



MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD
IN THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 8
SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:39AM as a provisional meeting due to Quorum not being met.

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR

WLA2022-037 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Terry Abbott)

That the Provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and nominated member Billy Porter as a Chairperson of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Members present were welcomed to the meeting.

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Terry Abbott and Billy Porter

Councillors:

Councillor Mark Inkamala

Council Employees:

Jeff MacLeod, CEO MRC, Gaurab Ghimire, Admin Governance and Kiearan Abbott, Admin Council Services

Guests:

Amanda Abbott, Community Resident

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny, Cr Bobby Abbott, Member Pamela Abbott, Colin Craig and Howard Abbott

Absentees:

Nil

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDENCE, APOLOGY AND ABSENTEES

WLA2022-038 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Terry Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted attendance and accepted apologies to the meetings.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the vacancies available on the Local Authority and to advise the Authority of any changes to the Act.

The local authority noted and accepted the resignation of Chair Ken Porter and Member Daniel Abbott at the meeting held 13th April 2021 that resulted in the creation of two vacancies on the Authority.

A nomination has since been submitted by Billy Porter and as a consequence, there is one vacancy remaining on the Authority.

As the Local Authority has not appointed a Chairperson, it is recommended that the Authority nominate a chair at this meeting.

WLA2022-039 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted Billy Porter's nomination is endorsed by OCM;**
- b) welcomed Billy Porter to the Local Authority;**
- c) appointed Billy Porter as a chairperson of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority;**
- d) noted that the nomination has been received by community resident Amanda Abbott; and**
- e) requested that the nomination be endorsed.**

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

WLA2022-040 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority of 13 April 2022, be adopted as a resolution of Wallace Rockhole Local Authority.

Minutes note: Confirmation of previous meeting wasn't discussed at this meeting as the provisional meeting cannot confirm the minutes of the meeting held with full quorum.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

WLA2022-041 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

WLA2022-042 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Terry Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted that the members have not provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business but Jeff MacLeod, CEO has update on the following;

- **Upgrading roads – this is one of the priority and will be followed though after Areyonga road upgrade takes place with the support from NTG and Federal govt funding.**

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

WLA2022-043 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Terry Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted that the members have not provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

WLA2022-044 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Billy Porter)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

WLA2022-045 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Billy Porter)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 LUTHERAN CARE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Lutheran Care is seeking to share with local authority members their upcoming project proposal for the community. Lutheran care is providing awareness and information about the cashless debit card and its features to the community members.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority notes and accepts the presentation & information shared by the Lutheran Care representatives.

Minutes note: This item wasn't discussed as there were no one in attendance from Lutheran care.

8.2 LOCAL DECISION MAKING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Local Decision Making enables Wallace Rockhole to get NT Government agencies to the table to present full information about issues that residents could then make informed decisions on.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the discussion on Local Decision Making.

Minutes note: This item wasn't discussed as there were no one in attendance from Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

WLA2022-046 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Terry Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received; and
- b) kept the action on hold until NTG planning group comes on board and re-convinced regarding pending action item, community development consultant WLA2022-118.

9.2 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.

WLA2022-047 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and;

- a) noted and discussed the spending of its 2021/2022 Discretionary fund;
- b) noted the new allocation of their 2022/2023 Discretionary fund; and
- c) noted that the funds can be expended by submitting a discretionary fund letter with majority members.

9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

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.

There is currently \$12,400.00 of unallocated funds from the 2021/2022 project funds grant that must be expended (*with goods received*) by 30 June 2023.

Project funds from 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 were fully allocated to Infrastructure

WLA2022-048 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Terry Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted and accepts the progress of their projects as follows;
 - Project 2221, Boundary Fence – PO has been raised, supplies and materials are due to arrive on 8 Sep 2022, kept project open until completed;
- b) noted and discussed the possibility of engaging CDP to assist in the work required for boundary fence and Jeff MacLeod responded that the Service Delivery Director will be notified to work out the logistic side of this task such as wages and hours; and
- c) approved the closure of completed projects 2222, BBQ Trailer and returned the unexpended funds \$1,522.80 noting that the rego for the trailer be paid from the balance remaining if this hasn't been paid yet.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 CSC REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Finke across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

WLA2022-049 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Terry Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the attached CSC report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 June 2022 in the Local Authority community.

WLA2022-050 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Terry Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 30 June 2022.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to give members the opportunity to discuss with Council the General Business matters raised at item 6.2

WLA2022-051 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted that matters regarding road raised at Item 6.2 was updated by Jeff MacLeod at 6.2;
- b) closed the completed action item from the previous meeting as follows;
 - Rubbish – Rubbish is collected Tuesday and Thursday
 - Roads – Hazard signs have been ordered
 - Trees – Tree branches and leafs have been slashed
 - Potholes – bigger ones has been done.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to note and discuss the matters raised at item 6.3 and to be informed of any updates to the actions relating to services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

WLA2022-052 RESOLVED (Billy Porter/Mark Inkamala)

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted that no Non-Council Business items were raised at item 6.3;
- b) noted that the DCM&C representative were absent to the meeting;
- c) closed the outstanding action that have been addressed by Jeff Macleod as follows;
 - Grog/Alcohol – Wallace Rockhole has remained as dry community and permanent resident of the community can apply for permit if they choose to do so;
 - Power to the community hall – Power has been cut off and users need to pay for the power option.
- d) requested that the DCM&C representative attend the next LA meeting and address the matter on Local Decision Making and Community development consultant.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER, 2022

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:45am pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 8 September 2022 and was confirmed Wednesday, 25 January 2023.