

Nhulunbuy Town Board
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Tuesday 22nd June 2021 at 8:30am

Present

Allison Mills (AM)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Jim Rogers (CM)	NT Government (NTG) Representative
Lynne Walker (LW)	Member
Linda Alexander (LA)	Member
Lance Thomas (LT)	Manager Strategic Infrastructure
Tamara Rolph (TR)	Secretary
Ryley Heap (RH)	DEAL TDO Guest

1. Apologies

Christine Arnold (CA)	Member
Michael Yunupingu (MY)	Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation Representative
Dwuwalpi Marika (DM)	Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation Representative
Vicky Blackler (VB)	Rio Tinto (RT) Gove Operations
Megan Niven (MN)	Member

2. Conflict of Interest

LW recorded her interest in a Community Application which is presented for decision at today's meeting.

3. Confirmation of Minutes – 18 May 2021

Moved: LW
Seconded: JR
Carried 4/0

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 progress is taking place with the installation of the sign. - *Review July 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*

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 July 2021*

89/21 – Road line marking – Advice has indicated the works will take place in quarter 4 2021. – *Completed*

92/21 – Letter to CEO Woolworths – *Completed*

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.*

97/21 – *Water Outages Information* – Information to be included in the Operations reports – *Completed.*

98/21 – *TO Reps on Town Board* – CEO has contacted Rirratjingu and Gumatj to seek regular attendance. – *Completed June 2021.*

99/21 – *Traeger Road* – CEO noted it has been graded by some other party not NCL – *Completed June 2021.*

100/21 – *Airport Lighting* – CEO noted the airport is self-funding with additional support provided by Riotinto for large costs – *Completed June 2021.*

101/21- *Community Event proposal* – The TDO from DEAL provided information on the feasibility study occurring to investigate the potential for an Aboriginal Music Festival. Further discussion to occur on TB interests – *Review July 2021.*

5. Correspondence

In

Letter: Deputy Chief Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services.

Home Trading Application: Wellness Foods Collective

Moved: LW
Seconded: LA
Carried 4/0

Community Assistance program Application: Captain Cook Community Centre

LW left the room for this discussion and returned after.

Moved: LA
Seconded: JR
Carried 3/0

Out

Confirmation of Election of new Town Board member – Linda Alexander.

6. Monthly Ops Report May 2021

Items referenced regarding operations report.

- **Manager Strategic Infrastructure** stated that the bus shelter for Hagney park has arrived, and they are working through an installation process.
- **Airport** – AM provided an update on the status of the Manager position, with a current contract Manager in place. The new Manager is expected in the first week of July.

- **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.
- **Water outages data** – LT confirmed that the issues are with the water mains and less with the water services. Investigations are currently taking place to look at technologies which can prevent such issues and provide longevity of the infrastructure.
- **Road repairs** – LT confirmed works are being planned for the next two years to address a number of bitumen issues around town. We are working with Rio Tinto to reduce mobilising costs.
- **GHD** – error of acronym, should be GDH, Gove District Hospital. AM confirmed Mike Rogers has assisted with the use of the Town Hall for the COVID vaccination rollout.
- **Airport Mask Wearing** – AM confirmed there had been fines issued by police to those refusing to wear masks. AM stated the police had been very responsive and supportive to addressing this issue.
- **Dog Issues** – It was noted a recent dog attack on a domestic cat was very concerning. AM reported the matter was being investigated by NC's Animal Management Officer and that the dogs would be declared dangerous. The review of the by-laws will assist NC in these situations to have more authority.
- **Markets and Food Stalls/Vans** – AM stated that the new Environmental Health Officer, was conducting onsite inspections and has closed down food stall/vans where they are non-compliant. Most operators are aware of standards and requirements and abide by these.

7. For Review – Application for Development

Gulkula Mining have submitted a request to change the zoning of a residential lot in South from single dwelling to medium density. The development abides by the Town Planning Scheme. All agree to support this.

8. General Business

Rylie Heap, Tourism Development Officer provided a summary of a feasibility study into a large Aboriginal Music Festival.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9.50 am.

Next meeting: Tuesday 27th July 2021, commencing 8:30am.

Secretary:
Date:

Chairperson:
Date: