

Nhulunbuy Town Board
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Tuesday 27 October 2020 at 8:30am

Present

Allison Mills (AM) Video	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Melissa Cruickshank (MC)	Rio Tinto (RT) Gove Operations
Jim Rogers (JR) Video	NT Government (NTG) Representative
Christine Arnold (CA)	Member
Megan Niven (MN)	Member
Lance Thomas (LT)	NC Manager – Strategic of Infrastructure
Dwuwalpi Marika (DM)	Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation Representative
Stacie Irving (SI)	Secretary
Mari Tohus	Observer

1. Apologies

Mandy Crow (MC)	Member
Lynne Walker (LW)	Member
Michael Yunupingu (MY)	Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation Representative

2. Conflict of Interest

None Recorded

3. Confirmation of Minutes – 28 September 2020

4.

Moved: MC
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 September 2020*).

45/18: Industrial Estate Signage – AM noted that the action is still a work in progress - *Review November 2020*.

57/19 Pedestrian Crossing on Chesterfield Circuit – AM updated board members that these works have been placed on hold till 2021. NC will explore education and communication of the school community, both students and parents with the Nhulunbuy Primary School Principal and use of the existing crossing. Costing and scope will be drafted next year if the decision is to go ahead with the pedestrian crossing works - *Review November 2020*

66/19 Develop media protocol – AM to schedule test of protocol with procedure - *Review November 2020*

82/20 – Home Trading and Mobile Trading Policies – Review of these policies is a work in progress NC are looking into other similar policies that councils have to help with the review process. - *Review November 2020*.

Secretary:
Date:

Chairperson:
Date:

6. Correspondence

In

Email – From Concerned Town Centre Property Owner - Increase in incidences of vandalism in the Nhulunbuy Town Centre

Out

Letter of Support – Nhulunbuy Regional Sports Fishing Club – Application for Community Assistance Grant

7. Monthly Ops Report September 2020

- *Tidy Towns Awards* – AM updated board members that Nhulunbuy won two tidy towns awards; one being the Young Legends Awards for the valuable work the Nhulunbuy Youth Council has completed with the support of Department of Chief Minister, RioTinto - Gove Operations and the Nhulunbuy Corporation and the Heritage and Culture Award for the Town Vision Projects, Walking Trails and collaboration with various stakeholders and Aboriginal Corporations like Dhimurru supporting the work that they do.
- *Mobile Movie Screen & Trailer* – Recommendation approved to allocate funding for the mobile movie screen and Trailer, an Application for Capital Expenditure will be presented for signing.
- *Pool Inflatable* - Application for Capital Expenditure was signed by BOD to purchase a new inflatable as the current inflatable no longer meets Australian Standards.
- *Security in Town Centre* – DM mentioned concern regarding the security and safety of Yolgnu and Balanda people and increased damage to property.
- *Smoking in the Town Centre* – DM mentioned 'no smoking' signage in local language. AM updated DM and board members that Miwatj Health and Nhulunbuy Corporation will be conducting public promotion events in the Nhulunbuy Town Centre.

8. General Business

Vandalism Correspondence

- NC CEO received correspondence from Town Centre property owner regarding an increase in vandalism occurrences in the Nhulunbuy Town Centre.
- AM spoke to OIC at Nhulunbuy police station and he confirmed data has shown an increase.
 - Some suggestions made include relocating a taxi rank to near police station
 - Moving forward with increased lighting in the town centre
 - Removing excess vegetation to improve visibility around the Town Centre
- JR noted that in his meeting with the commissioner today he will push for a progress report on the CCTV installation in Nhulunbuy.
- AM to invite Mick Milde OIC to attend Town Board meeting and update members – November meeting.

DCM Update

- JR updated board members that the existing remote outbreak plan will be combined and used alongside an urban outbreak plan for COVID-19 and works are underway to determine how these would be applied as a combination to Nhulunbuy Town and remote communities. A full draft of this plan should be finished soon and sent to key stakeholders for feedback.

- Telecommunication outages in Nhulunbuy area, being caused fibre optic cable interruptions. Upgrade and improvement to our East Arnhem services have been discussed and commonwealth funding application is in progress to upgrade the existing services from 5GB to 100GB over the timeframe of the next two years.
- DCM have been working with East Arnhem Regional Council to apply for Commonwealth funding to extend the NBN network to Yirrkala.
- Gove Port Tourism Precinct is set to begin construction in 2021.
- New CT Scanner to be provided to Gove District Hospital.
- Additional Arts centre funding for Yirrkala and Gapiwiyak Arts Centres.

RTA Update

- Increased mining activities to be conducted near recreational areas and infrastructure so and awareness campaign with posters, radio announcements and additional signage being installed.
- Community procurement program closure works session on small business opportunities to be conducted on 5 November 12PM – 2PM at the Gove Peninsula Surf Club.

Other Business

Community Feedback from Elected members

Build-up of vegetation – CA requested NC manager of Strategic Infrastructure to review the build up of vegetation near the Miwatj health building and carpark as there could be a fire hazard.

Abandoned Vehicle Process – AM noted part of NC process is to try to trace the ownership to recover costs when removing abandoned vehicles.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9:30am.

Next meeting: Tuesday 24 November 2020, commencing 8:30am.