

Nhulunbuy Town Board
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Tuesday 22 November 2022 at 8:30am

1. Present

Max Duncan (MD)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Jim Rogers (JR)	NT Government (NTG) Representative
Vicki Blackler (VB)	Rio Tinto (RTA) Gove Operations
Linda Alexander (LA)	Member
Megan Niven (MN)	Member
Stacie Irving (SI)	Secretary

2. Apologies

None Recorded

3. Conflict of Interest

None noted

4. Confirmation of Minutes – 27 September 2022

Moved: LA
Seconded: JR
Carried 5/0

5. Business Arising from Minutes

It was noted that the following from the **Action List** were updated (see *Action List September 2022*).

57/19 Pedestrian Crossing on Chesterfield Circuit – MD updated board members that a detailed planning has been completed. MD will present the plan to BOD regarding co-funding this and other grant applications with a view to inclusion in the NC budget 2023. The review date for the action to be updated to January to allow time to present NC budget 2023 to Board of Directors for decision. - *Review January 2023*.

111/22 – Recycling Storage in Wet Season – MD still in communication with local contractor (NEAL) regarding the requirements for container storage. MD further discussed waste management regarding the collection of recyclables during the wet season as well as the possibility of an ongoing recyclable container collection from residences to minimise containers being disposed of into landfill. NC has spoken to a contractor already processing recyclables about using their area as a hub for recycling with no agreement in place at present. The restructuring of the waste collection regime is being considered in the NC 2023 budget process. – *Review January 2023*.

112/22 – Changes to Town Board Agenda items for TO Inclusion – MD conducted discussions with Gumatj and Rirratjingu and will present revised process for TO representation on Nhulunbuy Town Board. MD to review the current meeting agenda calendar and present to the TB regarding the inclusion of specific agenda items to focus on Yolgnu leader involvement. NC to develop and engagement plan for traditional owner groups. – *Review February 2023*.

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6. Correspondence - In

Application for Home Trading – All Arnhem Electrical

Documents Tabled were:

- Community Assistance Application Form
- Insurance Certificate of Currency
- Home Trading Application Assessment
- COVID Action plan
- Qualifications
- Business Plan

It was resolved that:

Town Board members support the application to conduct a Home Trading Business as a mobile electrical business.

Moved: JR

Seconded: VB

Carried 5/0

7. Correspondence – Out

Letter of Support – Community Assistance Grant – Carols by Candlelight Event

Town Board members noted the correspondence as tabled.

8. Monthly Ops Report October 2022

Items referenced by exception in the October operations report:

- **Vehicle Use** – MD has addressed vehicle use and issued internal directives as to the appropriate use of heavy and light vehicles on a daily operational basis.
- **NC Changes to Staff** – Plant Operator has commenced, Mechanic/Plant Operator has commenced, a second plumber position has been filled and a lifeguard Support position has also been filled. The Building & Compliance role is under consideration by NC although NC will consider the commencement of a broader Compliance Officer position.
- **NAC Playground Equipment** – Tender has been let and equipment has been purchased and the works to commence in late January 2023. Unfortunately, NC have had to remove the play equipment that was situated at Leach Road and Bunggluwuy area due to safety concerns and associated vandalism.
- **Gove Peninsula Harmony Group** – MD disseminated correspondence to members outlining discussions that NC had with NTG and addressing the source of funding required to implement changes to the liquor permit management system.
- **Mowing Contract** – Contract is up for renewal, small changes to the contract will be implemented, with maintenance focus on the Town Centre to allow NC staff to focus on revitalisation and other areas requiring operational needs.

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- **Water Charges & Rates** – Discussion has been conducted with the department of treasury with a submission into the department regarding a regulatory system. A benchmarking system was discussed.
- **Water Infrastructure Mapping** – NC have completed the installation of the Taggle automated meter reading system and in association with that a separate heat mapping system of water service and main bursts to assist in prioritising of future water works and budget allocation.
- **Community Engagement** – MD noted that NC currently working on significant engagement in the upcoming months to cover topics such as matters affecting ratepayers, water users, fire service levies, other daily service charges and the implementation of a differential rating system.
- **Dog Registrations** – NC have implemented changes to the 'dog registration year' which now runs for the calendar year January to December, this means that there has been a period of engagement regarding community dog registration to encourage all residents ensure their dogs are registered.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members approved the Operations Report for October with no exceptions.

Moved: VB

Seconded: MN

Carried 5/0

9. General Business

Bin Sticker Project

MD noted that NC have conducted meetings with local vendor who has assisted by providing two different products with different pricing for the two options, NC is minded to go with the local provider.

NC will roll out the Bin Stickers once sufficient consideration has been given to possible changes to the weekly waste collections and possibility of the implementation of recycling schemes.

JR to investigate minor grant funding through NTG road safety funding rounds and report back to the Nhulunbuy Town Board in early 2023.

Australia Day Award Nominations 2023

MD to circulate nominations received for voting out of session, the closing date for nominations is the 25 November 2022.

For Decision – Town Board Elections

It was resolved that:

Two nominations have been received for the two vacant positions.

Town Board members noted and accepted the election of Ineke Wallis unopposed and extend the nomination timeframe to give the second nominee the opportunity to successfully nominate or alternatively allow the opportunity for others to nominate for the remaining vacant position.

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Feedback from Elected Members

- **Arafura Park (Cenotaph)** – LA noted that prior to Remembrance Day, a local contractor helped the RSL replaced the flag ropes that had been vandalised and remove graffiti from the memorial wall. LA also brought up the gathering of people in the area conducting gambling activities. MD noted that he would write to the OIC of NT police regarding the gambling activities going on in the memorial park area, Franklyn Street Carpark and the Hindle Oval areas. JR noted that approaching the Gove Peninsula Harmony Group could assist with communicating with traditional owner groups regarding this matter.
- **Pathway Near Bunggulwuy Units** – MN noted the recent increase in vegetation over the pathway between the last house and the Bunggulwuy units also the firebreak and weed control needs to be completed in the same area. In addition to this MD to speak with NC infrastructure team to commence the clearing of the increased vegetation in that area.

RTA Update – Vicki Blackler

VB updated that the community update meeting on the evening of 22 November 2022, registration is necessary in order to attend.

NTG Update – Jim Rogers

Noted that when considering the update to the meeting structure and agendas for 2023 the possibility of a three-monthly briefing by the NT police OIC on topics such as crime figures and other policing initiatives on the Gove Peninsula could be a valuable community engagement opportunity.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9:24am.

Next meeting: To be confirmed.

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