

Nhulunbuy Town Board
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Tuesday 25 June 2024 at 1:30pm

1. Present

Shane Whitten (SW)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Catherine Fielke (CF)	Member
Joel Oliver (JO)	RTA Representative (Proxy)
Melissa Beasley (MB)	NTG Representative (Proxy)
Wesley Van Zanden (WVZ)	Member
Stacie Irving (SI)	Secretary

2. Apologies

Nathan Graetz (NG)	Member
Megan Niven (MN)	Member
Vicki Blackler (VB)	RTA Representative
Jim Rogers (JR)	NTG Representative

3. Conflict of Interest

None Noted

4. Confirmation of Minutes – 28 May 2024

Moved: SW
Seconded: WVZ
Carried 5/0

5. Business Arising from Minutes

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

112/22 – Changes to Town Board Agenda items for TO Inclusion – SW noted that NC were hoping to have the RAC representative attend the June meeting however with a timing issue their likely first meeting will be July 2024. An induction will be conducted with Mandaka Marika. GAC has declined the town boards invitation to provide a nominated representative. – Review July 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. SW and SI have met with Activate Territory team and have discussed ideas for activation for Nhulunbuy Town centre along with a proposed visit to Nhulunbuy in the second half of 2024. SW to provide information regarding shade structures to be installed around Town in the July meeting. - Review July 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.

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117/24 - NC to invite OIC from Nhulunbuy Police to attend next month's Town Board Meeting Representatives from NT Police are attending today's meeting. – Review July 2024.

6. Correspondence - In

None Noted.

7. Correspondence – Out

Letter of Support – Community Assistance Grant – Gove Peninsula Surf Club.

Town Board members noted the correspondence as tabled.

Letter of Conditional Support – Community Assistance Grant – 4C's Community Centre.

Town Board members noted the correspondence as tabled.

NC have received confirmation of funding outlined in the initial application, this confirmation was presented to town board members out of session and the funding was approved.

8. Monthly Ops Report May 2024

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

Incidents – SW noted that only one incident occurred in the May period throughout NC and noted the significant difference to the seven recorded during the April period.

Recruitment – NC still in the process of interviewing short-listed Operator candidates and have commenced on boarding the successful Officer with induction to begin in July.

Snake Awareness Training – NC Airport team have already dealt with a snake hazard at the Gove Airport Terminal since the organisation wide training was conducted.

CEO Action List – Updates as follows:

- Revitalisation committee explained previously in address action 113/23 – *Town Centre Revitalisation Committee.*
- RTA legal are following regarding the use of the building in Nhulunbuy South.
- Installation of additional disabled car parks in Woolworths carpark due to be completed June 2024.
- NC have received the first draft of the new by-laws for review.
- MN still following up with the property Owners regarding a decision about replacing the bins in Bunggulwuy units.

JO requested further information on NC treatment of abandoned vehicles, SW noted that NC are rarely required to deal with abandoned vehicles however with the occurrences currently being treated on a case by case basis, NC enquire as to the vehicle ownership and try to communicate directly with the vehicle owner or property managers, if NC are instructed by NT Police (vehicle is a traffic obstruction / presents a danger to the community) NC assist with removal and then contact the owner.

New by-laws will inform the process going forward with NC having the ability going forward to issue infringements.

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2:00pm – NT Police Acting Officer in Charge – Brentley Holmes and Superintendent - Jody Nobbs

The presentation covered the following discussion:

- They described with statistics indicating the crime pictures over the Gove Peninsula and local Nhulunbuy Community.
- SW noted town board members intention to conduct these presentations on a three-monthly basis going forward.
- Alcohol abuse is a significant catalyst for violence in NT and rates of alcohol consumption are among the highest nationally and worldwide. There is a direct correlation between alcohol consumption and alcohol related harm, particularly in the NT. The NT has 4 times the national average of road trauma and fatalities. 31 Fatalities in 2024, and total fatalities annually for 2023 was 30. Four times the number of domestic and family violence incidents. Tree times the national average number of assaults. Three and half times the national average unauthorised entries and car theft etc.
- Nhulunbuy Police have increased their updates on social media and want to address harmful narratives on social media platforms locally, by ensuring accurate information regarding crime activity and police strategies to address this activity is made public.
- SW noted that some of the content of the community meeting contain information / tips on how residents can make their property less attractive to thieves.
- SW requested information about the influence of the liquor permit changes have had on the NT police data. NT Police representatives noted that the AMS now has very detailed information regarding purchases which helps with identifying instances of secondary supply easily.
- CF asked about NT police involvement in youth programs to help specifically engage with at youth to build positive relationships.

9. General Business

SW updated board members during the welcome regarding the correspondence that NC have received from local member of parliament for a community forum with a particular focus on the anti-social and crime incidents occurring on the Gove Peninsula now.

NC note that we can make the Town Hall available to hold the meeting and facilitate the meeting with the primary goal to gather information for various stakeholders to provide updates in a follow up time.

The proposed date to hold the meeting will be after the school holidays towards the end of July.

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

Next meeting: 8:30am Tuesday 30 July 2024.

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