

Nhulunbuy Town Board
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Tuesday 26 May 2020 at 8:30am

Present

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

1. Apologies

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

2. Conflict of Interest

None Recorded

3. Confirmation of Minutes – 28 April 2020

Moved: LW

Seconded CA

Carried 8/0

4. Business Arising from Minutes

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

45/18: Industrial Estate Signage – AM met with Dave Suter Chamber of Commerce and Hannah Fincham-Thomson who raised the Industrial Estate signage whilst a Town Board Member in 2019. An application has been submitted to Northern Land Council for a building permit to install the signage. Funding of \$3,000 has been secured from the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. - *Review June 2020*.

57/19 Pedestrian Crossing on Chesterfield Circuit – Request for Quotation process has closed with two submissions received. Given the significant cost AM and NC Manager – Strategic Infrastructure will discuss quotes received and report back to Board Members - *Review June 2020*

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

68/20: Bench Seating for Matthew Flinders Way – LT updated Town Board that two bench seats will be received in approximately 3 to 4 weeks – *Review June 2020*.

69/20: - *Bollard removal near Catholic church* –NC Manager – Strategic Infrastructure presented discussion paper to Town Board members, they agreed to the recommendations as follows – *Review June 2020*

Recommendations

Lions Park

Replace two horizontal sections of current post and rail sections that are missing and resecure other horizontal sections that are loose. Seek community feedback on their suggestions during June 2020 and then develop a proposal for the Town Board.

Catholic Church

On the Matthew Flinders side of this area (where vehicles park) it has been agreed to remove the bollards and install concrete wheel stops. However, until appropriate concrete wheel stops can be sourced, and a secure method of placing them firmly in position is provided, the existing bollards should remain to stop “creep” of vehicles towards the road. On the other side of the entry into the Catholic Church it is proposed to remove the bollards altogether; there are rock barriers and trees to stop vehicle parking.

Corner of Melville Bay Rd/Matthew Flinders Way

Keep the existing bollards and re-paint them.

71/20: –*Each Town Board member to come up with three priorities for town board projects*
– Discussion in General Business – *Review May 2020*

77/20: *House Numbering* – AM updated that house numbers have been sourced and installed in Leach Road area. NC will build into the Building Application process the allocation of street numbers to new lots being developed – *Completed May 2020*

79/20: - *Dumping of vehicles* – AM noted that there is a non-compliance process that NC can implement. NC will begin by communicating with industrial estate businesses regarding the removal of vehicles and prioritise those that may compromise safety or those causing damage to the environment. MC requested that those vehicles causing safety issues will be prioritised to be attended to first. – *Review June 2020*

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

5. Correspondence

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Application for Home Trading – Arnhem Collective

Documents Tabled were:

- Home Trading Application Form
- Email Correspondence regarding trading times
- Detailed Plans of property
- Letter of support from property owner
- Insurance Certificate of Currency

It was resolved that:

Town Board members support the application for home trading permit in principle, with the condition that the 'occasional carport setup' is limited to a maximum of one per quarter (1 every three months).

Moved: LW
Seconded: MN
Carried 8/0

Monthly Ops Report March 2020

- *Water Services Graphs* – LW requested clarification on the water service graphs, LT noted that the last three years were depicted so that seasonal trends can be recognised.

For Decision – Discussion Paper – Town Centre Bench Seat Proposal

It was resolved that:

Town Board members support the recommendation from this discussion as follows:

The positioning of the seats in the two locations & allocation of funds is provided out of the Town Boards 2020 funding.

AM to seek RTA approval to place seats in areas noted.

Moved: LW
Seconded: CA
Carried 8/0

For Decision – Proposal for Timber Bollards throughout Nhulunbuy

It was resolved that:

Town Board members support the recommendation from this discussion as noted in the action list above 69/20: - *Bollard removal near Catholic church.*

For Discussion – Discussion Paper – Town Board Projects – Shortlist for BOD

- Bus Shelter – Hagney Park – NC to contact Kansas Transportation and get usage figures from school bus service and YBE to seek further information regarding bus stops on their bus route.
- Town Centre Plan – Refresh – AM noted the combination of RTA and private ownership, NC to engage in collaboration and plan with key stakeholders and future of Town Centre. MC updated the Town Board regarding completion of recent RTA lighting audit & planned works to repair lighting in Town Centre area.
- Movie Screen – Town Board support in principle the idea of sourcing this piece of equipment for NC use at events and hire to community organisations.
- Playground Equipment – Will be managed in NC annual budget process. Auditing and maintenance of existing equipment is a main priority.
- Lighting & Security – JR to update Town Board Members on NT Police CCTV project priority for 2020/ 2021 financial year.
- Nhulunbuy Sign – deferred to next year given it will be too costly to include in Town board projects for 2020 year.
- Widening Footpaths on Nhulunbuy Town Lease.

- Mount Nhulun – Board walk installation or height of towers increased.
- Town Centre Sculpture or Art piece for Town Centre Entrance
- Sealing of the Surf Club Car Park – MC noted the costs associated with mobilising plant to complete small jobs and suggested collaborating with other sealing projects.
- Youth Council – Mural Art project at Hindle oval, there may be an opportunity for Town Board to partially fund as part of their 2020 projects.

AM to draft project short list for presentation to BOD for their consideration.

For Discussion – Smoke Free Working Group

- AM called for a volunteer from the Nhulunbuy Town Board to join the working group, DM agreed to represent the Town Board within the group.

6. General Business

DCM Update

- JR updated Town Board regarding the lifting of biosecurity restrictions on 5 June 2020, transit permits will be re-issued by the Northern Land Council Gove office or online to travel the Central Arnhem Road.
- Chief Economic Reconstruction Commission is developing groups in each region to work with REDC to engage with strong input into the group.
- Public health officers will be visiting the region to help businesses with COVID planning and re-opening information.
- Significant NTG funding allocated to Youth Council school holiday programs.

RTA Update

- RTA Gove Operations are still enforcing COVID-19 restrictions on staff and contractors.
- Announcement of funding to Careflight of \$500k.

Gove Peninsula Harmony Group Update

- Harmony Group – Lower numbers of incidents in region due to alcohol restrictions implemented on Nhulunbuy Liquor outlets during COVID-19. Miwatj elders' group would like to see some restrictions continue.
- NTG grant application successful for \$20K for a formal review of the alcohol permit system.
- Gambling was flagged by the GPHG members as an issue that impacts children.
- Drug action group applying for funding to boost community communications.

Other Business

Community Feedback from Elected members

- *Vegetation from vacant block* - LW followed up email sent to NC regarding an owner occupier issue of vegetation from a vacant block, LT to follow-up with property owner.
- *Vehicles Abandoned Around Town Lease* - MN noted the number of vehicles abandoned on tracks around Town Lease and that she will update AM on the hot spots out of session.
- *4C's Community Centre Receipt of Community Benefits Grant* – LW updated Town Board that the 4C's received funding of \$248K to refurbish the building and repair damaged to the roof.
- *NC Rates Relief* – AM updated that Nhulunbuy Corporation and RTA have approved approximately 15K of Relief to various organisations for Property Rates, Utilities and Airport rent.

- *Motorbikes on Tracks around Town Lease* – The Town Board members noted concern at the number of unregistered vehicles being driven on tracks.

New Action: AM to arrange a meeting with stakeholders to discuss this issue.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 10:45am.

Next meeting: Tuesday 23 June 2020, commencing 8:30am.