



MINUTES OF THE PAPUNYA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
PAPUNYA COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY, 8 APRIL 2021 AT 10:35AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:35AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chairperson Karen McDonald

One minute silence was held to remember Community members who had passed.

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chair Karen McDonald, Member Punata Stockman, Member Sammy Butcher, Member Taralyn Major, Member Linda Anderson, Member Isobel Gorey, Member Terence Abbott and Member Graham Poulson,

Councillors:

Cr Tommy Conway, Cr Dalton McDonald, Cr Sarah Stockman and

Council Employees:

Donelle (CT) Fraser (Acting Director Service Delivery), Michelle Perry (CSC Papunya), Cherie Forbes (Manager Youth Services), Danielle Schaeche (Coordinator WHS), Michael Mitchell (Coordinator Community Safety), Kaylee Mitchison (Youth Engagement Officer), Min Roebuck (Community Engagement Officer) and June Crabb (Governance Administration Officer)

Guests:

Enock Menge (Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet), Mathew Adams-Richardson (Office of Warren Snowden), Henley Taka (Manager, (Remote School Attendance Strategy for Wanta Aboriginal Corporation), David Fleming (Family Health for Waltja Aboriginal Corporation), Swastika Aryal (Family Health for Waltja Aboriginal Corporation), Terrance This is page 2 of 11 of the Minutes of the Papunya Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 8 April 2021 Forrester (Waltja Aboriginal Corporation) and Jarrod Menge (NDIS, Waltja Aboriginal Corporation)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny

Absentees:

Nil

1.1 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

PLA2021-001 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Punata Stockman)

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

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

PLA2021-002 RESOLVED (Sammy Butcher/Dalton McDonald)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

PLA2021-003 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Graham Poulson)

That the Minutes of the Papunya Local Authority of 24 September 2020 be adopted as a resolution of Papunya Local Authority.

Item 8 – Deputations/Guest Speakers has been 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.

PLA2021-004 RESOLVED (Sammy Butcher/Linda Anderson)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) Noted the presentation;
- b) Supported and encouraged strategies that improves school attendance and builds positive family-school relationships; and
- a) Requested that the Community Engagement team invite Henley Taka to the next Local Authority Meeting and to bring the statistics showing school attendance between April 2021 and June 2021.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) Note the deputation; and
- b) Continue to support the NT Trachoma Program to deliver screening and treatment services provided by the Trachoma Nursing team.

Note: This item was not discussed as the Representative for the NT Trachoma Program did not attend the meeting.

8.3 WALTJA TJUTANGKU PALYAPAYI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi Aboriginal Corporation (Waltja) is an Aboriginal controlled, community-based organisation doing good work with families, which is grounded in strong culture and relationships. Waltja's foundation is the leadership of strong Aboriginal women, our focus on families and our support for community self-management and self-determination.

PLA2021-005 RESOLVED (Linda Anderson/Sammy Butcher)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) Noted and provided feedback on the presentation; and
- b) Requested that the Community Engagement team invite Waltja Representatives to the next Local Authority Meeting to provide feedback on families supporting their children in attending school.

8.4 CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL - HAASTS BLUFF ALT INDIGENOUS PROTECTED AREA (IPA) DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Central Land Council Land Management team has new funding from the Australian Government to talk to traditional owners and community members of the Haasts Bluff Aboriginal Land Trust (ALT) about:

- Putting an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) on the Land Trust
- Making a Plan of Management about looking after country
- This Plan will help guide the work of the Anangu-Luritjiku and Walungurru Rangers, and

country trips with families

- Nominating a Planning Committee that will work together on this project this year

We are inviting all community members to come to a community meeting to talk about this project on the following dates:

MT LIEBIG Thursday 18th March 10:30am outside Office
KINTORE Tuesday 23rd March 10:30am Basketball court
PAPUNYA Thursday 25th March 10:30am CLC Ranger Office
AREYONGA Wednesday 28th April 10:30am Basketball court
HAASTS BLUFF Thursday 29th April 10:30am Rec Hall Haasts Bluff

This year (2021), the IPA Planning Committee will be working with CLC to make the Plan of Management and explore if it's a good idea to put an Indigenous Protected Area on the Land Trust. After this, in 2022, Traditional Owners will vote Yes or No to making an IPA and receiving on-going funding from the Australian Government to look after country on the IPA.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Papunya Local Authority note and accept the deputation from Central Land Council on Indigenous Protected Area Development Project.

Note: This item was not discussed as the Representative for the NT Trachoma Program did not attend the meeting.

8.5 LG ELECTIONS 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet's plan is to inform Council and Local Authorities that the Local Government election is taking place on 28 August 2021.

The Department will be talking with community members to raise awareness, encourage people to enrol on the electoral roll, encourage people to vote in the election, encourage people to nominate for office, and encourage people to vote in the election.

PLA2021-006 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Karen McDonald)

That the Papunya Local Authority noted and accepted the presentation.

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

PLA2021-007 RESOLVED (Punata Stockman/Taralyn Major)

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

PLA2021-008 RESOLVED (Punata Stockman/Taralyn Major)

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

1. Pot holes on the road to the airstrip

Item 1 – Pot holes was discussed at this point and requested that the CSC Papunya check on how damaged the road is and to advise the Director of Technical Services and for the Director of Technical Services to provide a recommended solution.

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

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

PLA2021-009 RESOLVED (Punata Stockman/Taralyn Major)

That the Papunya Local Authority provided notification that the following matters be raised in Non Council Business:

- 1. Covid 19 Vaccination**
- 2. Drugs in Community**

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

PLA2021-010 RESOLVED (Punata Stockman/Taralyn Major)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

PLA2021-011 RESOLVED (Punata Stockman/Taralyn Major)

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

Item 8 – Deputations/Guests Speakers was moved to between 5.1 and item 6

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE FROM MINISTER CHANSEY PAECH (MLA)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Minister for Local Government, Chanston Paech MLA, is seeking an invitation to meet members of the Papunya Local Authority at a mutually convenient time.

PLA2021-012 RESOLVED (Sammy Butcher/Linda Anderson)

That the Papunya Local Authority

- a) **Noted the correspondence received; and**
- b) **Supported Council sending Minister Paech a letter and calendar of meeting dates inviting him to attend forthcoming Local Authority meetings.**

9.2 NT TREATY COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The NT Treaty Commission presented information about their work to Council last year and consulted on the Treaty Discussion Paper. Council resolved to work on bringing Youth Boards together for a meeting with the NT Treaty Commissioner and to place the NT Treaty Commission Executive Summary on all future Local Authority agenda.

The Executive Summary of the Treaty Discussion Paper is attached to this report.

PLA2021-013 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Isobel Gorey)

That the Papunya Local Authority noted and accepted the report and provide feedback to the NT Treaty Commission.

9.3 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

PLA2021-014 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Karen McDonald)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) **Noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received; and**
- b) **Keep open Action – Signs to slow down the traffic going to outstations until the signs are installed.**

9.4 PAPUNYA YOUTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES (25 NOVEMBER 2020)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Goal 3 of the Regional Plan is for young people to be empowered to be engaged representatives in their communities.

PLA2021-015 RESOLVED (Sammy Butcher/Sarah Stockman)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) **Noted and accepted the minutes of the Youth Board Meeting held 25 November 2020;**
- b) **Requested that the Youth Board bring their members to the Local Authority Meeting;**
- c) **Requested that the Youth Board bring proposals and ideas on incentives for young children to attend school; and**
- d) **Will consider the request from the Youth Board for funds to allow the Youth members to travel to Melbourne in 2022 subject to regular school attendance and if it is safe to do so after a Covid 19 assessment. The Youth Board to**

raise the request at the first meeting for 2022 and bring the statistics regarding school attendance to the meeting.

The Chair of the Papunya Local Authority accepted the impromptu presentation from Cherie Forbes – Manager Youth Services.

Cherie Forbes presented 'Keeping Youth Programs Safe'. Mrs Forbes highlighted the growing concern of MRC Employees and the young people in their care when conducting their programs. Mrs Forbes explained that there was a need for processes to be implemented and followed in order for these programs to stay open and requested that the Local Authority and the Community support the development and rules towards these programs in keeping staff and young people safe.

9.5 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 \$75,367.66 to allocate in this community. \$11,467.66 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021. \$63,900.00 is from the 2020/21 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2022.

PLA2021-016 RESOLVED (Punata Stockman/Sammy Butcher)

That the Papunya Local Authority noted and accepted the progress on their projects.

PLA2021-017 RESOLVED (Graham Poulson/Karen McDonald)

Kept open Project 2310 – Water at Oval, and of the \$6,000.00 committed funds, request that the Director Technical Services engage a Consultant to produce a site servicing plan to establish the actual costs of water being bought into the oval.

PLA2021-018 RESOLVED (Sammy Butcher/Dalton McDonald)

Kept open Project 2312, 'Roof for Stage' and request that \$3,000.00 of the Projects committed funds be set aside for freight and installation.

PLA2021-019 RESOLVED (Sammy Butcher/Terence Abbott)

Kept open Project 2096, 'Softball Diamond' and request a new project be open for the second Softball Diamond and renamed as Papunya Sports Ground Extension.

PLA2021-020 RESOLVED (Sammy Butcher/Dalton McDonald)

Kept open Project 2315, 'Oval Cracker Dust.

PLA2021-021 RESOLVED (Taralyn Major/Punata Stockman)

Note completion, close Project 2311 'Cracker dust for Cemetery and credit the underspend of \$19,000.00 to the funds.

PLA2021-022 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Sammy Butcher)

Note completion and close Project 2313 'Securing Scoreboards'.

PLA2021-023 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Graham Poulson)

Note completion, close Project 2314 'Fence around the Church' and credit the underspend of \$1,950.00 to the funds.

PLA2021-024 RESOLVED (Sammy Butcher/Isobel Gorey)

Open a new Project called 'Papunya Sports Ground extension' and request that the Acting Director of Service Delivery follow up with CLC in gaining approval to extend the boundaries of Lot 333 for the Papunya Sports Ground.

PLA2021-025 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Sammy Butcher)

Open new Project called 'Cemetery Signs', commit \$15,000.00 and request the CSC Papunya seek quotes to have a sign to read Papunya Cemetery with two Angels on either side and another sign to read Papunya Trinity Lutheran Church with two crosses on either side.

PLA2021-026 RESOLVED (Karen McDonald/Taralyn Major)

Open new Project called 'Blackboard for Church' and commit \$5,000.00.

PLA2021-027 RESOLVED (Sammy Butcher/Dalton McDonald)

Open a new Project called 'Lights for Basketball Court' and request that the CSC Papunya seek quotes for comparing solar lights and hardwire lights.

PLA2021-028 RESOLVED (Sammy Butcher/Dalton McDonald)

- a) Add to the wishlist item 'Restore Church' and request that the CSC seek quotes for windows, lights and seating;
- b) Add to the wishlist item 'Outdoor Chapel' with side shutters to be placed at the Cemetery and request Acting Director of Service Delivery seek quotes, timeframe and permits for the structure to be built; and
- c) Add to the wishlist item 'BMX Track' to be placed at the Sports Ground extension and request that the Acting Director of Service Delivery investigate how possible it is to have a BMX track with working lights and fencing in that location.

Note: During the discussion of the Projects, the CSC Papunya was asked to investigate access to water from the bore at the Cemetery.

9.6 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.

PLA2021-029 RESOLVED (Sammy Butcher/Dalton McDonald)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

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

9.7 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.

PLA2021-030 RESOLVED (Sammy Butcher/Karen McDonald)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) **Noted the spending of their 2020/21 Discretionary Funds; and**
- b) **Committed the balance of \$86.70 towards food for the meeting between the Youth, and the Local Authority members in discussing the NT Treaty.**

9.8 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.

PLA2021-031 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Dalton McDonald)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) **Noted and accepted the report; and**
- b) **Provided guidance and support for MRC staff to meet the objectives of the MRC 2020-21 Regional Plan.**
- c) **Provided input for the MRC 2021-22 MRC Regional Plan**

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.

PLA2021-032 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Karen McDonald)

That the Papunya Local Authority noted and accepted 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.

PLA2021-033 RESOLVED (Sammy Butcher/Sarah Stockman)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) Noted and accepted the Community Services report; and**
- b) Requested a response from Director Community Services on whether the hours for Night Patrol could be extended.**

Item 13 – Non Council Business was moved from between 12.1 and item 14.

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 will be 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.

PLA2021-034 RESOLVED (Sammy Butcher/Punata Stockman)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) Noted and discussed the Non-Council Business items raised at item 6.3; and**

1. Covid 19 Vaccination.

The Representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet informed the Local Authority that the vaccine was limited and the first lot of doses went out to the high priority groups like Health, Aged Care, Disability, Emergency Service Workers. He advised that most if not all of Emergency staff in Alice Springs had had their first does of the vaccine and would be ready for their second dose shortly.

He advised that he did not have the statistics on if the vaccine had any serious side effects and recommended that the Local Authority invite the Manager of Papunya Clinic to come to the next meeting to provide more information.

2. Drugs in Community.

The Representative from DCMC deferred his response to the next Local Authority Meeting.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 January 2021 in the Local Authority community.

PLA2021-035 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Karen McDonald)

That the Papunya Local Authority notes and accepts the Expenditure Report as at 31 January 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

PLA2021-036 RESOLVED (Punata Stockman/Sarah Stockman)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) Noted and discussed the General Business Items raised at Item 6.2;**
- b) Requested that the Acting Director of Service Delivery send an invitation to Homeland Services Representative to speak with the Local Authority at the next Local Authority Meeting about housing issues on the Outstations and what funds are allocated to the Outstations;**
- c) Requested that the Director Technical Services investigate the possibility of a new road from the Church to the Cemetery;**
- d) Requested that the CSC Papunya invite the Papunya Clinic Manager to provide information on the Covid 19 vaccination; and**
- e) Requested Community Engagement invite the Principal of Papunya School to talk about school attendance.**

Item 13 – Non Council Business was moved to between item 10.2 and item 11.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 3 JUNE, 2021

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 4:52 pm.

This page and the preceding 10 pages are the minutes of the Papunya Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 8 April 2021 and were confirmed Thursday, 3 June 2021.

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