

Nhulunbuy Town Board
Notes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Tuesday 27 April 2021 at 9:30am

Present

Allison Mills (AM)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Vicky Blackler (VB)	Rio Tinto (RT) Gove Operations
Cathryn Moore (CM)	NT Government (NTG) Representative (Proxy)
Lynne Walker (LW)	Member
Stacie Irving (SI)	Secretary
John Hughes (JH)	Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation (Guest)
Simon Gillan (SG)	NT Licencing (Guest Speaker)

1. Apologies

Christine Arnold (CA)	Member
Megan Niven (MN)	Member
Michael Yunupingu (MY)	Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation Representative
Dwuwalpi Marika (DM)	Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation Representative

2. Conflict of Interest

None Recorded

3. Confirmation of Minutes – 30 March 2021

Members deferred decision until May meeting.

Moved:

Seconded:

Carried 5/0

4. Business Arising from Minutes

It was noted that the following from the **Action List** were updated (see *Action List March 2021*).

45/18: Industrial Estate Signage – AM noted NC will send correspondence approaching businesses in the industrial estate to assist with funding to finalise the project. - *Review May 2021*.

57/19 Pedestrian Crossing on Chesterfield Circuit – AM updated board members that these works have been placed on hold as potential project for 2021.- *Review May 2021*

66/19 Develop media protocol – AM presented draft policy with added delegation table as an appendix in general business, board members deferred discussion and decision on the approval of the policy until May meeting. - *Review May 2021*

88/20 – Fencing Policy Query on Policy and Practice – AM stated that the Fencing Policy in place at present is due for review in April 2021. NC Development and Compliance Officer will meet with traditional owners and building contractors in town to clarify obligations under NC fencing policy. AM will review references to residential fencing in SPL214 lease documents. Traditional owner consultation may be necessary as part of the review of all of

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these documents. JR will source local government references to fencing policy and regulations. – *Review May 2021*

91/21 – Letter to Chairperson of Youth Council – AM sent letter of congratulations on behalf of Nhulunbuy Town Board to Nhulunbuy Youth Council Chairperson Kyarnie Reynolds for being selected as a member of the 2021 Youth Round Table. – Completed April 2021

92/21 – Letter to CEO Woolworths – AM received a response was received from Woolworths Gove Store Manager with regard to implementation of internal processes. AM to reply and ask for clarification on Woolworths Gove store use of Services Australia Basics card process for use during communications outages. - Review May 2021

93/21 - Responsibility for maintenance Scout Hall building and grounds - VB updated the board members on previous communications with NT Scout Association and their responsibilities to maintain the Scout hall in Nhulunbuy. – Review April 2021.

94/21 – Letter to Minister for Police and Police Commissioner – AM sent follow up correspondence to Minister as suggested by JR s with the recent rise in property crime statistics compared to previous years. TB also requested attendance of the Superintendent of police at the April board meeting. - Review May 2021.

It was noted that the following be added to the **Action List** (see *Action List April 2021*).

95/21 – Taxi Industry Regulations & Compliance – CEO to follow up via email to Simon regarding areas of concern. – Review May 2021.

5. Correspondence

In

Email - Response from Woolworths store manager to Town Board correspondence.

- Town Board Members asked for further clarification on use of Services Australia process.

Letter – Response from Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development regarding AirNorth flights to Gove.

Town Board members noted the correspondence as presented.

Letter – CEO Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation regarding – New stage for Rirratjingu group of Companies.

Out

Letter – Woolworths Group CEO regarding back up communications for the Gove Store

Email – Follow up email to Minister for Police requesting response to preceding letter.

Letter – Approval for Community Assistance Grant Application – Gove Country Golf Club

Letter – Kiyarnie Reynolds – Congratulations on selection for the NT Youth round table.

6. Monthly Ops Report March 2021

Items referenced regarding operations report.

- **Manager Aviation & Compliance** – AM updated board members that NC are in the process of conducting 2nd round of recruitment for the position, two site visits have been conducted.
- **Runway Lights** – Fully operational from mid-April.
- **Minister Selena Ubio Representatives** – Positive discussions with various topics such as CCTV in Nhulunbuy covered.

7. General Business

For Discussion: External Communications Policy

AM went through draft policy highlighting changes where elected Town Board members were mentioned. Discussion and decision were deferred until May Meeting.

For Discussion: Discussion Paper – TB2021.02 Animal Management of Domestic Dogs and Incidents

Discussion paper covered topics of incidents occurring on Town lease and lack of reporting due to jeopardising friendships and confidentiality of reports within a small community. Incidents occurring in IPA areas outside of our jurisdiction and collaboration with other stakeholders.

Animal By laws inclusive of prescribed breeds not possible due to NT state laws not covering prescribed breeds. AM to discuss with Lease holders regarding the possibility of making rules around prescribed breeds on Nhulunbuy Town Lease.

AM to follow up with RTA regarding draft communications on dog incidents.

DCM Update

- Feedback on Traditional Owners Vision 'have your say' link closing soon.
- Combined funding from Commonwealth and state governments for back haul upgrade to fibre optic cable branch to Arnhem Land. Upgrade will improve speed and data meaning that Yirrkala will be able to connect internet to all houses like Nhulunbuy.
- Satellite communications for other communities in East Arnhem Land under serviced by current networks.

RTA Update

- VB updated town board members that RTA has engaged MG Electrical as contact for Electricity outage issues and NC has provided information regarding the new process of reporting of electricity issues with quarterly electricity bills.

Town Centre Revitalisation

- Meeting with Jo Smallacombe, director cities (Activate Darwin) regarding town centre revitalisation and designing out crime and forming town centre working group.

8. 9:40AM Requested Attendee – Taxi Industry Regulations & Compliance Discussion

Simon Gillan – Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics - NTG

- Town Board Concerns around Taxi Service.
- NC obligations around decisions to move designated taxi ranks in the future.
- Registered Taxi Services currently operating in Nhulunbuy.
- Complaint process and publicising of this process in local language.
- Compliance checks who carry these out and how often they are performed.
- What data is provided by taxi operators to Licencing NT such as wait times, disabled taxis, and priority services.
- Map of networks covered in the Northern Territory.
- Criminal matters such as retention of bank cards and basics cards being a NT police matter.
- Negotiated fares and proper use of taxi meters.
- Non compliance in Nhulunbuy is generally to no greater degree than other areas in the NT.
- Bush Taxi (TV registration plates) regulations and frequency of vehicle assessment inspections.
- Ride share industry and possibility of introducing a service in Nhulunbuy and the regulations associated with share vehicles.

New Action:

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Other Business

For Decision - Upcoming Election

Proposed Election Date – Two nominations received for town board election, proposed election date to be presented for decision out of session to town board members.

Feedback from Elected Members

Health Screening Airport Masks – LW mentioned mandatory wearing of masks in Airports and Airfields and requested clarification on who can enforce the laws. Board members were informed NC are making facemasks available to people who do not have them when entering the Gove Airport. The two organisations that can enforce the mandatory wearing of face masks are NTG Health representatives and NT police at screening locations. CM suggested AM feed back through LEMC meeting for clarification on how firm these two agencies can be when enforcing mandatory wearing of facemasks.

Vehicle on Melville Bay Road for Sale – LW requested that NC look into the long period of time the boat has been in the area adjacent to Melville Bay Road. AM will ask NC Development and Compliance Officer will investigate the matter and contact the owner to have the boat removed.

ANZAC Day Catshed Event – LW noted the success of the day for the RSL and Rotary Club Nhulunbuy.

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There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11:15am.

Next meeting: Tuesday 19 May 2021, commencing 8:30am.

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