



MINUTES OF THE PAPUNYA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
PAPUNYA COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2024 AT 10:30 PM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:33AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Karen McDonald

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /
NOMINATIONS**

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Karen McDonald, Member Casey (Sammy) Pearce and Member Terrence Abbott.

Members Graham Poulson and Sarah Stockman attended via Teams from the Alice Springs Office.

Councillors:

Councillor Dalton McDonald, Councillor Tommy Conway and President Roxanne Kenny

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – CEO, James Walsh – Area Manager, Shae Thompson – Coordinator Governance & Strategy, Lance Wayling – Coordinator Youth Services Sports & Recreation, Emma Boughton – Coordinator Youth Services Western Region, Ashley Robertson – Team Leader Community Safety and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Liz Scott – Manager Community Safety, Kitty Comerford – Manager Housing & Projects and Ruth Tahere – Coordinator Infrastructure & Projects attended via Teams

Guests:

Jessica Scrutton – Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet Representative

Ben Hump – NTG Housing, Mardi Haselton and Jeketi Kachigunda - NIAA Representatives, Jarred Anderson and Greg Drew - Representatives Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation

Tin Truck Representatives Glendle Schrader, and Dr David Scrimgeour attended via Teams

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Justine Stockman

Absentees:

Councillor Jason Minor

3.3 Resignations

Member Sammy Butcher

3.1, 3.2 & 3.3 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES/RESIGNATIONS

PLA2024-036 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Tommy Conway)

That members:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies to the meeting;
- c) accepted the resignation of Sammy Butcher, recognising his contribution and hard work as a member of the Local Authority.

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the vacancies on the Local Authority (the Authority) and to apprise members of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act)

A vacancy arose due to the membership of Sebastian Allen being terminated for being absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

PLA2024-037 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that due to a resignation being received, a second vacancy was created; and
- b) declared community nominations open to cover the two vacancies.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

PLA2024-038 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Casey (Sammy) Pearce)

That the Papunya Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES PAPUNYA

PLA2024-039 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Tommy Conway)

That the Papunya Local Authority accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the following meetings as true and correct records of the proceedings:

- a) the ordinary meeting held 16 November 2023; and
- b) the provisional meeting held 10 July 2024.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

PLA2024-040 RESOLVED (Graham Poulson/Sarah Stockman)

That the Papunya Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

PLA2024-041 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Terence Abbott)

That members raised the following matters, noting that Council will action as part of Council operations:

- requested a speed hump and bollard in Raggett St
- speed bumps in Nyirritjukurrpa St, Bush St and Phillipus St
- scraping the oval in preparation for the footy presentations on 29 November
- six (6) signs for exclusion area of Men's business

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

PLA2024-042 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Terence Abbott)

That members:

- a) raised and discussed the following matters for General Non-Council Business:
 - Outstations – Members noted that the CEO will discuss possible grant funding with the NTG Representative and will investigate more on grant processes through Northern Territory Aboriginal Investment Corporation.
 - Request DIPL to install large Directional signs for heavy vehicles and signs to slow down requested.
- b) accepted the presentation from Jarrod Anderson – Cultural Advisor for Ngurratjuta who spoke about the Justice Reinvestment Program and requested that Ngurratjuta be invited to the next meeting.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

PLA2024-043 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Karen McDonald)

That the Papunya Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

PLA2024-044 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Karen McDonald)

That the Papunya Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 TIN TRUCK AND ASSOCIATES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Tin Truck and Associates wish to present to Council information regarding the project "Communities wanting to transition Health Clinics to Aboriginal Community Control".

PLA2024-045 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Casey (Sammy) Pearce)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and considered the presentation by Tin Truck and Associates;
- b) agreed that a meeting should be held between Mt Liebig, Papunya and Haasts Bluff communities to discuss the project; and
- c) advised the consultants that as the part of the local decision making process, Ngurratjuta should also be included in the discussions.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) and invested in projects to benefit and improve the community.

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. e.g. park fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. e.g. trailers, graders, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures/stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community facilities, e.g. sporting venues, upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation; upgrade of women's or men's sheds /shelters.
- Festivals or other events – to be conducted only within the Local Authority area LAPP has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions. It is important to note that 'at risk funds' are funds that may include unallocated funds and funds allocated to projects, however, remains unspent.

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PLA2024-046 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$84,947.29 are funds at risk as at 30 September 2024;
- b) noted that \$16,441.10 are funds available to spend;

- c) Notes the progress on the current projects as follows:
- 2192 – Mature, established trees, noting that Member Terrence Abbott will take responsibility for the project to determine what plants and trees would be suitable in Papunya. It was noted that a joint effort between Ngurratjuta and Council to supply the plants for a Nursery could be considered.
 - 2193 – Band equipment, noting that the Coordinator Youth Services Western Region was sourcing additional quotes;
 - 2501 – Windows and Seats for Church restoration, allocating an additional \$20,000.00, to cover costs on the Invisigard Security Screens for the windows four fans that will be installed on a central beam;
 - 2505 – Yarning Circle, allocating an additional \$5,000.00 with members agreeing to purchase the customisable park furniture as per PFA's quote.
 - 2508 – Outdoor Chapel, reconfirming that the Chapel is to be installed next to the existing Church.
- d) Closed Projects:
- 2194 – Softball lighting, returning \$40,000.00 to unallocated as the lighting was impractical and the community did not have the financial means to support a complete lighting system at this time. Members agreed to move this project to the wishlist;
 - 2196 – Plaques to commemorate the Aboriginal Pastors, returning \$4,518.00 to unallocated, noting that Pastor Graham will take possession of the plaques and the Civil team to install at the locations as advised by Pastor Graham;
 - 2241 – Canteen Container – returning \$25,000.00 to unallocated as a canteen was included in the proposed Sporting upgrades;
 - 2506 – Garden Shed with tools, returning \$2,229.94 to unallocated as the project was completed;
- d) Created two new projects:
- Healthy Community event, allocating \$45,000.00; and
 - Trailer Bin, allocating \$18,000.00 for one bin.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

PLA2024-047 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that no funds were allocated at the 10 July meeting;
- b) noted that the funds must be spent and goods received by 30 June 2025;
- c) allocated \$1,000.00 towards the band and food for the Football Presentation on the 29 November;
- d) allocated \$1,500.00 for a community Christmas event; and
- e) allocated \$1,500.00 for a community New Year event.

9.3 ROADS, FLEET & WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the management of Roads, Fleet & Waste Management for MacDonnell Regional Council within the community of Papunya

PLA2024-048 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Tommy Conway)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted this report.

9.4 PEOPLE & CAPABILITIES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Authority members insight into MacDonnell Regional Council staffing diversity and employee distribution among communities. Attached is the latest HR Demographic report which will represent the current staff details of MRC including number of employees based in Alice Springs and MRC Communities and monthly staff turnover.

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

PLA2024-049 RESOLVED (Graham Poulson/Sarah Stockman)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Peoples and Capabilities report for the Community of Papunya.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Papunya across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

PLA2024-050 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That the Papunya Local Authority noted and accepted the Council Services Report.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety, Children's and Youth Services.

PLA2024-051 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Casey (Sammy) Pearce)

That the Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Community Services report for Papunya Community;**
- b) noted that a Team Leader in Childcare has been appointed and is anticipated to start in community on the 11th November; and**
- c) a casual Educator has been recruited to support the Centre re-opening.**

11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

11.1 FINANCE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 August 2024 in the Local Authority Community.

PLA2024-052 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Dalton McDonald)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 August 2024.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Under item 6.2, Member of the Papunya Local Authority have an opportunity to table items that they wish to discuss at General Council Business.

PLA2024-053 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Dalton McDonald)

That the Papunya Local Authority noted that the matters raised were addressed at item 6.3.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet provides any necessary updates in regard to Northern Territory Government Services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members were given the opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

PLA2024-054 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- **discussed the matters raised at item 6.3:**
- **advised that the road into Kintore was not in the best condition;**
- **closed the action – Request financial aid from the Church;**
- **accepted the introduction from Ben Hump – Coordinator for NTG Housing (Tenancy); and**
- **advised that Papunya has issues with their septics and sewer systems that has been outstanding for many years and needs to be updated.**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2025

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:35 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Papunya Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 31 October 2024 and were confirmed Wednesday, 5 February 2025..