

**Nhulunbuy Town Board**  
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting  
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 8:30am

**Present**

Allison Mills (AM)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Jim Rogers (CM)	NT Government (NTG) Representative
Lynne Walker (LW)	Member
Linda Alexander (LA)	Member
Jay Marika (DM)	Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation Representative
Vicky Blackler (VB)	Rio Tinto (RT) Gove Operations
Stacie Irving (SI)	Secretary

**Apologies**

Christine Arnold (CA)	Member
Megan Niven (MN)	Member
Michael Yunupingu (MY)	Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation Representative

**1. Conflict of Interest**

None Recorded

**2. Confirmation of Minutes – 24 August 2021**

**Moved:** LW

**Seconded:** JR

*Carried 5/0*

**3. Business Arising from Minutes**

It was noted that the following from the **Action List** were updated (see *Action List August 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 are currently under production. - *Review October 2021*.

*57/19 Pedestrian Crossing on Chesterfield Circuit* – AM stated that draft budget 2022 funding has been allocated to develop a scope of works and feasibility study. 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 NC Development and Compliance Officer has reviewed the policy and is provided for feedback in today's meeting. – *Completed September 2021*

*98/21 – TO Reps on Town Board* – CEO to keep liaising with Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation to seek regular attendance. Rirratjingu has nominated a representative to attend regular meetings (Jay Marika). – *Review October 2021*.

*102/21 – Update on High Voltage Works* –RTA stated that all Hi Voltage projects have been completed. RTA are working on better isolation during unplanned power outages that will result in smaller areas impacted. – *Completed September 2021.*

*103/21 – Waste Management Facility Vouchers* – MCS provided voucher statistics of 77 used by residents at the Waste Management Facility to 31 August 2021 – *Completed September 2021.*

*104/21 – Abandoned Cars on Fincham Close* – DCO is monitoring, and vehicles are being removed by business owners. – *Completed September 2021.*

*105/21 – Increase in Groups Gathering at Arafura Memorial Park* – AM sent email to police regarding concerns around large groups gathering for gambling activities that involve young children. – *Completed September 2021.*

*106/21 – Missing Curb on Fusina Close* – Work request has been raised with NC infrastructure team, update on works progress will be provided in September operations report. – *Review October 2021.*

*107/21 – Support for local Town Centre Businesses* – Chamber of Commerce representative Alicia Byron attended presenting information on her role with CCI and ICN. – *Completed September 2021.*

*108/21 – Current Crime Increase* –AM drafted letter to the police commissioner expressing the level of community concern copy included in correspondence out. – *Completed September 2021.*

#### **4. Correspondence**

*In*

##### **Invitation to contribute to East Arnhem Live Feasibility Study**

- NC Chief Executive Officer and Community Development Coordinator will attend stakeholder interviews.

##### **Email Request from Resident to Name Bus Stop at Hagney Park**

- NC to draft a process or procedure for naming, board members are happy to decide out of session.

##### **Letter from Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation regarding Appointment of new CEO.**

- Town Board noted the correspondence as tabled with no further comment.

##### **Application for Partnership Program Grant – Community Gardens**

- Ten to twelve members of this incorporated community group aim to grow edible food to share with the Nhulunbuy Community.

##### **Documents Tabled were:**

- Community Assistance Grant Application Form
- Quotes for green house, mulcher, wheelbarrow, potting mix lawnmower and hose etc to be purchased

##### **It was resolved that:**

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Town Board members support the application for Community Assistance Grant funds from the Nhulunbuy Community Gardens for the purchase of listed gardening supplies.

**Moved:** VB

**Seconded:** LW

*Carried 5/0*

### **Out**

**Letter of Support:** Community Assistance Grant – Halloween @ the Garlands Event

**Email regarding Mobile Trading Application** – The Doghouse

**Email regarding Mobile Trading Application** – East Arnhem Treats

**Letter to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services; Treasurer; Minister for Multicultural Affairs – Hon Nicole Manison** - regarding increased crime rates in Nhulunbuy.

### **5. 9:15AM Requested Attendee**

**Alicia Byron – Regional Manager / Industry Advisor – Chamber of Commerce**

- Based in Nhulunbuy at the DEAL office to maintain a strong presence in the East Arnhem region
- ICN is a database of businesses promote capability of NT businesses through a portal of EOIs and projects and works to match works packages from RTA with local businesses
- Chamber of Commerce a not-for-profit business since 1957 that promotes itself as an effective platform to lobby issues impacting businesses in the region, with representation on various other councils.
- CCI has produced a revised services guide offering workplace industrial relations and compliance guides along with contract and other templates for use by members along with a financial fitness program to be offered.

### **6. Monthly Ops Report August 2021**

Items referenced regarding operations report.

- **Industrial Estate Clean up Initiative** – AM noted that the Nhulunbuy Corporation will be conducting a clean up initiative giving 50% fees at the Gove Peninsula Waste Management Facility for the month of October to all industrial estate businesses. Town Board members supported this initiative.
- **Town Centre Revitalisation Projects** - AM updated the board members on the commencement of instant improvements such as large all-weather toy boxes to encourage families into the town centre. The Town Revitalisation working group will also be conducting a pop-up stall at the community markets to gauge community ideas and feedback.
- **Disability Action Plan** - LW requested clarification regarding contents of the Disability Action Plan, AM noted that allocation of funding in Nhulunbuy Corporation draft budget 2022 to develop a scope of works to upgrade the town centre toilet facilities.

- **Nhulunbuy Youth Council Projects** – queried the structure awaiting demolition to make way for the basketball project at Hindle oval, AM noted that the structure was assessed and was no longer compliant and needed to be removed.

**New Action 109/21** Nhulunbuy Youth Council member to be invited to Nhulunbuy Town Board meeting in next school holidays.

## **7. For Discussion – Review of Nhulunbuy Corporation Animal Management By-laws**

The board agreed that the amendments were all constructive and approved in principle the necessary changes to the existing By-laws.

## **8. For Discussion – Fencing Policy**

The board agreed that the amendments were all constructive and approved in principle the necessary changes to the existing fencing policy and asked if Jay could take the revised policy to Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation for their feedback.

**New Action 110/21** RAC representative to take suggested amendments to Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation for feedback.

## **9. For Noting – Development Application – Rirratjingu Investments Wet Mess Conversion**

AM noted that due to the change in the direction of activities from community purpose to commercial the property needs to be re-zoned by RTA.

## **10. For Discussion – 2022 Capital and Operational Budget**

AM to send out of session to Town Board members.

## **11. General Business**

**NTG Update** – Community consultation regarding the regional sport and recreation plan and priorities to be fed back to board members by AM in next Town Board meeting.

**Vaccine Roll Out** – JR noted the necessity to get regional vaccination rates up.

### **Feedback from Elected Members**

LW raised an issue with electronic billing and outstanding balance, AM noted that this was the first time NC trialled this type of billing with templates to be amended before the next quarter billing cycle.

Seat at Hagney park needs to be removed as there was a lot of slats missing.

Cemetery works

- Toilet block signage broken needs replacing
- Pile of limestone and debris needs removing
- Exposed stumps that need removal.

LA bought up during the COVID-19 vaccination clinics in town recently there has been a lot of residents without updated Medicare address details.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021, commencing 8:30am.

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