



MINUTES OF THE PAPUNYA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
PAPUNYA COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 3 JUNE 2021 AT 10:40 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:40 AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR

PLA2021-037 RESOLVED (Punata Stockman/Sammy Butcher)

The Papunya Local Authority nominated Member Linda Anderson as Acting Chair of the Papunya Local Authority Meeting of 3 June 2021.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Acting Chairperson Linda Anderson

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Punata Stockman, Member Sammy Butcher, Member Linda Anderson and Member Graham Poulson

Councillors:

Cr Tommy Conway, Cr Dalton McDonald, Cr Sarah Stockman and President Roxanne Kenny

Council Employees:

Luke Everingham (Acting Director Community Services), Alex Knight (Manager Service Centre Delivery), Michelle (Shelli) Perry (CSC Papunya), Kaylee Mitchison (Youth Engagement), Dominica (Min) Roebuck (Community Engagement Officer) and June Crabb (Governance Administration Officer)

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe (Department Chief Minister and Cabinet), Michael Hacche (Homeland Services), Michael Smith (Australian Bureau Statistics), Yash Srivastava (Department of Health), Henley Taka (Remote Strategy Coordinator), Nettel Hitila (Papunya Police) and Philip Russell (Principal, Papunya School)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Chair Karen McDonald

Absentees:

Member Taralyn Major, Member Isobel Gorey and Member Terence Abbott

3 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

PLA2021-038 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Graham Poulson)

That the Papunya Local Authority noted the attendance, apologies and absentees of the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

Nil

3.4 Terminations

Nil

3.5 Nominations

Nil

Item 8 – Deputations/Guests Speakers was moved from between item 7.2 and item 9

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 REMOTE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE STRATEGY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Wanta Aboriginal Corporation is contracted by the Federal Government to run the Remote School Attendance Strategy (RASA) in Papunya, as well as seven other communities in the NT. They are seeking to improve school attendance and have more families play an active role in their children's education.

PLA2021-039 RESOLVED (Linda Anderson/Graham Poulson)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) Noted the presentation; and**
- b) Supported and encouraged strategies that improves school attendance and builds positive family-school relationships.**

8.2 INDIGENOUS EYE HEALTH, NT TRACHOMA PROGRAM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

IEH started in 2008 with the goal of improving Indigenous Eye Health. The NT Trachoma Program started in 2009 and is committed to eliminating blinding trachoma from remote communities in the NT.

Trachoma prevalence continues to be above 5% for the Central Australian region which means the spreading of infection of Trachoma could continue to stay high or even increase if not addressed by screening and treatment.

PLA2021-040 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Linda Anderson)

That the Papunya Local Authority

- a) Noted the deputation; and**

- b) Agreed to continue supporting the NT Trachoma Program to deliver screening and treatment services provided by the Trachoma Nursing team.**

The Chair accepted the impromptu deputation from the Australian Bureau Statistics.

8.3 AUSTRALIAN BUREAU STATISTICS

PLA2021-041 RESOLVED (Linda Anderson/Sammy Butcher)

That the Papunya Local Authority noted and accepted the presentation on the Census.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

PLA2021-041 RESOLVED (Linda Anderson/Punata Stockman)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

PLA2021-042 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Graham Poulson)

That the Minutes of the Papunya Local Authority of 8 April 2021 be adopted as a resolution of Papunya Local Authority.

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

6.1 That the papers circulated are received for consideration at the meeting.

6.1 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

PLA2021-043 RESOLVED (Punata Stockman/Sarah Stockman)

That the Papunya Local Authority received the papers circulated for consideration at the meeting.

6.2 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

PLA2021-044 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That the Papunya Local Authority provided notification of the following matters to be raised in General Council Business.

- 1. Car Ramp**
- 2. Rubbish Tip**

- 6.3 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

6.3 NOTIFICATION ON NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

PLA2021-045 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That the Papunya Local Authority provided notification that no matters were raised in Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

PLA2021-046 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Dalton McDonald)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

PLA2021-047 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Dalton McDonald)

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

Item 8 – Deputations/Guest Speakers was moved to between item 3.5 and item 4.

Break for lunch at 12.35pm
Meeting resumed at 1.12pm

President Roxanne Kenny was unwell and excused herself from the meeting.

The Chair accepted the visual presentation from the MRC Policy Team.

POLICY REPORT

PLA2021-048 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Punata Stockman)

That the Papunya Local Authority noted and accepted the visual presentation on policies.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

PLA2021-049 RESOLVED (Punata Stockman/Sarah Stockman)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) Noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received;**
- b) Kept open Action ‘Signs to slow traffic down going to Outstations’;**
- c) Kept open Action ‘Invite Waltja Representatives to discuss providing feedback**

- on families supporting their children in attending school;
- d) Kept open Action 'Night Patrol Hours can be extended' and request that Night Patrol be invited to the next Local Authority Meeting to discuss options on how best to support them;
- e) Kept open Action 'Youth Board to bring their members to the next Local Authority Meeting';
- f) Kept open Action 'Youth Board proposals and incentives for children to attend school';
- g) Kept open Action 'Youth Board to raise a request for financial support to travel to Melbourne in 2022 and bring school information to the meeting of the youths wanting to attend';
- h) Kept open Action 'Investigate the possibility of a new road from the Church to the Cemetery'; and
- i) Closed the following Actions 'Invite Henley Taka', 'Invite the Principal of Papunya School', 'Invite Homeland Services', Invite Clinic Manager and 'Youth Board to arrange a meeting to discuss the NT Treaty'.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Papunya Local Authority receive Project Funds from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet for investing in local government community infrastructure projects.

There is a total un-committed balance of \$55,367.66 to allocate in this community.

\$0.00 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

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PLA2021-050 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Punata Stockman)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) Noted the amended Project Report tabled at the meeting;
- b) Kept open Project 2096 – Softball Diamond;
- c) Kept open Project 2310 – Water at Oval;
- d) Kept open Project 2312 – Roof for Stage, clear the overspend of \$2,861.50 as approved by the Director Technical Services and commit \$3,000.00 towards freight and installation;
- e) Kept open Project 2315 – Oval Cracker Dust. The CSC Papunya advised that this project is linked to the Sports Ground Extension and suggested that the two projects be combined. The Local Authority will consider at the next Local Authority meeting.
- f) Kept open Project 2319 Cemetery and Church Signs and received a quote from PlazArt Metal Work of \$7,744.00 for each sign;
- g) Kept open Project 2320 – Blackboard for Church;
- h) Kept open Project – Lights for Basketball Court and request that Technical Services provide options for lighting;
- i) Add to wishlist items – Plaques to commemorate the Aboriginal Pastors, request that the CSC seek quotes and with the assistance of Pastor Graeme to write the scripts for the plaques;
- j) Add to wishlist items – Stage at Church with trees and seating. To follow on after the Church is restored;
- k) Add to wishlist items – Car Ramp and placed in the general location at the

- back of the store; and
- l) Requested that the wishlist item - 'Restore Church' be a high priority item.**

9.3 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission *to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.*

An important strategy in the Regional Plan asks each Local Authority to guide the input into their Community Infrastructure Plan to meet a 2020-21 Regional Plan objective that MRC's infrastructure meets community needs.

PLA2021-051 RESOLVED (Graham Poulson/Punata Stockman)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) Noted and accepted the report; and**
- b) Provided feedback towards the Papunya Infrastructure Plan.**

9.4 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money must benefit everybody. This money cannot be carried over from year to year and it must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

PLA2021-052 RESOLVED (Punata Stockman/Linda Anderson)

That the Papunya Local Authority noted and discussed the spending of their 2020/21 Discretionary Funds.

9.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY ASSISTANCE WITH THE REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission *to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.*

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff to meet the objectives of the 2020-21 Regional Plan.

PLA2021-053 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Tommy Conway)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) Noted and accepted the report; and**
- b) Provided guidance and supported for MRC staff to meet the objectives of the MRC 2020-21 Regional Plan.**

At this point the Local Authority Meeting moved into a provisional meeting due to Councillor Tommy Conway returning to Kintore.

It was noted that the Local Authority found it unacceptable for Local Authority members to leave a meeting without a legitimate reason.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

PLA2021-054 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Linda Anderson)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council to note and accept the attached report prepared by Shelli Perry, Council Services Coordinator, Papunya.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE PAPUNYA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

PLA2021-055 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Linda Anderson)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council to note and accept the Community Services report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 April 2021 in the Local Authority Community.

PLA2021-056 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Linda Anderson)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council to note and accept the expenditure report as at 30 April 2021.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the beginning of the meeting, under 6.2, members of the Papunya Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business 12.1

PLA2021-057 RESOLVED (Linda Anderson/Punata Stockman)

That the provisional meeting of the Papunya Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council to note and discuss the General Business Items raised at Item 6.2:

1. Rubbish Tip

The Local Authority have requested access into the waste facility so they can dispose of their own rubbish.

Service Centre Delivery has advised that it is for the safety of the residents that the gate is locked and the bins provided should be sufficient. The LA requested that Service Delivery develop a video interpreting how the waste facility has been set up.

2. Car Wrecks/Removal.

The Local Authority have asked if an area can be set aside to allow people to look for car parts from the car wrecks that have been collected.

Service Delivery will investigate and respond at the next Local Authority Meeting.

3. Centrelink.

The Local Authority have asked when the Centrelink office will be open. Service Delivery will respond at the next Local Authority Meeting with more information.

Note: Car Ramp was discussed at Projects and added to the wishlist items and the Infrastructure Plan.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet was in attendance to provide any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members of the Papunya Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business 13.1.

PLA2021-058 RESOLVED (Punata Stockman/Sammy Butcher)

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

- a) Note and discuss the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3; and,
- b) Note and accept the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- c) Keep open Action – ‘Kintore Road’; and
- d) Close the following Actions – ‘Sealed Roads’, ‘Water Pressure’ and Covid 19 Vaccination’.

1. Papunya Leadership Meeting.

The Representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet advised that there was a Papunya Leadership meeting on the 15th June 2021. He invited all members of the Local Authority to attend to discuss solutions in getting children to attend school and suggested that Papunya Community set up a School Council.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2021

14 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 4:16 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Papunya Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 3 June 2021 and was confirmed Friday, 10 December 2021.