

Nhulunbuy Town Board
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Tuesday 23 February 2021 at 8:30am

Present

Allison Mills (AM)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Mel Cruickshank (MC)	Rio Tinto (RT) Gove Operations Proxy
Jim Rogers (JR) Phone	NT Government (NTG) Representative
Christine Arnold (CA) Phone	Member
Lynne Walker (LW)	Member
Dwuwalpi Marika (OM)	Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation Representative
Stacie Irving (SI)	Secretary

1. Apologies

Michael Yunupingu (MY)	Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation Representative
Megan Niven (MN)	Member

2. Conflict of Interest

AM noted a conflict of interest regarding the Community Assistance Application as she has been working with the industrial estate representatives on developing the project.

3. Confirmation of Minutes – 23 February 2021

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Moved: LW
Seconded CA
Carried 6/0

5. Business Arising from Minutes

It was resolved that the following from the **Action List** were updated (see *Action List January 2020*).

45/18: Industrial Estate Signage - AM noted that a local company engaged to begin construction of the sign, building is progressing well. An application for funding is submitted today by chamber of commerce representative for NC Partnership Program. - *Review March 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 March 2021*

66/19 Develop media protocol-AM suggested looking to other local governments policies as a guide to develop a separate media protocol for the use of elected members when required to provide comment to media agencies. - *Review March 2021*

82/20 - Home Trading and Mobile Trading Policies - Policy was approved by Board of Directors in January Meeting. Communication regarding the new policy and fee changes to begin with existing mobile traders. - *Review February 2021.*

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86/20 - *Town Centre General Safety Concerns* - AM noted that this action is completed and will be addressed in conjunction with the Town Centre Revitalisation Project and associated working group going forward. - *Completed February 2021.*

87/20 - *Airport Security Screening* - AM sent letters on behalf of the Town Board separating the two issues of changes to security screening at the airport and concerns with the air carrier on behalf of the town board to Department of Home Affairs and Minister for Transport regarding feedback from Nhulunbuy Community, no response has been received yet. - *Completed February 2021*

6. Correspondence

In

Community Assistance Grant Application - *Industrial Estate Representatives*

Documents Tabled were:

- Community Assistance Grant Application Form

Town Board members do not support the application from Industrial Estate Representatives for funding for the industrial estate signage due to applicants being commercial organisations.

Out

None Recorded

7. Monthly Operations Report January 2021

Board members referenced the following items by exception:

- Vendor machine to be relocated from Gove Airport Departure Lounge
- AM noted that two Expressions of Interest have been received for the Airport Kiosk will be on hold until new manager begins.
- Security guard at Gove Airport easily identified wearing a vest and able to hand out masks when necessary.
- Airport lighting - Temporary solar lighting has been installed and is working well for emergency flights in the interim. An electrical contractor has been engaged to complete the repair of the permanent lighting damaged by the lightning strike.
- Signage to be drafted about mandatory masks in Yolnu Martha.

8. General Business

For Discussion: Develop Media Protocol Discussion

Town Board members discussed various scenarios and decided that AM would look into other local governments policies as a guide to develop a separate media protocol for the use of elected members when required to provide comment to media agencies.

Draft Scope for Town Centre Revitalisation

AM outlined the draft, and suggested a working group be formed to progress the planning of the project.

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Nhulunbuy Corporation to facilitate bringing the stakeholders together to progress the working group with focus on designing out and crime and community safety.

DCM Update

- Recent Rainfall has made the Central Arnhem Road impassable.

RTA Update

- MC updated town board members on RTA with contractor stood down from site and all contracts with them terminated with all their employees to be demobilised. Local indigenous crews have been engaged to complete some of the civil works that would have been completed initially by the contractor.
- Civil projects recently announced are works on Melville Bay Road between the mine and the airport, also intersection near Birritjimi due to soil works being conducted in the area.
- MC will be replaced by Vicky Blackler as the representative for RTA on the Nhulunbuy Town Board.

Other Business

Community Feedback from Elected members

Liquor restrictions during Funerals- DM mentioned the increase in social trouble in Yolnu communities due to alcohol consumption around funeral times, Members noted that these concerns can be fed through to the Gove Peninsula Harmony Group.

Front Fences in Nhulunbuy- CA asked for clarification regarding installation of front fences on residential properties in Nhulunbuy, AM noted that town management agreement stated that there should be no interruption to traffic through the front of residential yards.

Painted edges of Melville Bay Road - CA mentioned the recent single vehicle accidents on this road and the possibility of some line marking on the edges of the road to give better visibility in the wet season.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9:40am.

Next meeting: Tuesday 30 March 2021, commencing 8:30am.