

Nhulunbuy Town Board
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Tuesday 20 March 2018 at 8:39am

Present

Adam Seiler (AS)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Zenel Bajraktari (ZB)	Member
Hannah Fincham-Thomson (HFT)	Member
Lynne Walker (LW)	Member
Jim Rogers (JR)	NT Government (NTG) Representative
Melissa Cruickshank (MC)	Rio Tinto (RT) Gove Operations
Alyce Fredriksen (AF)	Secretary

1. Apologies

Megan Niven (MN) Member

2. Conflict of Interest

Almost every member of the Town Board declared a conflict of interest in some form or another in relation to the Community Assistance Program applications received for Quarter 1 2018 as volunteers, members or committee members and it was acknowledged each declaration would be noted at the time of consideration and members would vacate the room when considered.

AS declared a conflict of interest for the Gove Country Club (full playing member) and the Gove Peninsula Tennis Club (family membership pending).

JR declared a conflict of interest for the Gove Peninsula Tennis Club, the Nhulunbuy Christian College and Arafura Dance Association.

MC declared a conflict of interest for the Nhulunbuy Christian College and Arafura Dance Association.

HFT declared a conflict of interest for Arafura Dance Association and the Nhulunbuy Childcare Services.

3. Confirmation of Minutes - 20 February 2018

Moved: JR
Seconded: MC
Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes

It was resolved that the following from the **Action List** were updated (see *Action List February 2018*).

1/18: Community Projects 2018 - *Complete*

07/18: NT Government Information - *Complete*

08/18: Arterial Road Strategy - *Complete*

09/18: Mobile Vendor and Service Provider Policy - AF to send the new updated Mobile Vendor and Service Provider policy to all existing permit holders for their information. Policy has been updated, waiting on endorsement from the Board of Directors on Thursday 22 March 2018. *Due April 2018*

5. Monthly Operations Report - February 2018

Report tabled and noted.

Town Feedback (complaints/compliments/feedback/suggestions)

2 complaints were received in February:

- An exposed telecommunications pit at 18 Pandora Circuit
- Rubbish and graffiti around Lions Park

Both complaints were addressed to the satisfaction of the complainants.

1 compliment was received in February:

- Rotary submitted positive feedback around Clubs Day 2018, with a special mention to Community Engagement Facilitator for his outstanding efforts

In Kind Support

Date received	Organisation	Activity	Support granted	Financial cost
11/02/2018	Nhulunbuy Motorcycle Club	Use of Loader	Dry-hire	\$253
16/02/2018	Nhulunbuy Motorcycle Club	Use of Loader	Dry-hire	\$253
19/02/2018	Airnorth Women's Fishing Competition	Raffle Prizes	NAC vouchers	\$1,064
23/02/2018	Nhulunbuy Motorcycle Club	Use of Loader	Dry-hire	\$253
Month total:				\$1,823
Year to Date:				\$2,076

6. Correspondence**Out**

- Letter of support - Poppy Thai Mobile Vendor

7. Town Vision update

AS provided updates for the following streams;

Community Participation:

- Senior Lifeguard Position - Successful applicant commencing 13 March 2018
- Community Town Markets - 10 February 2018 (Market Host NPS CB18)
- Clubs Day 24 February 2018, BBQ hosted by the Clontarf Foundation
 - 23 x Clubs and Associations participated
 - Only 3 clubs did not take up the invitation
 - Some clubs participated in activities with the public show casing their sports
 - Positive feedback received for the event from participants
- Ride Safely to School Week – Nhulunbuy Primary School and Nhulunbuy Christian College to participate in a Bike Safety. Transition to Year 4's. Road Safety team with Hector the Cat

Unique Lifestyles Stream:

- Bins placement around Hindle Ovals 1 and 2
- Bins upgrade at the Town Flats from 140 litre bins to 660 litre bins (2 per flat block)

Secretary:

Date:

Chairperson:

Date:

8. General Business

8.1. Sewerage Dump Point

AS tabled an information flyer for members to read on the Campervan Motorhome Club/KEA Campers Dump Point Subsidy Program.

AS informed members the Nhulunbuy Corporation's Manager - Strategic Infrastructure, has secured a RV Dump Point free of charge through the Caravan Camping Association of Australia.

The Nhulunbuy Corporation team will complete the installation, which is estimated to take approximately two business days and will be installed near Hindle Oval 1 between the Oval and the 'Cat Shed' building. This location provides affordable access to the required water and sewer reticulation and is deemed suitable for this project.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members approve and support the recommendation for the installation of an RV Dump Point adjacent Hindle Oval 1 between the Oval and the Cat Shed building.

Moved: LW

Seconded: ZB

Carried

8.2. Discretionary Projects for 2018

AS tabled a list of historical discretionary projects for 2017 and projects identified by members for decision in 2018. Discussions were held around which projects may be of benefit to the community however no decisions were made, and members felt they needed more background information.

An action was taken for AS to schedule a presentation with Tredwell Management and Town Board members to discuss the findings from the feasibility study conducted in early 2017.

The information provided in this presentation may give members a better understanding or ideas of where to invest the allocated funds for community projects in 2018.

8.3. Gove Operations Community Update Meeting

AS tabled the Community Update Notice received from Rio Tinto Gove Operations on Tuesday 13 March 2018.

This was included in the Town Board agenda (circulated 15 March 2018) with the intention of informing all Town Board members.

A RTA Gove Operations update meeting was held on Monday 19 March 2018 at the Walkabout Lodge, commencing 5:30pm and was attended by the NCL Leadership team and members of the Town Board.

8.4. Community Assistance Program Applications Nhulunbuy Motorcycle Club

The Nhulunbuy Motorcycle Club applied under the Community Support Program requesting assistance to purchase new shade sails for the Motorcycle Club. Application value; \$1,200

It was resolved that:

Town Board members approve a reduced allocation of \$1,000 in support of the application submitted by the Nhulunbuy Motorcycle Club under the Community Support Program.

Secretary:

Date:

Chairperson:

Date:

Nhulunbuy Community Toy Library

The Nhulunbuy Community Toy Library applied under the Community Support Program requesting for assistance to help fund the Toy Library Family Fun Day. Application value; \$1,250.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members declined the application presented by the Nhulunbuy Toy Library.

Nhulunbuy Childcare Services

The Nhulunbuy Childcare Services applied under the Partnership Program requesting assistance to purchase a new cubby house for their centre. Application value; \$2,500.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members approve a reduced allocation of \$1,000 in support of the application submitted by Nhulunbuy Childcare Services under the Partnership Program.

Nhulunbuy Amateur Swimming Club (Barra's)

The Nhulunbuy Amateur Swimming Club applied under the Partnership Program requesting assistance to purchase new town pool lane ropes for the Nhulunbuy Aquatic Centre. Application value; \$2,500.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members approve a reduced allocation of \$1,000 in support of application submitted by the Nhulunbuy Amateur Swimming Club under the Partnership Program.

Gove Peninsula Tennis Club

The Gove Peninsula Tennis Club applied under the Community Support Program requesting assistance to purchase new nets for their tennis courts. Application value; \$850.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members approve a reduced allocation of \$500 in support of the of the application submitted by Gove Peninsula Tennis Club under the Community Support Program. Total value approved \$500.

Arafura Dance Association

MC (President of Arafura Dance) left the Nhulunbuy Corporation Boardroom at 9:47am.

Arafura Dance Association applied under the Community Support Program requesting assistance to purchase tiny tot and pre-school dance class equipment. Application value; \$750.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members approve a reduced allocation of \$500 in support of the application submitted by Arafura Dance Association under the Community Support Program.

MC returned after a decision had been made 9:49am.

Nhulunbuy Christian College

The Nhulunbuy Christian College applied under the Community Support Program requesting for assistance to upgrade existing outdoor equipment and furniture. Application value; \$1,250.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members declined the application presented by Nhulunbuy Christian College.

Clontarf Foundation

The Clontarf Foundation applied under the Community Support Program requesting for assistance to purchase a portable BBQ, camping sets and basketballs to be used at the Well Being Camps. Application value; \$1,200.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members declined the application presented by the Clontarf Foundation.

Story Dogs Ltd

Story Dogs Ltd applied under the Community Support Program requesting for assistance to help start Story Dogs in Nhulunbuy. Story Dogs Ltd is a fun learning and reading program for children. Application value; \$1,250.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members declined the application presented by the Story Dogs Ltd.

Gove Country Golf Club

AS (Full playing member – Gove Country Club) left the Boardroom at 9:53am.

Gove Country Golf Club applied under the Community Support Program requesting for assistance to purchase a large screen TV for advertising specials and upcoming events at the club. Application value; \$1,250.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members approve a reduced allocation of \$1,000 in support of the application submitted by the Gove Country Golf Club under the Community Support Program.

AS returned after a decision had been made at 09:56

St John Ambulance NT

St John Ambulance NT applied under the Partnership Program requesting for assistance to purchase a large screen TV for advertising specials and upcoming events at the club. Application value; \$2,500.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members declined the application presented by St John Ambulance NT.

Moved: JR

Seconded: LW

Carried

AS suggested in recognition of the significant over subscription in the Community Assistance Programs 1st quarter of 2018, Town Board members move a motion for AS to review the policy and reconsider the grant capping options for each quarter.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members supported and approved AS reviewing the Community Assistance Program Policy.

Moved: LW

Seconded: ZB

Carried

9. General Business

Rio Tinto Community Forum Update

MC informed members the Rio Tinto Community Update forum was conducted last night (Monday 19 March 2018) with key stakeholders in attendance.

MC advised RTA Gove Operations now have a dedicated contact number exclusively servicing to power outages and issues that can be accessed by all residents. The number will be manned by an electrical team 24/7/365 and is now active and operating well.

MC informed members you can subscribe to live updates that are sent to residents via SMS. Updates will be provided every two hours and inform residents of where the outage is at and an estimate of power supply restoration time.

Postal updates

HFT raised concerns around the Nhulunbuy Corporation sending out rates, electricity and water notices out via the post (paper) and the cost involved. HFT mentioned in our fast-moving technological world, has the Corporation considered moving to sending communication via electronic means, saving cost as an organisation.

AS advised the Corporation utilises post as a standard method, however are considering opportunities to streamline operations via electronic means.

Stairwell Entrance into Arafura Dance

HFT raised concerns regarding the stairwell entrance above Westpac into the Arafura Dance classroom. HFT said the stairwell is being used as a bathroom facility and continually has persons sleeping on each level.

MC advised RTA are in the processing of addressing this issue and have contacted a contractor to install gates at the bottom on the entrance to curb anti-social activity. They are also looking at installing doors on the entrance top floor.

Arnhem Land Historical Society

LW tabled the Open Day flyer for the Arnhem Land Historical Society, which is scheduled Saturday 14 April 2018, 10:00 – 12:00. LW advised this group would be conducting their Annual General Meeting (AGM) immediately following the Open Day.

LW said the Historical Society will provide another activity in the tourism portfolio for visitors to Nhulunbuy and encouraged members to attend with their families to support the event.

Minister Lauren Moss

LW informed members minister Lauren Moss will be visiting Nhulunbuy on Thursday 5 April 2018 and will be in town until Saturday 7 April 2018. Lauren Moss looks after Tourism and Culture including Environment, Sport and Recreation.

LW advised, on the evening of the 5th, Tourism NT will be hosting a function at the Walkabout Lodge which will include a presentation about their investment in tourism across the Territory.

Invitations are yet to be distributed, however LW will ensure all Town Board members receive an invite and update on the event.

10. Proposed Arterial Road Strategy Presentation - Central Arnhem Road

JR presented to all members the Arterial Road Strategy on Central Arnhem Road.

JR advised the Central Arnhem Road is the principal access road connecting East Arnhem Land communities between Stuart Highway and Nhulunbuy.

There are several arterial roads along the Central Arnhem Road and small networks linking homelands and outstations throughout the region.

Beyond the Gove Peninsula, the East Arnhem road network remains largely unsealed until Beswick/Barunga.

JR spoke about current visitation and access settings, improved access provision to promote regional development, established support and the next steps forward.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting close at 11:01am.

Next meeting: Tuesday 24 April 2018, commencing 8:30am.