

Nhulunbuy Town Board
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Tuesday 18 May 2021 at 8:30am

Present

Allison Mills (AM)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Vicky Blackler (VB)	Rio Tinto (RT) Gove Operations
Jim Rogers (CM)	NT Government (NTG) Representative
Lynne Walker (LW)	Member
Megan Niven (MN)	Member
Lance Thomas (LT)	Manager Strategic Infrastructure
Stacie Irving (SI)	Secretary
Tamara Rolph (TR)	Observer
Brendon Muldoon (BM)	Superintendent Northern Division NT Police (Guest)
Mike Milde (SG)	NT Police (Guest)

1. Apologies

Christine Arnold (CA)	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

Moved: MN

Seconded: LW

Carried 5/0

4. Business Arising from Minutes

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

45/18: Industrial Estate Signage – AM noted that NC have sent correspondence to businesses in the industrial estate and receiving confirmation of businesses participating. The sign is completed, LT to assist with the technical requirements of the project. - *Review June 2021*.

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

66/19 Develop media protocol – AM stated that the policy is now completed and will be presented draft Board of Directors. – *Completed May 2021*

88/21 – Fencing Policy Query on Policy and Practice – AM stated that the Fencing Policy is a work in progress. Further discussion with builders and stakeholders is required to obtain feedback. – *Review June 2021*

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89/21 – Road line marking – VB advised that a response has not yet been received. – Review June 2021

92/21 – Letter to CEO Woolworths – AM provided an update regarding response received from Woolworths Gove Store Manager regarding implementation of an offline system. There is no electronic capacity at the store, manual credit card machines will be utilised during communications outages. JR stated that Woolworths are refusing to participate in the backup Basics card offline system. - Review June 2021.

93/21 - Responsibility for maintenance of Scout Hall building and grounds – RTA confirmed that the NT Scout Association is responsible for maintaining the Scout hall in Nhulunbuy. – Completed May 2021.

94/21 – Taxi Industry Regulations & Compliance – CEO send follow up via email to Simon regarding areas of concern. CEO to enquire when the auditor is undertaking a site visit to Nhulunbuy – Review June 2021.

96/21 – Abandoned boat – Boat has been removed. – Completed May 2021.

5. Correspondence

In

NIL

Out

Email – Out of session to Board members regarding Town Board Election date.

Email – NT licensing regarding Taxi services

6. Monthly Ops Report April 2021

Items referenced regarding operations report.

- **Manager Strategic Infrastructure** stated that the bus shelter for Hagney park is in transit to Nhulunbuy.
- **Marine Exercise** – AM provided an update on a proposed joint US Marine and NORFORCE exercise to be carried out in Nhulunbuy. RTA is working to support the exercise. Soldiers will be flown into the Gove airport and taken to South Oval via helicopter. AM highlighted that the exercise would require appropriate communication around dust and noise and to identify any businesses that will be impacted. Discussions are underway regarding the opportunity for engagement with a community event.
- **Water Meter Taggle system** - AM stated that the Board of Directors have approved a new water meter system (Taggle) at the cost of \$475, 575. New meters will be installed with an electrical device to allow for an electronic meter reading to provide more accuracy & efficiency. A project Coordinator has been appointed and will be responsible for developing a communications plan.

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- **Recruitment** – AM stated that the Manager Corporate Services position had been filled and the successful applicant has commenced. The Airport Operations and Compliance Manager position is currently under offer with the successful candidate due to commence in 6-8 weeks. The Manager of Strategic Infrastructure position is currently being readvertised.
- **GAS contract** – AM stated that YBE will be purchasing GAS, NC currently holds a contract with GAS to undertake grounds maintenance. NC will roll the GAS contract over to YBE and commence the 2021 tender process in July.
- **Water outages data** - JR requested that the water outages report be included in the ops report. LT advised that a project Coordinator has been appointed to address water mains throughout the township.

7. General Business

For Decision: External Communications Policy

Moved: LW

Seconded: MN

Carried 5/0

NTG Update

JR updated board members on the recent Regional Reconstruction Committee meeting.

- DCM has recruited to a position to boost capacity for economic transition work over the coming years.
- Attempts are being made to increase the Aboriginal Interpreter Services (AIS) capacity on the peninsula, which has presented as a major issue. AIS office now based with CM & C. Historically, interpreter's positions have been difficult to fill. Positions have now been reallocated from Darwin to Gove.
- Three sections have been sealed on the Central Arnhem Road in the areas of Bulman, Goyder and Beswick section with a total of 24km sealed.
- DIPL will be in Nhulunbuy in June to outline the broader \$220m strategy for the Central Arnhem Road. The final draft of the investment strategy for consultation with the Aboriginal Reconstruction Committee

RTA Update

- VB updated town board members that the Rio Tinto indigenous leadership team on-site working to increase indigenous employees.
- Shut down is due to commence in May, which will impact accommodation availability.

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Other Business

Feedback from Elected Members

Traditional Owner representatives at Town Board meetings – LW expressed concerns that Traditional Owners are not attending board meetings. AM will follow up.

New Action:

AM to follow up with Traditional Owner representatives regarding future meetings.

Sealing of Dartnall Road – LW queried the sealing of Dartnall road and if NC is holding up the process. AM stated that it is not a gazetted road, and NC are waiting for RAC to provide a formal proposal regarding cost-sharing.

Trager Road condition – LW expressed concerns about the condition of the road. LT advised that when road works are undertaken, it would be addressed. LT to enquire about grader availability.

Airport lighting – LW expressed concerns that the cost of replacement airport lighting was at the expense of ratepayers and not RioTinto as it is a RioTinto asset. AM advised that she will raise concerns with the Board of Directors.

New Action:

AM to raise concerns regarding NC covering the cost of airport lighting.

Community Event – LW enquired on the status of the community event proposed by the Board of Directors. AM advised that it has not progressed any further. JR advised that DEAL have received funding for a commercial community event. AM requested Ryley from DEAL attend the next meeting.

New Action:

AM to invite DEAL Tourism Officer Ryley Heap to attend the next meeting

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 10:55am.

Next meeting: Tuesday 29 June 2021, commencing 8:30am.

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