran a post- event survey and gained useful ideas from the stall holders on what can be improved for next year
- The Nhulunbuy Corporation Community Markets were cancelled in February due to Tropical Cyclone Lam
- The Nhulunbuy Corporation's 2015 events calendar has been finalised. These events being added to the online calendar.

In Kind Support:

Organisation	Support	Financial value
Nhulunbuy Police	1x12 month family pool membership	\$401.70
Arnhem Regional School Sport	Waiver of Hindle Oval hire fees	\$142.00
Royal Life Saving NT	1 hour Town Hall Hire	\$50.00
Total		\$593.70
Year to date total		\$593.70

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6. Correspondence

In: Nil

Out:

- Letters to Chris Putland, Sharon Georgonicas, Gavin Law and Lyn Percic – confirmation of Town Board appointment
- Letters to Tracey Billot and Jim Rogers – confirmation of Town Board appointments

7. General Business

– **Draft Caravan - Extended Stays policy**

Draft policy tabled. The significant change from the previous policy is allowing caravans to be parked in certain areas in Nhulunbuy for up to three months on condition of approval from the Nhulunbuy Corporation.

– **Disability access in Nhulunbuy**

Referred back from Meeting 6/3/15 by CP. CP confirmed that he was approached by a resident about disability access concerns in town. AMac said that the Nhulunbuy Corporation is receptive to making its assets more accessible as other upgrades/renovations are conducted. In the meantime, the Corporation has taken steps to replace the hoist at the Town Pool and will be ordering in new equipment. AMac also said the relocating of the Nhulunbuy Corporation's Head Office to Westal Street will provide ease of access for wheel chairs, prams and the public.

– **Tourism NT Town and Regional Map Feedback**

AMac confirmed her role as Treasurer with the East Arnhem Land Tourism Association. A copy of Tourism NT's new Nhulunbuy and regional map was to the Board to provide any feedback within the week.

– **NBN Roll Out**

LP shared with the meeting that she spoke to NBNCo representatives that were present at the recent Nhulunbuy Corporation Community Markets. LP said that she was advised that NBN would be introduced by the end of the year. AMac stated that she was advised it was on track to be up and running by June. LP tabled her concerns that the cabling would go up to the outside of each residence, but it was up to the tenant if they wanted it installed inside. LP felt that as the majority of residents were rentals, future tenants may be disadvantaged by the wait or cost of having this installed inside the residence. GL advised that each tenant would have to specify their preferred provider, ie Telstra, Optus, hence the internal connection would need to be determined by individuals.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting ended at 10:45am.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 21 April 2015 at 8:30am

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