

**Nhulunbuy Town Board**  
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting  
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 8:30am

**Present**

Allison Mills (AM)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Jim Rogers (CM)	NT Government (NTG) Representative
Lynne Walker (LW)	Member
Christine Arnold (CA)	Member
Megan Niven (MN)	Member
Vicky Blackler (VB)	Rio Tinto (RT) Gove Operations
Tamara Rolph (TR)	Secretary

**1. Apologies**

Linda Alexander (LA)	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 – 27 July 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 July 2021*).

*45/18: Industrial Estate Signage* – AM stated that there had been positive interest from businesses who would like to participate. The sign and structure is currently under production. - *Review August 2021.*

*57/19 Pedestrian Crossing on Chesterfield Circuit* – AM stated that this project will be on hold for 2021. The newly appointed MSI would make the recommendation on how the project will proceed in the future.- *Review January 2022*

*88/21 – Fencing Policy Query on Policy and Practice* – AM stated that NC contacted all major local builders to provide feedback, but no responses were received. The Compliance Officer is currently reviewing the policy and will provide feedback to the board for review. – *Review September 2021*

*98/21 – TO Reps on Town Board* – CEO has contacted Rirratjingu and Gumatj to seek regular attendance. This will be a work in progress – *Review September 2021.*

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102/21 – Update on High Voltage Works –RTA stated that an update would be provided out of session for Chairperson to distribute. – Review September 2021.

## 5. Correspondence

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### **Home Trading Application:** Ploy Food

The application was not complete. The board has requested further information to progress further. When all information is received and the application is complete, it will be presented to the Town Board out of session for decision.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

*Carried 0/0*

### **Home Trading Application:** The Dog House

The application was not complete. The board has requested further information to progress further. When all information is received and the application is complete, it will be presented to the Town Board out of session for decision.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

*Carried 0/0*

### **Application** for Community Assistance Grant Halloween @ the Garlands

**Moved:** LW

**Seconded:** CA

*Carried 6/0*

*Out*

**Letter of Support:** Bec's Homemade Creations

## 6. Monthly Ops Report July 2021

Items referenced regarding operations report.

- **GPHG** LW requested an update on the timeline of the Liquor Permit Review. AM stated that the GPHG has accepted and endorsed all recommendations. Letters have been drafted to advise the Minister. Communications have also been drafted to notify the community of the results of the report and the survey. There will be an opportunity to provide feedback on the report and recommendations by conducting a short electronic survey.

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- **Community Garden** LW requested further information on the garden. AM stated that a site visit was recently undertaken, and NC is working on an MOU to provide support in the way of infrastructure, such as driveways and managing fuel loads and planned burns with NTFRS.
- **Drying Fuel Loads** LW raised concerns regarding fire risk and Territory Day, particularly what is in place for Nhulunbuy. AM stated that there had been ongoing communications with NTFRS, and there is little concern for risk. AM advised that the NTFRS no longer carry out prescribed fuel reduction burns unless NC identifies high-risk areas and makes a special request. Mt Nhulun was the first burn to be approved. The success of the burn has led to the approval of further planned burns to be performed on other risk areas.
- **Electronic Billing** LW noted that the shift to online billing is a positive.
- **Staff Changes ARO** LW requested further information regarding staff changes. AM advised that the ARO position has previously been casual. However, a full-time position was recently appointed. The MSI position has been appointed, and the successful candidate will be commencing in the coming weeks. The BOD are currently working through shortlisting applicants for the CEO position.
- **Waste Vouchers:** LW requested the statistics on the uptake of the vouchers. AM advised that this will be included in the September Ops Report.

**New Action 102/21** MCS to include voucher statistics in next Operations Report

- **Waste Oil Disposal:** CA advised that the Walkabout accepts waste oil and provides the shipping for disposal at their cost and inquired if this is something that NC could assist with. AM stated that is an ongoing issue. NC doesn't hold the correct licensing to accept commercial waste oil. Currently, the onus is on the individual, and they are responsible for contacting their suppliers to arrange appropriate disposal. The previous MSI was working on this, and a consultant has been contracted to provide recommendations.

## 7. For Discussion – Event Funding for 45K

The board agreed that the funding would be best suited to contribute to the 50th anniversary of Nhulunbuy in 2022. Further discussion is required.

## 8. General Business

**RTA Update** – VB stated that Rio Tinto have been focused on COVID controls and the rescheduled shutdown.

### Feedback from Elected Members

MN raised concerns regarding the damage to the shade sails at Bunggalwuy Park. AM advised that NC are aware, and a formal report has been made to NT Police report and awaiting the outcome. The estimated damage is approx. \$40k.

MN raised concerns regarding an increase in break-ins.

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MN advised that there is an increase in car dumping on Fincham Close. AM stated that BOD is currently looking at options within the Industrial Estate to assist with waste removal.

**New Action 104/21** Compliance Officer to investigate the increase in abandoned cars on Fincham Close.

LW raised concerns on the increase of large groups gathering for gambling activities that involves young children, near the Hostel.

**New Action 105/21** AM will contact local Police and Hostel to discuss.

LW advised that a section of concrete curb missing on Fusina Close that had been reported previously is still in need of repair.

**New Action 106/21** AM will follow up with MSI and provide an update at the September meeting.

CA raised concerns that refunds for tourists unable to travel due to covid were not being offered. JR advised that this is a decision of individual businesses. TR stated that Dhimurru are offering refunds to all tourists who had their booking impacted by COVID.

CA provided feedback on the NTG procedure in response to residents returning who have been in an exposure site and require testing. The communication between departments appeared disjointed.

CA stated that there is a lack of communication between Town Centre stakeholders.

**New Action 107/21** AM to invite the Chamber of Commerce Representative to attend the September meeting.

**NTG Update** – JR Provided an update on the current crime increase, NTG are working with the NT Police and Territory Families Agencies do discuss potential measures. There is a broader longer-term response which includes a range of interventions for families to address the causes of the increase in criminal behaviours.

**New Action 103/21** AM to draft a letter to the Commissioner expressing the level of community concern.

JR advised that the Central Arnhem Road investment strategy has been sent out. There is 100km of road that is identified as priority work. The works first stage is completed at Beswick with and the Goyder section. The Bulman section of works is commencing soon

Telecommunications work has started. Optic fibre has been installed into the Arnhem Space Centre. Improvements in the service coverage should start improving.

NTG have signed off on the \$2.5Million Buku Arts Centre and Gapuwiak Art Centre expansion project.

**NC Update** – AM informed the board that excavations have started to install the bus shelter located at Hagney Park.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 10.20 am.

Next meeting: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021, commencing 8:30am.

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