

Nhulunbuy Town Board
 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
 Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
 Tuesday 28 May 2024 at 8:30am

1. Present

Shane Whitten (SW)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Vicki Blackler (VB)	RTA Representative
Jim Rogers (JR)	NTG Representative
Nathan Graetz (NG)	Member (Teams)
Wesley Van Zanden (WVZ)	Member
Stacie Irving (SI)	Secretary

2. Apologies

Catherine Fielke (CF)	Member
Megan Niven (MN)	Member

3. Conflict of Interest

None Noted

4. Confirmation of Minutes – 23 April 2024

Moved: JR
Seconded: VB
Carried 5/0

5. Business Arising from Minutes

It was noted that the following from the **Action List** were updated (see *Action List April 2024*).

112/22 – Changes to Town Board Agenda items for TO Inclusion – SW noted that he had been in continuing discussions with Traditional Owners Organisations and NC is pleased to confirm that RAC have nominated a representative to attend Nhulunbuy Town Board meetings going forward. An induction will be conducted with Mandaka Marika and the first meeting he attends is proposed to be June 2024. GAC has declined the town boards invitation to provide a nominated representative. – *Review June 2024*.

113/23 – Town Centre Revitalisation Committee – SW updated board members that NC is still progressing an application for a CBF minor grant to install electrical infrastructure in the Town Centre to better facilitate events and activities to be held in the area. SI will organise NC meeting with Activate Territory team in June to discuss ideas for activation for Nhulunbuy Town centre. - *Review June 2024*.

114/23 – Traffic Management Parking Near PFES Building – Available Town Board members, Chairperson and Secretary conducted a site visit to the area on Matthew Flinders Way prior to the scheduled meeting. Board members discussed the feedback communicated from NT Police that they were not supportive of the installation of public parking in the area due to increased visual obstruction to their view when exiting the NT Police carpark and compound. Board members nominated to leave the taxi area in place to limit obstruction to the provision of essential services from NT Police and NTPFS with driveways in near proximity. It was also decided that the Taxi services in town have

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adequate designated areas on three sides of the shopping precinct so no further designated taxi ranks should be installed. – *Completed May 2024.*

115/24 – RAC Project Management Presentation – SW to invite RAC project Management Representative to attend May meeting and present information on upcoming RAC project activities. RAC to attend this meeting. Completed May 2024.

116/24 – Activate Territory – NC to set up a meeting with Activate Territory to ascertain the support available to activate spaces in Nhulunbuy Town Centre Areas. SI will organise NC meeting with Activate Territory team in June to discuss ideas for activation for Nhulunbuy Town centre – Review June 2024.

6. Correspondence - In

For Decision: Application for Community Assistance Grant – Gove Peninsula Surf Club

Document Tabled were:

- Community Assistance Grant Application Form
- Public Liability Insurance Certificate of Currency
- Quote to purchase tables.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members support the application for Community Assistance funding to provide new tables for patrons of the venue to utilise.

Moved: WVZ

Seconded: SW

Carried 5/0

For Decision: Application for Community Assistance Grant – 4C's Community Centre.

Document Tabled were:

- Community Assistance Grant Application Form
- Public Liability Insurance Certificate of Currency
- Project Plan
- Budget including additional grant funding sought.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members conditionally support the application for Community Assistance funding to assist in creating a mural on the external walls of the community centre subject to the attraction of further grant funding approvals to ensure completion of the project.

Moved: JR

Seconded: SW

Carried 5/0

7. Correspondence – Out

Letter of Support – Community Assistance Grant – Arafura Dance Association Troupe.

Town Board members noted the correspondence as tabled.

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Letter of Approval to Change Permitted Trading Hours – Mobile Trading Permit – Gove Momo House.

Town Board members noted the correspondence as tabled.

8. Monthly Ops Report April 2024

The Nhulunbuy Town Board tabled and noted the Operations Report for April 2024 with the following items referenced by exception.

By-laws – SW noted that NC received confirmation that the NTG draftsman has begun drafting the by-laws, but NC are yet to receive the first draft for review. This amplifies the importance of NC's recruitment of a Compliance Officer.

Engineer Recruitment – NC still in the process of short-listing candidates.

Trial Changes to Liquor Permit – JR requested an update on feedback received, if any from board members regarding the extension to the trial. All present members noted the lack of any feedback and the general community acceptance of the extension. WVZ gave good feedback on the community radio communication where the nuisances of the changes to the permit system were explained well.

Recycling – WVZ board members that he had received queries regarding recycling activities on the Gove Peninsula. SW noted that a weekly recycling regime on Town lease like other local government jurisdictions would require significant additional resources resulting in likely raised costs needing to be passed onto ratepayers. Certain processes are available on Town lease, such as the 'cash for cans' arrangement offered by a contractor in the industrial estate. NC has approached an organisation who facilitate the recycling of plastics however they have experienced significant delays in mobilising the required machine to the peninsula.

9:00am – Master Planning / Land Tenure Presentation – Zoe Fitzgerald – Regional Coordinator – East Arnhem Office, Department Chief Minister, and Cabinet.

The presentation covered the following discussion:

- CM & C have instigated the procurement / tender process to engage an Architect / Town Planner and / or multi-disciplinary Consultant to engage with Traditional Owner Organisations and the broader community to create a Master Plan. The tender evaluation is by a panel including TO organisations and other stakeholders.
- Consultant to review the current situation, including aspirations regarding land use, liveability, resident patterns and relationships between socioeconomics and cultural considerations.
- SW noted that Nhulunbuy Town Plan is in existence now with types of zoning, will the masterplan take into consideration the existing plan and align in some way with the current process.
- Timeline for the project will be July 2024 to May 2025.
- TO vision (2019) is a large part of the masterplan development.
- Land Tenure consultancy has commenced with KPMG providing a full report to the Gove Futures Reference Group by September 2024.
- TO vision notes a model that supports investment attraction and continued expansion of the current service centre of Nhulunbuy for East Arnhem Land.
- Limitations of lending to investors in the current land tenure climate was also discussed.
- SW noted the importance of the town governance decisions in the context of the Nhulunbuy Corporation and future project funding allocations.

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10:00am – Rirratjingu Property Management Team Presentation – Sean McCarthy, Michael Zampa, Wanyubi Marika and Brock Simon.

The presentation covered the following discussion:

- Introduction to RAC projects with outline of upcoming proposals.
- Wanyubi explained his connection to Nhulunbuy and outlined history of RAC and vision for the future collaboration with other stakeholders such as Rio Tinto, NTG and the Nhulunbuy Corporation.
- RAC representatives outlined the projects comprising of the workers camp on Arnhem Road, the residential subdivision and spoke about the commercial development on Arnhem Road and some off lease projects such as further workers camp accommodation and caravan park tourism precinct.
- RAC are also supporting growth on the peninsula with upgrades to their quarry, the Yirrkala store and the installation of a training facility to help facilitate onsite training for organisations in East Arnhem Land.

9. General Business

VB requested an update on recent events in and around Nhulunbuy, JR suggested that the Nhulunbuy Town Board request bi-monthly catch up with NT police as this will encourage communication via the Nhulunbuy Town Board to the community in an accurate and measured way and ensure a less emotive and more productive discussion at an upcoming proposed community forum.

NG offered that the most important aspects of the proposed community forum would be that multiple stakeholder involvement to ensure extensive collaboration.

New Action 117/24 - NC to invite OIC from Nhulunbuy Police to attend next month's Town Board Meeting – Review June 2024.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 10:38am.

Next meeting: 8:30am Tuesday 25 June 2024.

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