

MINUTES OF THE PEPPIMENARTI LOCAL BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE
SHIRE SERVICE CENTRE ON THURSDAY, 12 MAY 2010

PRESENT:

Mr. Thomas Singar (Chair)
Cr. Harold Wilson
Ms. Annunciata Wilson
Ms. Paula Kundu
Ms. Freda Kundu
Mr. Anthony Thomas
Mr. Maurice Tengimilli
Mr. Brendan Lemon
Ms. Denise Kundu

APOLOGIES:

Ms. Imelda Kundu
Mrs. Therese Daly
Ms. Theresa Lemon

ABSENT:

OFFICERS:

Mr. Mark Conroy, Governance Coordinator
Mr Stephen Moore Shire Service Manager
Mr Trevor Troy, Director Infrastructure, Victoria Daly Shire
Mr Thomas Michel - CDU

VISITORS:

Ms Sandra Mortimer, GBM, Fahcsia

Meeting opened at 9.30 am by Chair Thomas Singar.

BUSINESS ARISING

1 Welcome and Meeting Arrangements

1.1 Welcome by the Mayor and introductions

Cr Wilson welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Trevor Troy and Mark Conroy of Victoria Daly Shire Head Office and Thomas Michel of CDU to the meeting.

1.2 Councillors – introduction and report from last Council meeting

Cr Wilson briefed the meeting on topics from the last Shire Council Meeting, with particular emphasis on the vehicle replacement programme and changes to the Shire with regard to training.

2 Apologies and Housekeeping

2.1 Apologies

Imelda Kundu
Therese Daly
Theresa Lemon

That the Local Board accepts the apologies as presented.

Moved: Mr. Maurice Tengimilli
Seconded: Ms. Annunciata Wilson
Resolution: Carried Unanimously

2.2 Minutes

That the Local Board accepts the Minutes of the Board Meeting held 11 Nov 2009

Moved: Mr. Thomas Singar
Seconded: Ms. Annunciata Wilson
Resolution: Carried Unanimously

2.3 Nominations and resignations

Nil

3 Adoption of new Code of Conduct

Mr Conroy addressed the meeting and stressed the legal requirement under the Local Government Act for all Shire employees, Councillors and Board members to act in accordance with a code of conduct. Mr Conroy pointed out that the previous code was complex and legalistic; subsequently the Shire Council has simplified the code and presented the new version for adoption.

That the Local Board accepts the new code of conduct as tabled.

Moved: Mr. Brendan Lemon
Seconded: Ms. Edward Kundu

4 Shire Services

4.1 Shire Report

4.1.1 Election of Mayor

Shire Services Manager confirmed the election of Cr Wilson to the position of Mayor of the Victoria Daly Shire.

4.1.2 Restructure of Civil Works Team

Following the election of Cr Wilson to the position of Mayor there will need to be a restructure of the Civil Works Team. Notices of vacancies will be posted.

4.1.3 Tom Turner's Crossing

Mr Troy invited to brief the Board regarding civil works activity at the crossing. Mr Troy confirmed discussions regarding the Moyle River project, which will cover the crossing at Tom Turner's Creek. In addition to civil works opportunities, Mr Troy raised the opportunity for seed collection, propagation and land re-vegetation.

As discussions are ongoing with DCI, Mr Troy will advise the Board as developments arise.

Cr Wilson added his own observations following discussions and confirmed the presentation by Mr Troy.

4.1.4 NT Housing/SIHIP

Mr Troy invited to brief the Board regarding the latest position regarding house refurbishments. Mr Troy advised that the Shire had entered into contractual arrangements with NT Housing regarding management maintenance of houses. Also confirmed that agreement has been reached regarding the identification of house refurbishments to be undertaken under the SIHIP programme, and those to be refurbished by the Shire.

4.1.5 Cultural Awareness Training

Shire Service Manager advised that a cross cultural awareness training programme will be run at Peppimenarti at a date to be advised.

4.1.6 Public Access Internet

In a joint Federal/NT Library exercise, the CLO at Peppimenarti is undergoing training in advance of the implementation of a Public Access internet programme at Peppimenarti.

4.1.7 Aged Care Training

H&K Training are currently undertaking a preliminary training assessment programme in advance of a sustained training programme.

4.1.8 Pool Guard retraining

Royal Life Saving Society are conducting a requalification programme for Pool Guards.

4.1.9 RLS Pool Programme

RLS in conjunction with the Peppimenarti School and the Shire will be conducting pool awareness programmes at Peppimenarti during the last week of term.

4.2 Local Board Feedback

Cr Wilson reviewed the minutes of the last informal board meeting and stressed the accent placed upon training. Mr Conroy advised that the shire had received funding which would be used to develop a programme of governance training which will become an integral part of the Board meetings.

Mr Troy, in response to questions regarding issues of sport asked what particular sports were played in the community, and what particular issues need to be addressed. Discussion confirmed that transportation is a major obstacle to progress – transport for the Sport and Recreation officer to travel between Peppimenarti and Palumpa, transport for various sport teams to travel for competition.

That the Local Board asks the Shire to investigate the implementation of a sport and recreation programme at Peppimenarti.

Moved: Mr. Maurice Tengimilli
Seconded: Mr. Brendan Lemon
Resolution: Carried Unanimously

That the Local Board asks the Shire to take into account the issue of shire wide transportation as a key to successful sport and recreation programmes

Moved: Ms. Annunciata Wilson
Seconded: Mr. Maurice Tengimilli
Resolution: Carried Unanimously

5 Items for Discussion

5.1 Shire Plan

Mr Conroy advised the Board regarding the existence and importance of the Budget and Planning process for the shire, stressing that the budget was a financial representation of the plan; and that community boards should review the draft plan to ensure that programmes at the community are reflected in the broader plan.

6 Questions from the public

Nil

7 Deputations/Guest speakers

7.1 Mr Trevor Troy – Director of Infrastructure, Victoria Daly Shire

Mr Troy outlined the progress regarding Road to Recovery funding processes and especially the appointment of a Civil Works Project manager; including the possibility of placing culverts across stream beds on the Peppimenarti – Port Keats access road.

Mr Troy emphasised the role of the Board in identifying and promoting issues and potential solutions for the consideration, support and action by the Shire.

Mr Troy raised the issue of traffic management, and confirmed the assistance of the Shire in providing appropriate signage, and speed humps.

Mr Troy confirmed that the Shire is working on a vehicle replacement programme as a priority, plan to be reviewed as the next priority.

That the Local Board supports a policy whereby vehicles no longer required by the Shire be offered for sale by public tender in an “as is, where is” state.

Moved: Ms. Annunciata Wilson
Seconded: Mr. Edward Kundu
Resolution: Carried Unanimously

7.2 Ms Sandra Mortimer, Government Business Manager

Ms Mortimer advised the Board regarding the release of a report into the presence of police stations in prescribed communities; the question of the future of the Peppimenarti station is not clear at this time. In the event that the station becomes an overnight station there could be an opportunity for employment and training for ACPO's.

Ms Mortimer also confirmed the allocation of a project officer for the development of an alcohol management plan for Peppimenarti.

Ms Mortimer formally advised the board regarding the identification of the Peppimenarti Store as a priority store for redevelopment.

Ms Mortimer advised that the Federal government has entered into an agreement with Deewin Kurim for the development of a small playground.

7.3 Thomas Michel, CDU

Mr Michel is working with CDU to evaluate how well the new Local Government arrangements are working especially in terms of quality of services, jobs and community opinions regarding the new Shire structure. Although the survey report shows that Peppimenarti views the areas under review to be satisfactory; there is clear evidence that community members across the Shire believe there is a lack of communication and understanding regarding the roles and functions of the Shire.

8 Next Meeting

It is planned to have the next meeting in October/November on a date to be determined

9 Meeting Close

The meeting terminated at 11.15 am.

This page and the preceding page are the minutes of the meeting of Peppimenarti Local Board held on Wednesday 12 May 2010 and are to be confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be determined.