



MINUTES OF THE PAPUNYA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN
PAPUNYA ON THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2024 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENED

PLA2024-1 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That members of the Authority declared a provisional meeting and opened the meeting at 10:40am.

2 WELCOME

Welcome to Country - Chairperson Karen McDonald

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Local Authority Members

Chairperson Karen McDonald, Member Graham Poulson (via Teams) and Member Sammy Butcher.

Member Justine Stockman arrived at 11:10am

Councillors

President Roxanne Kenny, (via Teams) and Councillor Tommy Conway

Council Employees

Aaron Blacker - Director Technical Services (via Teams) Liz Scott - Manager Community Safety & Library Services (via Teams) Stuart Millar - Area Manager Service Delivery, Emily McBride - Manager Aged Care, Emma Boughton - Community Service MacYouth, Rochelle Dean - Council Services Coordinator, Rosana McCormack - MacCare Papunya, Damien Ryan - Governance Officer.

Guests

Bruce Fyfe - Representative Chief Minister and Cabinet, Peter Renehan - CEO, Levina Phillips, Thomas Gorey, William Quall - Centre for Appropriate Technology, Skye Haigh, Peter Young - Ekistica, Nina Lawrence - Papunya School, Katharine O'Donoghue - MLA

Chancey Paech Office, Kirsten Kelly - Northern Territory Electoral Commission (via Teams)
Community member Ashley Spencer

Apologies

Member Sarah Stockman, Member Sammy Pearce and Deputy President Dalton MacDonald

Absentees

Councillor Jason Minor, Member Sebastian Allen and Member Terrence Abbott

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance/Apologies/Absentees

PLA2024-1 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Graham Poulson)

That the Authority:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies received from Deputy President Dalton MacDonald, Members Sarah Stockman, Sammy Pearce; and
- c) noted absences without notice of Councillor Jason Minor, Members Sebastian Allen and Terrence Abbott.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

PLA2024-2 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Graham Poulson)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

PLA2024-3 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Sammy Butcher)

That members noted the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th November 2023 and were not resolved as this was a provisional meeting.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

PLA2024-4 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at this meeting.

ITEM NUMBER:	6.2
TITLE:	Notification of General Business Items

PLA2024-5 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority noted that members provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

1. Youth Board Assistance Request
2. Softball Lights

ITEM NUMBER:	6.3
TITLE:	Notification of Matters Raised in General Non-Council Business items

PLA2024-6 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Graham Poulson)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority noted the matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business as follows:

1. Church Scope of Works

7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

PLA2024-8 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Justine Stockman)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest Policy.

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	CfAT - Keeping Places Project
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Centre for Appropriate Technology (CfAT) is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander controlled business, based in Alice Springs and has been operating for over 40 years.

Representatives are in community to inform members of the project to design and construct Keeping Places for object and artefact storage.

PLA2024-9 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) noted the presentation on the Project – Keeping Places; and
- b) provided feedback to the Representatives on locations, designs and employment.

ITEM NUMBER:	8.2
TITLE:	NT Electoral Commission
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The NT Electoral Commission (NTEC) is an independent government agency responsible for the impartial conduct of Northern Territory Legislative Assembly and Local Government elections. Our work aligns to a four-year cycle, with the next Legislative Assembly election scheduled for August 2024 and Local Government elections scheduled for August 2025.

PLA2024-10 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Graham Poulson)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority noted and accepted the presentation from the NTEC Representatives.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Local Authority Projects
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

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. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.

- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example, upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council’s own Local Authority area.

It is important to note that \$112,026.26 are funds that are at risk of being returned to NTG. This amount is from funds committed to current Projects but remains unspent as well as unallocated funds.

PLA2024-11 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Graham Poulson)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) acknowledged that the funds at risk of being returned to NTG was \$112,026.26
- b) noted the progress on their projects as follows:
 - Project 2196 - Plaques to commemorate the Aboriginal Pastors, accepting that 10 (ten) Blank Plaques be purchased.
 - Project 2241 - Canteen Container, noting that if no progress is made by the next Papunya LA meeting, then seek quotes for a new fitted out container.
 - Project 2501 - Windows and Seats for Church Restoration, noting that a quote was pending.
 - Project 2504 - Car Loading Ramp, receiving \$3,000.00 from Project 2505 for completion.
 - Project 2505 - Yarning Circle, requesting the location be moved from Night Patrol Area to the Old Softball space and to re-allocate \$3,000.00 from its current balance to Project 2504.
 - Project 2506 - Garden sheds with tools for Cemetery.
 - Project 2507 - Disco Lights and Speakers for Recreation Hall, requesting quotes.
 - Outdoor Chapel with side shutters for the Cemetery, noting that MRC are in negotiations with Central Land Council re. land agreement

ITEM NUMBER:	9.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each financial year, MacDonnell Regional Council grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority. These funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (*with goods received*) between 1 July and 30 June.

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

PLA2024-12 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Graham Poulson)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted that the music equipment was purchased;
- b) noted that no Purchase Orders were raised for Christmas or New Year festivities;
- c) discussed to spend the remaining balance of \$1,443.63 to a Community Easter BBQ; and
- d) noted that any funds not spent, will be returned to MRC if not expended by 30 June 2024.

10 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Service Delivery Report
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

PLA2024-13 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Sammy Butcher)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority noted and accepted the Service Delivery report for Papunya Community.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Community Services Report
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

PLA2024-14 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Sammy Butcher)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
TITLE:	People and Capabilities Report
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Authority members insight into MacDonnell Regional Council staffing vacancies to help generate local community engagement and direct involvement in supporting Council's strategic goals of Developing Communities and being a Supportive Organisation.

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

PLA2024-15 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Graham Poulson)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) **accepted the report recognising the vacant positions within the Community; and**
- b) **supported to encourage community residents to apply.**

ITEM NUMBER:	10.4
TITLE:	Income and Expenditure Report
AUTHOR:	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2023 in the Local Authority community.

PLA2024-16 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority noted and accepted the Income and Expenditure report as at 31 December 2023.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS RAISED

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	General Business
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.2, the Members of the Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

PLA2024-17 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority discussed the matters raised at Item 6.2 and noted the following:

- **Add Youth Board request to the Projects wish list- Request \$5,000.00 to purchase Band equipment and instruments and**
- **Add Soft Ball Lighting to the Projects wish list.**

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	General Non-Council Business
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

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.

PLA2024-18 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Sammy Butcher)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority discussed the matters raised at Item 6.3 and noted the following:

- **Action Register - awaiting a reply from Finke River Mission on ownership and who manages the Churches in the Western Desert Region.**
- **Add scope of works to Project 2501 Church Restoration to include Minor repairs - Drinking Water and Cooling Fans for the Church.**

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 6 JUNE 2024

Date of next meeting - Thursday, 6 June 2024 and held outside the Council office.

13 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 1.10pm

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Papunya Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 14th March 2024.