1. MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.32am

2. WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

2.1 Welcome to Country – Ken Porter
2.2 Attendance – Members and Councillors
2.3 Attendance – Staff and Visitors

Local Authority Members:
Ken Porter, Glenys Porter, Terry Abbott

Councillors:
Barry Abbott, Roxanne Kenny

Staff:
Rohan Marks (A/Director, Community Services), Rachel Walsh (Governance Support Officer), Kathy Abbott (Council Services Coordinator), Ken Newman (Area Manager)

Visitors:
Bobby Abbott – Community member

3. APOLOGIES AND ABSENTEES

3.1 Apologies / Absentees

Apologies:
Cr Braydon Williams, Bernard Abbott, Leah Thomas

Absentees:
Delena Abbott

3.2 Resignations

Nil received

4. COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT (MEETING RULES)

4.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct
Motion:
(a) That the Local Authority note and accept the MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct.

MOVED: Ken Porter
SECONDED: Cr Barry Abbott
CARRIED

4.2 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared at this meeting.

Motion:
(a) That the Local Authority note and accept the Conflicts of Interest Procedure and declare any conflicts of interest.

MOVED: Cr Barry Abbott
SECONDED: Terry Abbott
CARRIED

5. MINUTES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

5.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the last Local Authority Meeting.

Motion:
(a) That the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on 11 February 2015 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

MOVED: Ken Porter
SECONDED: Terry Abbott
CARRIED

5.2 Issues / Action arising from Minutes

Nil

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

7. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

8. COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

8.1 Standing Items Report – Actions Register
Read through by Rohan Marks

Basketball Court – Ongoing
Discussed public liability
Who’s responsible if someone gets hurts?
Could insurance could cover the basketball court during a sporting event?

Action: The local authority seek further advice and investigation regarding public liability over the Basketball Court, and whether the Council could take out a lease on the lot that court is on for the purpose of the court being covered by Councils Public Liability policy.
To note: The local Authority would like sport and recreation activities for youth in the community.

**Housing Reference Group – Ongoing**
The Local Authority won’t make a decision until a NT Housing representative attends a Local Authority meeting to explain what they require from the Local Authority.

**Grader Blade (cattle grids) – Ongoing**
**Action:** The Local Authority requests that the cattle grids (on the access road) be cleaned out, and if council funds permit, that the grids be raised as part of the planned road works so as to allow for run off water to run through the grids so they “self clean”.

**Fuel Pumps – Ongoing until complete**
Shade structure designs were shown on the screen with various options presented, Ken Newman recommended the most suitable and cost effect shade structure.

The Local Authority approved the recommended shade structure.

MOVED: Terry Abbott  
SECONDED: Glenys Porter  
CARRIED

**Number of Meetings – Ongoing**
The Local Authority wants to keep this on the Actions Register until a response has been received from the Minister for Local Government and Community Services.

**Motion:**
(a) That the Local Authority note and accept the Standing Items Report – Action Register.

MOVED: Ken Porter  
SECONDED: Glenys Porter  
CARRIED

**8.2 Complaints received**

Nil

**Motion:**
(b) That the Local Authority note and accept that no complaints were received.

MOVED: Ken Porter  
SECONDED: Barry Abbott  
CARRIED

**8.3 Council Services Coordinator Report**
*Read through by Kathy Abbott*

**Motion:**
(c) That the Local Authority note and accept the Council Services Coordinator Report.

MOVED: Ken Porter  
SECONDED: Terry Abbott  
CARRIED

**9. LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS**
9.1 Local Authority Plan

**Motion:**
(a) That the Local Authority note and accept the costings to the Local Authority Plan.

MOVED: Ken Porter  
SECONDED: Cr Barry Abbott  
CARRIED

10. FINANCE

Nil

11. OTHER BUSINESS

**PowerWater**

Sandhill tank has a split and request that council approach PowerWater to fix the split as it is leaking badly.

Stop-Tap on the ablution block next to the fuel pumps has not been fixed, meter keeps ticking over as it's constantly dripping and costing money.

*To note:* Kathy Abbott advised that PowerWater are scheduled to assess the Sandhill tank split and to repair stop-tap at the ablution block on Friday 24 April 2015.

Tidy Towns – Heimo Schober will be visiting Tuesday 21 April 2015 to talk about the 4 star rating the community has, and to see how its going. There is a concern that NT Housing houses are not being cleaned up, whilst the community itself is clean. Ken Porter ask if it was possible that council could park a trailer/truck outside the fence line of those houses that need assistance with rubbish removal. The Local Authority could then talk to tenants to come to a mutual agreement on a preferred date for rubbish removal.

**Actions:**
1. Can Council provide a trailer/truck outside the fenceline of NT Housing houses for rubbish removal.
2. If ‘yes’, The Local Authority to speak to NT Housing tenants about cleaning up their yards.

**Feral Animals/Community Dogs** – Ken Porter handed out photos of injured cattle, groups of dogs on the hunt and dead dogs.

**Resolution:** That the Council at the next council meeting discuss the introduction of a by-law regarding the control/destruction of feral animals/community dogs to reduce the number of attacks on cattle and domestic animals. The Local Authority is looking for protection for domestic animals and cattle, and ways to manage the problem of feral animals/community dogs.

MOVED: Ken Porter  
SECONDED: Terry Abbott  
CARRIED

**Orchard** – Terry Abbott noted that the trees are dying, and there’s a tank next to the orchard that can be filled from a bore.

Questions:
Who looks after the bore? The Community or Powerwater?  
Who will be responsible for the power and maintenance for the bore and pump?
**Action:** The Local Authority requests that the Council investigate these questions and report back to the Local Authority. Who owns the bore, maintains it and pays for it?

12. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3 June 2015

13. MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 11.40am

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