



## LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

### GALIWINKU

**Date:** 8 October 2014

**Time:** 10.35am

**Venue:** Conference Room Council Office

**Members Present:**

Bettina Danganbarr, David Yanggarriny, Djandi Ganambarr, Don Wininba, Dorothy Yunggirnga, Evelyn Dhamarrandji, Jennifer Birrkangu, Joan Malku, Mark Luparrawuy, Nancy Gudaltji,

**Proxy Present:** Bobby Nyikamula, Wanamula Gondarra, Guymun Dhamarrandji

**Ex Officio Present:** Kaye Thurlow

**Observers:** Tim Pickford DLG, Sharron Norris DLG, Ben Waugh EARC, Treacy Harry EARC, Sharyn Elkin DOB, Doug Peacock GEC, Wendy Smith PAWA, Brendan Berlin Police, Lorrae McArthur PAWA

Morning Prayer performed by Dorothy Yunggirnga

Kaye Thurlow suggested the Agenda to be changed to reflect the election of the Chair person before the attendance of the Proxy's

Ben Waugh introduced Diana Roper to the LA Members/Proxys as the new CSM for Galiwinku. Diana spoke briefly to the members and thanked them for the opportunity to speak and attend

**Apologies:** NIL

Election of Chair person : Don Wininba

Moved: Nancy Gudaltji

Second: Jennifer Birrkangu

**Guest/Visitor Speakers:**

Wendy Smith from PAWA: Power and Water corporation will be installing a new sewer pipe in the community beginning in the middle of October. The new sewer will allow the new health centre building near the airport to proceed, as the new sewer pipe is required for the health centre to be constructed. The map (available at the front counter of the Council Office) shows the location of the sewer pipe between the new Buthan community, around the airport and the police station then over to the cliff. The project is expected to be finished at the end of February 2015 or beginning of March. Last week the route was flagged to show where the pipe would lead and get permission from the TO to continue works. Rocks will be moved to the end of the airport and permission asked of the TOs for the correct placement. Kaye Thurlow asked if PAWA could inform the people of the dangers of the children coming too close. There are problems in the bottom camp with children throwing rocks at the workers. It is everyone's job to support the workers and maintain a safe working environment. PAWA will be hiring through Marthakal 2 local people to work on the site at all times. Some areas may need the TOs to be present. Bobby Nyikamula asked if the local people will get payment. There is no money in the budget for people to supervise.

Lorrae MaAuthur PAWA: Lorrae presented her report. She has a list of lot numbered houses identified by the Dept of Housing to get new heat pumps or new solar systems installed. There are 17 community workers in Galiwinku receiving training to carry out this work. PAWA are looking to get electricians involved as well. The LA members thanked Lorrae and promised full support for her programme

Sharon Norris from LG: Local Government has spoken to a representative from Territory Housing to come along to this meeting, to no avail. Kaye Thurlow mentioned that their Bungulwa are having a meeting in Darwin this week, and the HRG is not going to be held this week, it will now commence Thursday next week. Kaye mentioned an invitation was sent to TH to join the meeting. Ben Waugh EARC believes there should be one point of call to TH for the whole of Council being Shane Marshall. Shane met with TH the day before the Council meeting. Kaye Thurlow suggested a letter to be sent to TH to express their disappointment TH was unable to send a person to today's meeting. The letter should be addressed to a Senior official from TH, that being Jules Hudd.

Ben Waugh EARC: LA Training has been discussed in the LA Sub committee. Treacy Harry EARC suggested that the EARC run their own Training Program due to monetary restraints, later we can utilise the Training from LGANT once they have sourced training staff to deliver. The original plan was to have Matrix deliver their first initial Training package to the LAs, this proved to be a very expensive exercise. The EARC staff will put together a training package that can be delivered to all communities. Unfortunately there has been stalling due to staff illnesses which have halted this exercise. Ambrose solutions have also come forth in providing similar training to the LAs. Training could possibly be delivered over a six month period rather than one day.

**ACTION:** The decision on training will be reported back to the LAs with further developments

Sharyn Elkin DOB: Discussed the long term future of the Galiwinku training centre. MES is using it till 2018 to deliver the Remote Jobs in Community service. Sharyn is interested in noting the community interest and ideas about how the centre could be used in the future to help with either adult education or economic development for Elcho Island. Training has changed over the years; trainees now proceed to the workplace and outstations. Sometimes this is not as useful as it can be. There is no rush on decisions in the immediate future; it was meant for the use of the RJCP not MES. Kaye Thurlow discussed the possibility of building a training centre down near the Birk Birk centre. Sharyn suggested they can go back renegotiate some of the conditions such as the use of the rooms. Bettina Danganbarr suggested there maybe some use of one of the rooms for Court. It was noted that business cards will be left at the Training Centre with contact details for Sharyn Elkin.

Brendan Berlin Police: Community Safety Action Plan. The Police have a reference group of 40 to 50 people; they want community meetings to happen as regular as on a monthly basis. Rolled into part of this and to be included in the CSAP as they too would like to meeting a monthly basis and can utilise the meetings as part of their get together. The Disaster Plan has been signed off, Councillor Thurlow assisted with this. The Plan will be placed up on the web site; this will include safe places and instructions for evacuation. Police have been discussing with Wendy Smith about contractors and volatile substances. This is a real concern to the community as this will cause a huge rise on crime. If contractors bring items in and they are stolen, police can prosecute. Brendan Buthenen came here from Daly river, prior to that, the desert. He has also been to Numbulwar. He has been in Galiwinku for the last couple of weeks. He commented on how wonderful it is to see a community working together.

Doug Peacock (GEC): thanked the EARC for organising a lunch with Minister Cormann, the Indigenous Advancement Strategy went very well, the funding round is now open and will close on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014. There has been a review of the indigenous training and employment programs (the Forrest Review), the review has been given to government and they take recommendations, the government will be visiting the community to discuss the recommendations before they are implemented. Government is focused on school attendance; this is not working within communities and the community of Galiwinku maybe included into this program. The registered school attendance should be 500, the attendance rate is as low as 150. The government is open to any ideas on how to improve the school attendance; they are open to suggestions for what would work well in Galiwinku. School Attendance Strategy is funded through the Australian Government through Marthakal, the contract remains in place for two years. The future of the programme will rely on how well the programme is received. Mavis returns from leave next week, and then Doug goes on leave.

Shane Marshall (EARC): Tech Services Report was read out.

EARC is holding discussions with the schools and classes about the benefits of good waste management. Discussions with the children will also happen soon.

Talks with the stores will commence soon in regards to recyclable plates/cutlery. This will be reported back to LA.

Shops will be addressing a biodegradable line as well as how they will sell the products. This will not only be introduced to Galiwinku, this will be throughout all of the EA communities.

The landfill did not get loaded on this week's barge; they will be back next week. An information booklet will be sent out to all the businesses explaining the dumping of garbage at the TIP; no one is at fault as there has been no attendant to oversee this. The wheelie bin campaign will see EARC visit each household to explain the concept.

A new Compactor (garbage truck), will be delivered to Galiwinku in the near future.

Keep Australia Beautiful, some EARC assisted in their own time, the turnout for the clean up was quite surprising, not only was the basketball area cleaned, the whole town participated in the clean up till 7.30pm. It was sponsored through ALPA. This can be an annual thing; we can concentrate on other areas such as the beaches. LA could consider this clean up on a more frequent basis.

Transport and Infrastructure may need to look at a grant later down the track to replace the lights that are easily broken. A special Council meeting will be called next week to award contracts to create the Bhutan Road floodway construction Lot 331 there are two potential designs, please let Kaye or the Chair know of your thoughts – Brick or concrete slabs, nice fence for security. A clean up to make the central areas look tidy.

Cemetery: There is a lot of room in the designated area, some trees remain in the area, and there is room to plant gardens later on. The fence has been sent out for quotes and should be finalised within 2 to 3 weeks. There needs to be a sign of instructions not just a general sign, the sign could incorporate pictures. The LA members were asked to come up with some sort of design for the sign. Once the new cemetery is opened, the old one will close. The old cemetery's will be cleaned and fenced off through a project run by RJCP. The new cemetery will be mowed and cleaned as much as possible, burning will not be a part of the clean up. Rock gardens will be nice to have around the graves. The layout of the cemetery was discussed.

Vet: Sacha will come across for 3 – 4 weeks. She will arrive on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October for at least a month to assist with the requirements and to assist local staff to develop their roles. This will be assessed at the end of each visit.

Sale by Tender: The money management vehicle will be placed on tenders.net. There is help available in the Council office if someone is keen to purchase the vehicle. Closes 22 October 2014.

Change Rooms: Will be completed soon. It was suggested that Sport and Rec manage the change rooms. AFL NT, LA can nominate a couple of others who could hold the keys. The CSM will also have a key.

Fallen Trees from fires (6 or 7) need to be removed –

Building on the Telstra site: EARC are seeking an MOU to access this building for use at no cost

## **ACTIONS:**

- A sign for the Cemetery needs to be designed to explain the layout; Elders need to discuss the sign. LA members to start discussions

**Previous Minutes Ratified:**

Ben Waugh read the minutes for the members benefit whilst outlining the issues pertained in the document. Bobby had an issue with certain clans not being represented at the meeting. The microphone announcements were discussed and agreed that certain persons were to make announcements. The minutes were corrected and recorded.

Moved: David Yanggarriny

Second: Danny Dangatanga (2)

Item	Details	Actions	
		Who	When
1.	<p><b>Regional Council Report:</b></p> <p>The last Council meeting was held in Darwin, this was the second time it's been held in Darwin, and due to monetary constraints this may be the last. The reason behind the choice to have it held in Darwin was to invite government people along to talk. Danny was an observer for the week as Bettina Danganbarr was unavailable.</p> <p>Latitude 12: (business), is now owned by the EARC, West Arnhem was bought out. EARC is working along side Lat 12 to adhere to the government laws, this is currently being questioned and yet to decide if this is the best way.</p> <p>Sunrise Alliance: Federal Government is now separating all the different departments into 5 separate categories. The EARC received a letter from Sunrise Alliance, for the hope to take over Night Patrol into the future. They were seeking a letter of support from EARC to help with their application. EARC is also putting an application together to continue the running of the program, so therefore EARC could not support due to conflict of interest. Kendal phoned to ask how it went, Ben Waugh advised him of the above, although Ben is happy to work on other projects with him.</p> <p>Money management: Federal Government has written a letter to explain the funding for MM is finishing, therefore we must close that department. There is an issue with the finish date and when staff get paid, this is now in discussions. When the new government came to power they changed all the departments, and a lot of the mainstream programs went to Social Services, not Prime Minister in Cabinet. They are under the impression that MM is not an essential service to help with people on basics card. BW has meet with PMC and has no more news to report. The CEO is writing a letter to Minister Scullion on behalf of the Council, but unfortunately if we do not hear back in two weeks, staff will be given notice.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> LA to write a letter to the CEO to pass on re concerns about the loss of MM and how it will affect the community. BW will speak to the CEO with these issues discussed today</p> <p>Moved: Jennifer Birrkangu Second: Bettina Danganbarr</p>		
2.	<p><b>CEO Report:</b></p> <p>Ben Waugh read the report on behalf of John Japp a copy was tabled and also provided to all members.</p> <p>Ben mentioned that he drove around Yirrkala with the PM in a Night Patrol vehicle.</p> <p>The CEO promises to spend a week within each community during November and December.</p>		

	<p>The last Council Meeting was held at parliament House in Darwin.</p> <p>A new Director of Commercial and Agency Services - Barry Bonthuys starts next week</p>		
3.	<p><b>Financial Report:</b></p> <p>This will be reported on in the December meeting. The layout is still being worked on by Kaye Thurlow, Latitude 12 and Finance staff. Kaye will recommend an overview of the LA Budget as the funding is provided separately</p> <p><u>Referral of urgent matters:</u> Kaye Thurlow raised this at the LA Sub Committee. At the present time there has been no decision to perform this committee.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Kaye Thurlow will recommend to the LA Sub Committee that it is beneficial to elect a small sub committee to make recommendations on urgent matters</p> <p>Moved: Bettina Dangatanga</p> <p>Second: David Yanggarriny</p>		
4.	<p><b>Community Issues:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Microphone: The last LA meeting there was an agreed action to allow three people to operate the microphone.</li> <li>2. School attendance – what stops kids attending? – coming in late. Kids hang around the streets from 6pm till 2am, from the age of six to seventeen, they all must attend school.</li> <li>3. Gambling seems to be an issue amongst the adults, young mothers and the use of amphetamines. Who is around to keep the children safe?</li> </ol> <p><b>Action Moved:</b> Bobby Nyikamula</p> <p><b>Second:</b> Danny Dangatanga (2)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Fights continue this week, if you see a fight inform the police.</li> <li>5. Centrelink monies: Kate the coordinator and Tess the mentor, advised parents are now realising the significance in sending kids to school. If parents do not send their children to school it is understood their Centrelink monies received for the children may cease. Parents are now sending children to school to avoid this happening. Truancy officers are also enforcing kids to return to school</li> </ol> <p>Kaye Thurlow: “The government is not trying to find out why children are not attending school, why is it that parents sit around and play cards and not send kids to school? Yolngu are only part of the problem”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Petrol sniffing continues, Night Patrol, their first priority is towards the parents</li> <li>7. When will the change rooms be handed over, and who will have keys?</li> </ol>	<p>Public Meeting to be held on gambling</p> <p>Shane Marshall to be asked</p>	<p>LA Members ASAP</p> <p>10 December</p>
5.	<p><b>General Business:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Shepherdson College now only support Homelands. The NT Govt is going to build a residential secondary school to support Nhulunbuy. Shepherdson will remain as secondary school because it is large enough to retain capacity.</li> <li>b) The Funeral policy: Council is offering a free service to the community in preparing a burial site as well as preparing ceremony areas. The policy item 6.2, there will be an application. Item 7 states that EARC can prepare the grave, if it is over a weekend or after hours, there will be a cost to the family. For safety the graves cannot be dug at night, and the EARC needs two days notice. Item 7.4 states that there will be a two truck loads of sand utilised for the filling of the grave, if any more is</li> </ol>		

	<p>needed this will be at the cost of the family. Wininba will raise this in a public meeting  Moved: David Yanggarriny  Second: Bettina Danganbarr</p> <p>c) There was a grant for the distribution of rat poison and boxes; they haven't all been put down. One of the problems was the poison was not placed in either homes or workshops, nor anywhere else.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> David Yanggarriny  <b>Second:</b> Bettina Danganbarr</p> <p>d) NT Govt has given a grant to Galiwinku \$312,550, decisions to be made as to where and what is required for this money to be spent on. The LA members now need to get a priority list organised. Examples: A second Troopy for Youth Services, a funeral Council controlled vehicle, camping trips for the youth, clean up around the cliff area, Playground, BBQ, Ceremony area with shelters, mini bus for Childcare, Beautification of the Library, outside sitting area, Bus to Humpty Doo – community bus, Swimming Pool. Kaye will get further ideas and present at the next meeting. Kaye has also been trying to get through to different organisations about funding for a community bus; the NT Govt is also talking to Marthakal. Funds can be rolled over into next year. No salaries can be paid from these funds. All ideas will need to be approved by Council</p> <p>e) Dianna has seen a trailer hearse; with removable panels that can be placed on the sides of the hearse to show clan marking and colours. Wininba said it is not respectful to keep a body in a trailer. Diana clarified that the trailer is used to transport the hearse to the cemetery.</p> <p>f) The school wants to conduct pest control. Kaye mentioned it maybe worth raising this with the Heads of Agency</p> <p>g) It was discussed to identify a location away from the roads to play cards, where a shelter can be built with suitable lighting</p> <p>h) Diana suggested a review of the existing football field and to incorporate seating and suitable rubbish disposal units around the external of the playing fields</p> <p>i) Kaye will be working with the Stump Jump Foundation in Canberra, putting together a submission to AIS. They wish to work with someone in the community to start a business with farming. It is still to be rectified as to who the organisation will work with in Galiwinku. They wish to work with Yolngu to develop the ideas in farming, and maybe a food basket garden, delivering fresh fruit to homes within the community. If the application is approved they will discuss this further with people in the community for several months</p>	<p>Support to be given to Marthakal for a further eradication program</p> <p>BW to check LG for spend on community vehicle</p> <p>BW to check on tent availability with Youth program</p> <p>Dianna to discuss with Tech Support</p>	<p>CSM 10 December</p> <p>Ben Waugh 10 December</p> <p>Ben Waugh 10 December</p> <p>CSM 10 December</p>
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Date of next meeting: 10 December (Christmas Breakup)

Meeting Closed: 3.20pm

**Chair Name: Don Wininba**  
**Date:**

**Signed:**

