



MINUTES OF THE PAPUNYA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
PAPUNYA COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11.00AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Karen McDonald

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /
NOMINATIONS**

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Karen McDonald, Member Sebastian Allen, Member Sarah Stockman and Member Terence Abbott.

Councillors:

Councillor Jason Minor and Councillor Tommy Conway

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, Amandeep Kaur - Manager Aged Care, Jessica Kragh – Manager Youth Services, Jake Potter – Manager Transport Infrastructure and Fleet, Stuart Millar – Area Manager Service Delivery and June Crabb – Governance Officer.

Attended via Teams: Simon Walmsby – Council Services Coordinator - Papunya

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe – Regional Manager, Department Chief Minister and Cabinet.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Councillor Dalton McDonald, Members Graham Poulson, Sammy Butcher and President Roxanne Kenny.

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

PLA2023-016 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Jason Minor)

That members noted the attendance and accepted the apologies to the meeting.

Absentees:

NIL

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO PAPUNYA LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to note the current vacancies on the Papunya Local Authority and to call for nomination to remain open for 21 days to fill the vacancy.

It is noted that Council declined the nomination submitted by Ms Lynn Ward and a letter thanking Ms Ward for her interest and advising of Council's decision was sent to her.

PLA2023-017 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Terence Abbott)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) welcomed Sarah Stockman, Sebastian Allen and Cr Tommy Conway as members of the Authority;
- b) noted that due to cultural and legislative requirements, Council declined the nomination received for Ms Lynn Ward;
- c) advised that Joseph Zimran was not a resident of Papunya and elected to remove his membership for consideration;
- d) noted that due to the membership revocation, the Authority had two vacancies and called for community nominations to open;
- e) received three nominations for the Authority and approved Sammy Pearce and Justine Stockman as members of the Authority, noting that the nomination received from Denilee Spencer would be tabled for future vacancies.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

PLA2023-018 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Jason Minor)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

PLA2023-019 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Terence Abbott)

That the Minutes of the Papunya Local Authority meeting held 2 March 2023 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 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

PLA2023-020 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Jason Minor)

That the Papunya Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS RECOMMENDATION

That members provided notification of the following matters for discussion in General Council Business.

- a) Road to Airstrip
- b) Streetlights
- c) Speed humps
- d) Cemetery
- e) Car wrecks
- f) Pot holes – road to airstrip

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS RECOMMENDATION

That members provided notification of the following matters for discussion in General Non-Council Business.

- a) Grading the road.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

PLA2023-021 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Tommy Conway)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

PLA2023-022 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Tommy Conway)

That the Papunya Local Authority did not declare a conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

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.

PLA2023-023 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Sebastian Allen)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress reports on the actions from the minutes of the previous meeting as received and kept open Action: Roads to Outstations graded until a response is received on what roads does MRC grade.

- b) approved the closure of actions as follows:
 - Signs to Outstation; and
 - Sports Ground extension

- c) noted that the following recommendation and requests will be discussed at the November meeting (MacSafe Manager currently unwell):
 - MacSafe staff are driving their vehicles with loud music and windows closed, consequently ignoring what is happening around community. This has been addressed with the staff concerned.
 - MacSafe Manager be briefed and invited to the November meeting.
 - Members asked whether patrols cover outstations. MacSafe Manager will attend the November meeting and advise that it is possible for MacSafe to travel to outstations when needed and when it is deemed ok to leave the community,
 - Recommended that patrol teams do an announcement over the PA system to calm situations down and that they be a lot more vigilant.

9.2 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.

It was raised at a Local Authority meeting in 2021 that the car loading ramp had been removed and members wanted something similar built.

The Community currently has \$120,214.00 of unallocated funds to spend

\$63,900.00 is from the NTG funding allocation for 2022/2023

\$56,314.00 is Project funding that is yet to be spent.

PLA2023-024 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Karen McDonald)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) received the 2022/2023 project funding from NTG of \$63,900.00, acknowledging that these funds must be spent by 30 June 2025.
- b) noted that \$56,314.00 may be at risk of being returned to the NTG if not spent;
- c) noted and discussed to approve the quote for a car loading ramp;
- d) approves the closure of any completed projects as follows:
 - Project 2502 – Portable Speaker System, returning the unspent funds of \$2,000.00 to unallocated funds
 - Project 2238 and Project 2239 – Youth Board, returning the combined unspent funds of \$154.45 to unallocated funds.
- e) noted and accepted the progress of their projects as follows:
 - 2196 – Plaques to commemorate Aboriginal Pastors, requesting that CSC follow up with Pastor Graham and Pastor Simon from Haasts Bluff.
 - 2501 – Windows and seats for Church restoration, noting that windows were too costly and that the CSC will follow up on new quotes for the seats from the Department of Corrections.
 - 2241 – Shipping Container for a Canteen. Members noted that they will look into Mission Australia's container and provide an overview of what would be needed to modify the container into a working canteen.
- f) created new projects as follows:
 - Car loading ramp – allocating \$28,722.00 to the project, requesting that MRC continue looking into a location for a more permanent fixture.
 - Yarning Circle, allocating \$20,000.00 to include a table, benches, fire pit and trees and placed at the MacSafe area.
 - Garden shed, with tools for cemetery/grave maintenance, allocating \$4,000.00 to the project.
 - Disco lights and speakers for the Rec Hall, allocating \$5,000.00 to include all cables and connectors, noting that Youth Services raise the PO for the equipment.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:pm
Meeting resumed at 1:43pm

9.3 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.

PLA2023-025 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Tommy Conway)

That the Papunya Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$1,582.73 of the 2022/2023 Discretionary funds was forfeited;**
- b) noted the Discretionary funds allocation of \$4,000.00 for 2023/2024; and**
- c) requested that the CSC seek quotes for a keyboard, keyboard stand, microphone, microphone stand, speakers and all cables and connections and to advise members of the cost and if in agreement, will sign a Discretionary funds letter to proceed with the purchase; and**
- d) approved to spend the funds by 30 June 2024.**

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 PAPUNYA LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

PLA2023-026 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Sebastian Allen)

Note that the Papunya Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE PAPUNYA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides and update on Community Services program delivery.

PLA2023-027 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Terence Abbott)

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

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 July 2023 in the Local Authority Community.

PLA2023-028 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Tommy Conway)

That the Papunya Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 July 2023.

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.

PLA2023-029 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Jason Minor)

That the Papunya Local Authority discussed the General Business Items raised at Item 6.2:

- a) **Noted that the CSC and Area Manager will look into what needs to be done for the Road to the airstrip, pot holes, street lights, speed humps and cemetery.**

- b) **Sign alerting people to an area of Cultural significance that Technical Services will follow up with.**

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.

Members noted that a Representative from the Department Chief Minister and Cabinet was not in attendance to the 2 March 2023 Authority meeting.

PLA2023-030 RESOLVED (Terence Abbott/Jason Minor)

That the Papunya Local Authority discussed the Non-Council Business items raised at item 6.3 as follows:

- a) **Outstations:**
Members were advised that a grant from the Federal Government had been allocated for upgrades to Homelands infrastructure. The Central Australian region was to receive \$50 million that would be distributed by Central Land Council, however certain conditions had to be met before an Outstation could be eligible for any funding.

- b) **Noted that the Representative from the Department Chief Minister and Cabinet will discuss the possibility of Solar Power with Territory Families and Power and Water for Outstation residents.**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER, 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 3:05 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Papunya Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 31 August 2023 which were confirmed on 16 November 2023.