

# **MINUTES OF MILGIN LOCAL BOARD MEETING (Informal)**

**Held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2011 at 12:00 (noon)**

**Attendance:**Sandra Cannon - CEO  
Greg Arnott - DCCS  
Claire Davies – Project Officer  
Aaron McTaggart – CC  
Lizz Bott – Corp. Manager – Merrepen Arts  
Aboriginal Corporation  
Elaine Longmirr – Mentor VDSC  
Chris Hill – SSM  
Rose Rowlings – Sport & Rec  
Barry Fletcher – ESO  
Robert Prosser – Leadership centre  
Rydar Salzgeber – CS  
Bev Hill – CEO N.N.INC.  
Gayle Zammit – AG  
Miriam Baumann – N.N.INC.  
Ken Baumann – Housing  
John Jimarin – CS  
David Adja – CS  
Daryl Knapp – Housing  
Harry McCann – Painter  
Tegen Pascoe – Redcross  
Melissa Wungung –Redcross volunteer  
Janene Cooper – Redcross volunteer  
Richard Fitowski – N N INC  
Paula Egan – Shop

**Apologies:** Mayor,  
Andy McTaggart,  
Harold Wilson  
Mark Conroy

**Introductions:** Meeting opened at 12:00(noon) by Rose Rowlings

Rose Introduced Sandra Cannon – CEO VDSC

Greg Arnott – VDSC

Claire Davies – Project Manager VDSC

**Nominations & Resignations:** Nil

**Minutes from last meeting 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 were accepted**

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Shire Services Manager Report:** Tabled for comment as per attachment

**Local Board Feedback:** Nil

**Councillor's report:** Nil

**Budget –Sandra Cannon:** the council has a new budget come out at the end of each year in July, this hasn't been finished but should be by end of May. Customer surveys will be put together with the budget asking what people want. \$50million is being spent on the budget with 80% of it being funded with strings and the money given comes with conditions. People can make comments on the budget.

**Leases – Rose Rowlings:** need an update on community leases  
**Sandra Cannon**

– Until we have a meeting with N.N.I.T we are not willing to pay rent. Services in Nauiyu cost more than rent. If land Trust insist on rent VDSC will charge for services, at the present time supplied free .

**Roads – Sandra Cannon:**

update on com/civil – Andy McTaggart runs our Civil contractors division here. We're interested in how we make it bigger and better and help lift employment in communities The NT G will transfer the maintenance of Roads to VDSC in the future

VDSC will only accept them if they are fully funded we'll run all roads in 2 yrs. Let them know we need money to go with it and thank them. Need to look at what's coming in and going out. Looking into parking areas on main roads also as this is a legal question

The entrance of the community is damaged. Potholes are to be fixed with a crew coming in 4 weeks time .

**Arts – Sandra Cannon:** In next years budget \$3000.00 is given to local boards and is about supporting local artists. Need to work out how the money will be used.

**Census – Sandra Cannon:** Your 2011 Census is coming soon around August. There is part time work available for any local person; the number will be given to Chris Hill.

**Tommy's Creek -Chris Hill:**

Andy McTaggart has requested that the local Board request VDSC council to draft a letter to urgently request NT roads for extra culverts in Tommy's creek...under the present Road design. the new road is limiting the free flowing of flood water

**Sandra Cannon**– a letter is to be written to NT Roads Dept. about the culverts on

Proposal

The local Board request VDSC council write a letter to the Dept of Roads requesting the upgrade of Tommy Creek daly River to prevent flooding of road way

Proposed Mark Casey

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Tommy's Creek, along with parking areas, and include Backyard Creek too.

**Sandra Cannon**– would putting more culverts in help with floods.

**Mark Casey** – that's like asking how much rain we will have next year.

**Festivals - Rose Rowlings:** The festival for S&R and Merrepen Arts is being held in September instead of June. Some of the food suppliers might not make. It has been passed. **Lizz Bott-** The festivals have been advertised in magazine and media.

Proposed resolution

To change the Merrepen festival date to 1st week of September due to flooding

Tabled Gail Zammit

2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Casey

Passed

**Rates – Lizz Bott:** With the rates, am concerned about rate charges as we are a not for profit organisation and can't see how we are charged rates when we're not in a position to pay.

**Greg Arnott** – any organisation or individual has an opportunity to forward this issue to the council. The councillor will give this discretion.

**Dumps –Miriam Baumann-** referring to the dump in floods: could the rubbish be based somewhere else rather than in the community. The smoke from the burning white goods came back into the community.

**Chris Hill** – Placed white goods at end of runway as couldn't get to dump due to flooding White goods were not burnt on purpose but sometimes burnt by accident

**By Laws - Claire Davies** -started the presentation in regards to by laws, which is a set of rules in the community. Want to know what people would like to put in place.

**Group discussion** – suggested by laws Rubbish , Dogs, Cats and a legal dump are issues that need to be addressed and maybe some rules can be put in place with having dogs de sexed, immunised & registered, also how many dogs per house would be acceptable.

**Miriam Baumann** – We should have extra bins for people in houses with more than one family, this could reduce rubbish.

**Chris Hill** – extra bins are available request go direct to Parks and Gardens team Leader about extra bins for household

**Miriam Baumann**– will we get money to de- sex the dogs?

**Sandra Cannon** – Possibly as Vets agree with the by laws programme and say the biggest issue is the condition of dogs.

**Chris Hill** – Vet coming in on the 24<sup>rd</sup> of May 2011.

**Miriam Baumann**– what about dogs that get killed by cars?

**Sandra Cannon** – this is a personal issue.

**Gayle Zammit** – some houses have no fences which make it hard to keep dogs off the road.

**Claire Davies**– we will look into the dog program too and fencing restrictions in the community.

Proposed the By Law survey be carried out door to door in community agreed by attendance meeting

**Next official meeting is end of November 2011**

**Rose Rowlings** closed the meeting at 1:48pm