

Community: Gapuwiyak

Date & time: 20.02.17 10.30am

Venue: Drop In Centre

Attendance

Members present:

Peter Guyula
 Davis Muwarra Marrawungu
 Peter Wunungmurra
 David Bukulatjpi
 Eunice Wunungmurra
 Jennifer Wunungmurra
 Gawura Wanambi

Apologies: Simon G Maymuru, Dorothy W Ganambarr and Jimmy B Marrkula

Guest / visitor speakers: Angela Morris – Dept of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Watha Wunungmurra – Dept of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Trevor Van Werin – Gapuwiyak Art Centre, Sharon Norris - Department of Housing and Community Development, Janine Bevis Department of Housing and Community Development, John Japp – EARC, Julie Lambert-EARC, Andrew Walsh – EARC, Yangipuy Wanambi – EARC, Anesu Hector - EARC

Meeting minutes

1. Welcome & apologies:

Chair person Peter Guyula welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2017

2. Previous minutes / actions:

CSM read through the previous meeting minutes and went through the action list

A long discussion was held in yolngu matha in regards to the action list, emphasis was on the Night Watch program that was offered by Miwatj Employment Participation last year. That has ceased

CEO John Japp explained in detail about the Reconciliation Action Plan to LA members. He highlighted that East Arnhem Regional Council is the only Council with a Reconciliation Action Plan

Resolution: Gapuwiyak LA members agreed to remove all actions on the action list except the action (Action No. 4) whereby there have to give feedback on the Reconciliation Action Plan. LA members also asked to invite Miwatj Employment Participation to the next meeting.

Action: Letter of invitation to be sent to the NLC to attend the LA meeting to be held in May to discuss:

-Permit Procedures, Guidelines, Notification Process, Enforcement.

Previous LA minutes 12/12/2016 – confirmed and discussed
Moved : Peter Wunungmurra
Seconded: David Bukulatjpi

3. Guest speaker / visitor reports:

Julie Lambert – EARC

- Julie pointed out she was mainly here to talk about the road upgrades going to be happening in 2017, to ensure roads are safer
- Many unsealed roads will be sealed during the upgrades
- Road upgrade process is going to begin in the dry season hopefully sometime in May
- Contractors are going to take two locals to be trainees on the road upgrades
- EARC at present is negotiating with various entities on approval to begin upgrades
- Federal Government, State Government and East Arnhem Regional Council have all contributed for these upgrades
- Upgrades will also see the drainage problem in Gapuwiyak being fixed
- After the cyclone in 2015 lots of gravel was washed away and therefore there is a great need to fix this problem
- Yangipuy asked if its possible to block all short cut roads, Julie advised it is possible
- LA members took time speaking in yolngu matha and asking Julie questions, Julie took time to explain about the upgrades and highlighted any positives and negatives if other routes were taken
- LA members agreed for road close to the oval to be closed (Marwuyu Street) as part of the 2017 road upgrade

Moved – Peter Wunungmurra

Seconded – David Bukulatjpi

Trevor Van Werin – Gapuwiyak Art Centre

- Tourists want to come to Gapuwiyak, and by them coming it will help the art center grow
- Buses from Outback will be coming twice a week and they would like to have an interaction with yolngu
- Trevor presented some ideas (Bush medicine program), (Bush tours – focus on men) and (Weaving lessons)
- John Japp highlighted that community needs to have a say in tourists coming to their community
- LA members said there are happy to support in regards to the visiting permits but Trevor needs to have a meeting with the traditional land owners and NLC and discuss way forward

Watha Wunungmurra – Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

- There was a leaders meeting held in Gapuwiyak at the police station on 16/02/2017
- 35 leaders came to the meeting and the main issue discussed was about the children of Gapuwiyak
- Issues talked about were mainly school attendance, sniffing and wondering at night of children in Gapuwiyak
- The conclusion of the meeting was that the leaders feel there is lack of discipline in the homes hence children behaving the way they do
- Leaders highlighted that parents are responsible for their children to ensure they go to school, parents need to discipline their children and this has to start now as children are tomorrow's future
- Leaders came up with having a community meeting in Gapuwiyak so that the community can begin to work together with one voice.
- Community meeting will be announced once a date has been set

Reports

Report A. Regional council report:

- CSM advised that there are two job vacancies with council, one as an administration trainee and one to work with the local radio

Report B. CEO report

- CEO John Japp read through the CEO report and explained in detail about his report. CEO would like LA members to ask community members what they know about shortwave and give their feedback

Report C. Financial report

- CSM read through the Financial report to LA members

Report D. Community issues / General Business

- LA members agreed to having a community meeting on Thursday 23/02/2017
- CSM advised EARC will support meeting by providing a BBQ after the meeting
- LA members asked if there could be more speed humps in the community to control speeding cars. CSM said it is possible and will look into it
- LA members asked if the Sport and Rec team would have basketball competitions early and also asking permission from the elders around the basketball court.
- LA members would like the department of education to be invited to the next meeting to answer some questions
- A long discussion was held in yolngu matha in regards to having another night program
- LA members asked if the Department of Prime Minister could help in getting more money to fund for Night Patrol programs, and also MEP to be invited to the next meeting to discuss program delivery in Gapuwiyak

General business

- CSM asked members if they would want to help fund for the following
 - Lighting project - \$11055
 - I pads for LA members - \$6500
 - Cemetery fencing project part 1 - \$47000
 - Bore for the Oval - \$45000
 - Trailer – 36000
- A long discussion was held in yolngu matha in approving the above. LA members agreed to approve all

Moved - Peter Wunungmurra

Seconded – David Bukulatipi

Agenda item 01

Description:

Actions (who/when):

Agenda item 02

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Actions (who/when):

Agenda item 03

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Actions (who/when):

Agenda item 04

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Agenda item 08

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Actions (who/when):

Agenda item 09

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Actions (who/when):

Agenda item 10

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Actions (who/when):

Date of next meeting:

Meeting closed: 4.10 pm

Chair name: Peter Guyula

Signed:

Unconfirmed