

Nhulunbuy Town Board
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Tuesday 25 September at 8:49am

Present

Allison Mills (AM)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Zenel Bajraktari (ZB)	Member
Hannah Fincham Thomson	Member
Megan Niven (MN)	Member
Jim Rogers (JR)	NT Government (NTG) Representative
Melissa Cruickshank (MC)	Rio Tinto (RT) Gove Operations
Stacie Irving (SI)	Secretary

1. Apologies

Lynne Walker (LW) Member

2. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts recorded

3. Confirmation of Minutes - 21 August 2018

Moved: ZB

Seconded: JR

Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes

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

27/17: Buku-Larrnggay Arts Centre Signage – MC updated the TB on a conversation had with Will Stubbs who is following through with some grant applications for signage. JR suggested government road signs team could review to meet national signage code around tourism. AM to enquire about NCL's responsibilities on road signage. *Review October 2018*

5/18: Hydramet Water Fluoridation – AM updated TB on conversations with BOD around water fluoridation. The BOD stated that if the community was of the opinion that the water should be fluoridated the majority for it to be changed, we could make it happen. There would need to be consultation. JR stated that if our current water supply was a regulated by territory government then it would include fluoridation as a matter of course but its an unregulated water supply because Rio Tinto do a good job of managing the water supply and meet the guidelines for drinking water standards. It's a question of whether you want to meet or match regulated standards in the Northern Territory for drinking water. In other territory centres its not a community opinion it's a decision that medical specialists consider and in accordance with medical research. As there has been no feedback from the community it was decided to not pursue fluoridation.

11/18: Darwin Cooling off Plans – JR updated the TB regarding design and some of the solutions used for Darwin's CBD. JR stated that he will resend the information. AM will make JR's information available to the TB for their consideration regarding longer term planning issues. *Review November 2018*

15/18: Christmas Flags – AM stated that upon consultation with Mike Rogers they have been ordered and we are awaiting their arrival. *Completed September 2018*

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17/18 Solar Power – MC stated upon consultation with Rio’s utilities group the response to TB regarding Solar power. MC confirmed the response that there are provisions under sub leases to utilise the existing power network and not to interfere with the existing power network however Rio Tinto itself are very receptive to any sort of energy saving or alternative generation of power that might be considered on a case by case basis however it can’t feed back to the grid. *Completed September 2018*

20/18: Crocodile Management Plan – CEO supplied Members with a copy of the Crocodile Management Plan for viewing. AM pointed out the five-point plan to being proactive and stated that NCL AMO has worked closely with NT Parks & Wildlife and they have approved the plan. HFT raised a concern about the positioning of signage and asked who approves and decides on placement. HFT also raised it as a more general comment and AM stated that she would seek instruction from Manager of Strategic Infrastructure around how NCL manage signage in the Community.

22/18: Outdoor Cinema – AM sort consultation from NCL Community Engagement Facilitator about the hiring out of NCL’s outdoor cinema equipment, it was found that even in moderate weather conditions hiring it out would pose a risk. EARC have the latest technology and are in the position and do lend it out to not for profit organisations. AM suggested that we sell the equipment especially if risk is presented by hiring the equipment out, HFT agreed. *Review September 2018*

23/18: CCTV in Nhulunbuy – AM reported she met with Daniel Whitfield – Jones and contracted consultants regarding CCTV installation in Nhulunbuy Town Centre. AM is lodging an application for funding 25 September 2018 through Safer Communities for around \$300k which would allow the installation of 4 poles containing 12 cameras, some tilt cameras and some fixed cameras, these will be installed in locations the police have identified and includes replacing all the existing lighting in the town square with LED lighting. The ongoing costs for running these will be managed by the police. *Review October 2018*

24/18: Lighting Miwatj South – AM outlined costings supplied by NCL Manager of Strategic Infrastructure for lighting installation as 14 light poles at a cost of \$141k. HFT stated that the costings detailed many poles, 14 and was this number of poles really necessary? MN asked why solar lighting option wasn’t considered. HFT called for a document produced by MN previously detailing solar options and quotes to be reviewed. AM asked MN to resend the research she had compiled. MC asked if given the high level of pedestrian traffic between Miwatj Health and Gove District Hospital and the public safety issue would NCL board consider budgeting to upgrade the lighting in 2019 budget given the cost is significantly outside any TB budget. AM to take to Manager of Strategic Infrastructure and NCL board for consideration under NCL budget. *Review November 2018*

25/18: Hagney Park – NCL electrician determined and supplied costings. Only the external costs come from TB budget.

26/18: BBQ’s Skate and Hagney Parks - Corporation’s Manager - Strategic Infrastructure provided a quotation, freight and installation of two commercial BBQ’s. (1 x Hagney Park and 1 x Skate Park). One of the quotations was higher due to the lack of electricity close to Hagney Park being \$19k and \$13k respectively. TB reviewed these Quotations and stated they were happy to go ahead with installation but had concern regarding the following, additional security for Skate park BBQ and shade structures to be installed in addition where there are no existing shade structures. AM to get costing around shade. MN to send through paperwork on BBQ regarding electricity or solar. AM to liaise with NCL Manager of Strategic Infrastructure regarding placement of BBQ & shade structures in parks possibly obtaining some drawings. *Review October 2018*

28/18: Bike Path – AM reviewed a memo outlining costs of this project and stated that it is of significant cost and possibly outside the TB budget. JR however suggested working with EALTA, Dhimurru & other organisations to come up with a plan rather than construct one path, can we apply for a large grant as part of a broader strategy for the East Arnhem Region. HFT bought to the table that the TB would like to consult with Christine Burke from Dhimurru regarding Dhimurru's long term vision for the area. AM stated there is a recognition that there needs to be linkages to beaches, but it needs to be a part of a major plan. JR noted that a tourism workshop was being conducted in town this week and for NCL CEO to attend and bring these issues up as a larger plan for tourism in the area.
Review December 2018

29/18: Town Centre Beautification – More about understanding what is to be taken from the Tredwell report and which parts form NCL's vision for the town over the next 5 years moving forward. AM noted that the report provided a good snapshot of what existed at the time. HFT called to find minutes of previous meeting that community issues bought to HFT via FB community feedback. *Review September 2018*

5. Monthly Operations Report - June 2018

The Monthly Operations Report was included within the agenda and referenced by the Town Board members with responses provided on exception.

HFT bought up how did the Fines Recovery Unit how did it come about, what is the intent? AM responded that it had been going on for 3 or 4 years, we only issue infringements regarding animal management so predominantly they're to do with dog's off lead, dog attacks & non-registered dogs. In the past we have infringed and there was some non-payment of these infringements. NCL went to FRU to seek assistance. NCL then realised our process needed review, a new infringement notice had to be drafted and to adopt a new procedure we have to meet certain standards before FRU will follow up outstanding fines. NCL are working with the FRU to bring our processes into line to ensure seamless enforcement of infringements in the future.

1.2 Internal Governance – AM noted her participation in external meetings/forums etc. AM in particular spoke about attending the NT tourism workshop, informative listening to other community views on Tourism in the area and also NT government views on plans in terms of state tourism and how Nhulunbuy will feed into that, HFT bought up that there was previously a funded position through the NCL. AM confirmed that there is a strong message that we need an information centre and Tourism Development Officer. HFT asked if NCL would consider a tourism officer? AM responded by suggesting funding is being called for from government via correspondence to Minister Moss from various bodies in the area.

JR suggested before we apply for funding we need a good tourism plan which will come out of the tourism workshop with a collective solid plan that all stakeholders are signed up to and agree to otherwise we're unlikely to get any funding support.

JR also noted that there is already a tourism plan that was developed for the region done by DEAL with NT funding support that was being looked at in the workshop this week regarding Central Arnhem Road funding etc linking all these things to the plan and coming up with the right solution regarding a digital presence and/or visitor centre.

1.3 Aviation and compliance – An exercise was conducted at the Airport involving multiple agencies and was very successful. AM noted that the office has a new compliance officer Luis De Araujo who is engaging well with the public and is committed to bringing the community on the journey reviewing processes with Rio Tinto and communicating in a timely fashion regarding compliance issues with the wider Nhulunbuy community.

1.4 Infrastructure – NCL was successful in securing a backup chlorinator for waste water treatment plant which had been an issue previously. There were no incidents across the organisation. MC asked whether there had been anything behind the drive for that, an increase

in safety interactions? AM responded by saying the culture is building and safety comes from the bottom up and NCL is moving towards having a safety team.

MN asked about the RFT01-18, AM stated that it is a request for mowing tender which is being tabled at the September Board of Directors meeting for decision.

3.6 & 3.7 – HFT stated Dhimurru had previously had a weed team. NCL had previously dealt with noxious weeds funded by Rio but funding had ceased and now sublease holders were responsible for the weeds on their lot.

MN suggested Dhimurru were trying to get various varieties of weeds registered on the noxious register in our area then funding to work on eradication would be available. MN stated that she was not sure if a resolution had been reached but that TB called for this issue to be addressed with Christine Burke from Dhimurru. AM responded by suggesting she would brief Christine on these issues to prepare for her attendance at the next TB meeting.

6. Correspondence

Out

- Letter of Support – Gerard Robert
- Letter of Support – Kath Hewitt

7. Community Heritage update

AM tabled the Community Heritage Overview report for 2018.

HFT bought up walking trail signage, asking what the trailhead signs look like and are TB able to view them.

MN called for Dog off Lead map to be included with registration renewal notices.

HFT asked to see town lagoon signs. SI explained that the existing Town Lagoon Sign was used to draft a new version fitting with the styling of the trailhead signs and will be located at the lagoon.

8. General Business

Community Assistance Program Application – East Arnhem Futsal Association

JR noted the strong attendance at these events.

The following documentation was tabled:

- Community Assistance Application
- Certificate of Currency
- Tour Proposal and Information

It was resolved that:

Town Board members questioned whether application can be approved if it is retrospective.

Could TB consider as application was submitted before the tour commenced. HFT suggested checking policy and following up whether TB is able to support.

Community Assistance Program Application – Gove Country Golf Club

The following documentation was tabled:

- Community Assistance Application

It was resolved that:

Town Board members noted the Golf Club receiving funds in previous CAP round of \$1250. TB also stated that for the club to be eligible for the partnership program they need to detail

income and match the amount dollar for dollar. TB responded that the community needs more options for functions.

TB also resolved that they could re-cast their application if the policy doesn't allow us to support \$2500.

JR suggested they may be eligible to apply for funding through new community benefits program for NT anti-gaming measure.

AM to review the policy doesn't allow and determine whether applications meet requirements.

9. Any other business

Town Board Action Request – Arnhem Road Pedestrian Access

HFT noted that TB considered this issue in depth and did a lot of work on this issue previously. JR stated that this was identified by Department of Transport because the pathway led to the corner.

HFT raised concerns about the crossing being placed before Gove Motors driveway instead of after. TB stated they are happy to consider in principle but want to be 100% sure that project will not be met with community conflict. TB suggested NCL Manager of Strategic Infrastructure needs to review and brief TB on their concerns and queries.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting close at 10:15am.

Next meeting: Tuesday 23 October 2018, commencing 8:30am.