

Nhulunbuy Town Board
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Wednesday 27 January 2021 at 8:30am

Present

Allison Mills (AM)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Vicky Blackler (VB)	Rio Tinto (RT) Gove Operations Proxy
Jim Rogers (JR) Video	NT Government (NTG) Representative
Christine Arnold (CA)	Member
Megan Niven (MN)	Member
Lance Thomas (LT) Phone	NC Manager – Strategic of Infrastructure
Mandy Crow (MC) Phone	Member
Lynne Walker (LW)	Member
Terese Marchesi	Guest Speaker ARRCS
Mick Milde	Guest Speaker OIC NT Police - Nhulunbuy
Stacie Irving (SI)	Secretary

1. Apologies

Michael Yunupingu (MY)	Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation Representative
Dwuwalpi Marika (DM)	Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation Representative

2. Conflict of Interest

None Recorded

3. Confirmation of Minutes – 14 December 2021

4.

Moved: MN
Seconded JR
Carried 7/0

5. Business Arising from Minutes

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

45/18: Industrial Estate Signage – AM noted that a local company engaged to begin construction of the sign, an application for funding will be submitted by chamber of commerce representative for NC Partnership Program in February 2021. - *Review February 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 February 2021*

66/19 Develop media protocol – AM to contact town board elected members for a suggested media item and schedule test of protocol with procedure - *Review February 2021*

82/20 – Home Trading and Mobile Trading Policies – Policy presented for review in today's meeting TB members agreed to present to Board Members for adoption in January meeting. - *Review February 2021*.

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Chairperson:
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It was resolved that the following be added to the **Action List** were updated (see *Action List December 2020*).

86/20 – Town Centre General Safety Concerns – AM sent correspondence to NT Police Commissioner regarding concerns and request support for CCTV in Nhulunbuy. AM noted the draft scope for Town Centre Revitalisation will be presented in today's meeting. NC Manager of Strategic Infrastructure stated that four solar lights have been received, excavation permit process underway and contractors will schedule installation after approval of the permits. - *Review February 2021*.

87/20 – Airport Security Screening – AM drafted letters 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. – *Review February 2021*

6. Correspondence

In

None Recorded

Out

Letters Regarding Upcoming Amendment to Aviation Security Regulations

- Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development
- Director – Airport Security and Industry Capability Department of Home Affairs

Letters Regarding Commercial Air Services for Gove Peninsula – Gove Airport

- Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development
- Chief Executive Officer – Air North

Letter Regarding CCTV Funding for Nhulunbuy

- Minister for Police, Fire & Emergency Services

Letters of Support – Home Trading and Mobile Service Provider Permits

- Melaleuca Therapies
- Tiny Adventurer

7. 9:15AM Requested Attendee

Terese Marchesi – Project Manager East Arnhem Land Flexible Aged Care Facility -ARRCS

- Construction Began November 2020
- Will employ approximately 27 full Time Employees
- May include construction of 10 new houses for Employees
- Aims to employ locally where possible
- Engaging with various stakeholders and traditional owner groups to support training of local people to work within the facility, assess the facility's ability to meet the community's needs.
- Facility is Commonwealth Funded

8. 9:45AM Requested Attendee

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Mick Milde – Officer In Charge – NT Police – Nhulunbuy

- AM updated MM that Town Board had sent correspondence to Minister for Police, Fire & Emergency Services regarding CCTV funding and community concerns around Town Centre security.
- MM noted there had not been an increase in crime to residential properties.
- MM noted that break ins to commercial properties have increased recently and due to some businesses strengthening their individual security other businesses with lesser security measures are being targeted.
- MM noted that the offenders involved are not able to come to Nhulunbuy and thus a significant drop in crime has resulted.

New Action

AM to draft a letter to NT Police regarding Town Board Support of trialling a drug dog and handler based in Town.

9. Monthly Ops Report December 2020

Items referenced regarding operations report.

- Dog Registration Numbers in 2020 and the drop at registration renewal time.
- AM stated that NC Animal Management officer and meter readers will commence a combined town audit to identify the remaining dogs whose registrations have not been renewed in the 2020/2021 year.

10. General Business

For Decision: Mobile Vendor and Service Provider Policy

It was resolved that:

Town Board members approve the Mobile Vendor and Service Provider Policy as presented. The policy will now be presented to the Board of Directors for their approval.

Moved: CA

Seconded: MN

Carried 7/0

For Decision: Discussion Paper – TB2021.01 – Nhulunbuy Town Board – Election to fill elected member positions

It was resolved that:

Town Board members approved out of session the following recommendation:

That the Town Board:

- 1. Schedule the Town Board Elections 2021 to occur on Saturday, 27th February***
- 2. Acknowledge the timeline prepared, identifying Enrolment Day (4pm, 21st January 2021) and Nomination Day (1st February 2021)***
- 3. Appoint Mr Lance Thomas to the position of Returning Officer, and***
- 4. Appoint Ms Stacey Irving to the position of Deputy Returning Officer***

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Moved: CA
Seconded: LW
Carried 7/0

Town Board Project Funding from Board of Directors

- Town board members requested more information regarding the allocation of funding to Town Board projects in the 2021 Nhulunbuy Corporation budget.
- **AM noted the benefit of possibly using allocated funding for a resource to communicate with the community regarding a town board event and the event planning.**
- **General business item to conduct a joint planning session between Board of Directors, AM to draft an agenda to planning session and contact Tourism Officer regarding a music event in planning stages and opportunity for collaboration.**

Draft Scope for Town Centre Revitalisation

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

DCM Update

- Final COVID-19 Pandemic Plan will be endorsed by Friday and NTG to conduct public communications in the week following release.
- Revised Regional cyclone plan available on NTPFES website.

RTA Update

- VB updated town board members on RTA contractor stood down from site pending further investigations and inspections.

GPHG Update

- **AM noted the positive feedback regarding what the group can achieve and that it is a strong community action group that has the potential to address community concerns not just around alcohol but other community issues.**
- **Liquor Permit Review survey will be finishing up by the end of the month and the survey will be critical to report from the consultant.**

Other Business

Community Feedback from Elected members

Security in Town Centre – CA mentioned the increase in break ins to businesses in the Town Centre over the last 12 weeks and the lack of insurance coverage to rectify damage caused by the attacks.

Airport Masks – LW mentioned mandatory wearing of masks in Airports and Airfields and requested clarification on who can enforce the laws.

Arnhem Road Bike path crossing – MN mentioned the need for some give way signage for users of the Bike path to instruct them to give way to traffic on Arnhem Road.

Town Board Projects 2020 – LT updated board members that a bus shelter has been ordered for Hagney Park and will arrive in Nhulunbuy in approximately six weeks.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 10:30am.

Next meeting: Tuesday 23 February 2021, commencing 10:30am.

Secretary:
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Chairperson:
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