



# Coomalie Community Government Council

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 12 June 2012** Started: **5:30 PM** Ended: **10:38 PM**

Location: Council Chambers, 141 Cameron Road, Batchelor NT 0845

Purpose/Notes: Regular scheduled meeting

Chaired by: Clr. Jeff Colver

Minutes rec. by: Melissa Kerr

## Attendance:

Present: Robert Bright, Clr. Sue Bulmer, Clr. Jeff Colver, Clr. Max Corliss, Clr. Ewan Crook, Clr. Bruce Jones, Melissa Kerr, Clr. Diedre Pickering, Clr. Andrew Turner

Regrets: Clr. Dave Gray

Absent without notice: Clr. Geoff Morton

Late: Clr. Ewan Crook and Clr. Sue Bulmer arrived 5.55pm.

## Guests:

Darryl Butler (present), Ros Jones (present), Ryan Martin (present), Marilyn Morris (present), Judy Painter (present) - to discuss Community Bus.

## Meeting Documents:

(no documents)

## Meeting Minutes:

### 1. Standing Agenda Items

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#### 1.1. Apologies and Leave of Absence

The following apologies are noted:

- Clr. Dave Gray

**Status:** Completed

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#### 1.2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

**Having considered the Agenda and Business Documents, Councillors are requested to declare any possible, actual or perceivable conflicts of interest at this time.**

Section 74 of the Local Government Act (2008) provides for Disclosure of Interest by Council Members

As soon as practicable after a member becomes aware of a conflict of interest in a question that has arisen or is about to arise before the council, local board or council committee, the member must disclose the relevant interest):personal or financial interest that gives rise to the conflict (the

(a) at a meeting of the council, local board or council committee;

and

(b) to the CEO.

(2) The CEO must record the disclosure in a register of interests kept for the purpose.

(3) A member must not, without the Minister's approval:

(a) be present at a meeting of the council, the local board or council committee while a question in which the member has a conflict of interest is under consideration; or

(b) participate in any decision on the question.

**Status:** Completed

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#### 1.2.1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

The following conflicts of interest were noted:

- Councillor
- Agenda Item



- Details

**Status:** Completed

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### 1.3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the following Ordinary General Meeting(s) of Coomalie Community Government Council are to be reviewed and confirmed:

- Meeting held on 15th May 2012. Moved Clr. Crook, seconded Clr. Turner. AIF. Carried.
- Meeting held on 29th May 2012. Moved Clr. Pickering, seconded Clr. Bulmer. AIF. Carried.

**Report:**

CEO to ring TIO re access to accounts for Clr. Colver.

**Documents:**

- 2012-05-15 Minutes.pdf
- 2012-05-29 Minutes.pdf

**Status:** Completed

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### 1.4. Actions Arising

Melissa Kerr

The Actions Arising from Ordinary General Meetings up to and including 6 June 2012 are to be reviewed and confirmed with the following enquiries:

- 008 - Write to Road Safety NT to invite them to August OGM to discuss Rum Jungle Road.
- 012 - Contact Gerhard Visser DLP re emailing copy of Adelaide River Planning Scheme.
- 021 - CEO to check with DLP re Adelaide River Dump ownership and tenure.
- 059 - CEO check By-Laws for dogs and delegation for authority.

AIF. Carried.

**Moved by:** Clr. Andrew Turner

**Seconded by:** Clr. Ewan Crook

**Status:**

Carried

**Vote:**

**Documents:**

- Actions Arising List 2012-05-31.pdf
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### 1.5. Correspondence

The correspondence inward and outward be received and noted with the exception of Lingalonga correspondence.

Moved Clr. Corliss seconded Clr. Crook that the CEO approve Lingalonga the use of tables and chairs but not for the use of the bus to transport excess students as these students are from outside the Coomalie community.

AIF. Carried.

**Moved by:** Clr. Andrew Turner

**Seconded by:** Clr. Ewan Crook

**Status:**

Carried

**Vote:**

**Documents:**



- Correspondence Inward 2012-05-31.pdf
- Correspondence Outward 2012-05-31.pdf

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## 1.6. Financial Reports

Melissa Kerr

The Financial Report contains:

- Monthly Summary and Grant Report
- Monthly and Year to Date Operating Results Detail
- Payment Register

The financial report is to be received and noted.

AIF. Carried.

**Moved by:** Clr. Bruce Jones

**Seconded by:** Clr. Sue Bulmer

**Status:**

Carried

**Vote:**

### Documents:

- 2012-05-31 Monthly Summary and Grant Report.pdf
- 2012-05-31 Monthly Summary.pdf
- 2012-05-31 Payment Register.pdf

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## 1.7. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Melissa Kerr

The Chief Executive Officer's Report is to be received and noted.

AIF. Carried.

**Moved by:** Clr. Ewan Crook

**Seconded by:** Clr. Bruce Jones

**Status:**

Carried

**Vote:**

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### 1.7.1. Batchelor Swimming Pool Worksafe Improvement Notice

On Wednesday 16th May 2012 Council received an Improvement Notice at the Batchelor Swimming Pool. The notice was issued due to concerns with out of hours access - we were deemed not following s.19 Duty of Care.

Council have until Wednesday 20th June 2012 to respond to the notice. I have contacted our lawyers CridlandsMB for advice and am awaiting an answer. I will have a response for the OGM.

CEO to seek advice from CridlandsMB and change pool keys ASAP prior to 20/6/12 if possible otherwise seek an extension with NT Worksafe.

Discussion re use of pool and hours.

**Documents:**

- Worksafe Improvement Notice Pool 2012-05-23.pdf

**Status:** Completed

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### 1.7.2. Citizenship Ceremony

Council have received a request from Dept Immigration to hold a Citizenship Ceremony for Erlinda Ebdalin. We have three months from date of her approval to hold the ceremony.

CEO ask Erlinda if she would prefer a public (at Lingalonga) or private citizenship ceremony (possibly at the AR meeting on 26th June 2012.) Council will accommodate either decision.

AIF. Carried.

**Moved by:** Clr. Andrew Turner

**Seconded by:** Clr. Bruce Jones

**Status:**

Carried

**Vote:**

**Documents:**

- Citizenship.pdf

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### 1.7.3. Rubbish Dumps

Council have received the original applications to the EPA for licencing the dumps, transfer stations and waste oil facilities. As per EPA guidelines, as we receive listed waste (tyres, batteries etc) we are required to be licenced. We do however, not fulfill the requirement of a population greater than 1000 per facility.

Annie Andrews from EPA is happy to meet with Council to discuss options.

CEO formulate series of questions to ask Annie Andrews from the EPA on how to delist our rubbish dumps and report to the July OGM for a decision on whether to delist or not.

AIF. Carried.

**Moved by:** Clr. Andrew Turner

**Seconded by:** Clr. Ewan Crook

**Status:**

Carried

**Vote:**

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### 1.7.4. Rum Jungle South Lake

Council have still not received a response from the Minister regarding the re-opening of Rum Jungle South Lake. I have spoken to Mitchell Rider from Dept of Resources and he has confirmed the department will continue paying maintenance costs for the Lake until the Minister signs off approving re-opening of the Lake. See attached Correspondence Inward.

Council extend the current contract for slashing until 31/08/12 and look at new slashing tender if/when the Lake is re-opened.

**Moved by:** Clr. Andrew Turner

**Seconded by:** Clr. Max Corliss

**Status:**

Carried

**Vote:**

**Documents:**

- RJ Lake.pdf

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### 1.7.5. Policy Manual

Council's current policy manual was revised in 2009 and is need of an update as per May OGM.



Resolutions from after March 2012 will be added after update.

The CEO update the Policy Manual for 2012 with Councillor suggestions for presentation at the August OGM. Deal with four pages per meeting and add resolutions as decided at OGM's.

The manual is to be updated with new resolutions and forwarded to Councillors six monthly.

AIF. Carried.

**Resolution #:** 12/06/2012/001

**Moved by:** Clr. Diedre Pickering

**Seconded by:** Clr. Max Corliss

**Status:**

Carried

**Vote:**

**Report:**

Supercede 54/08/03 - That Council business papers be available electronically on Council's website the Friday before the OGM the following Tuesday.

**Documents:**

- DRAFT Policy Manual 2012.pdf

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### 1.7.6. Shire Plan 2012/13

Council make the following adjustments, both specific and visionary to the Shire Plan for 2012/13.

Council adopt the Shire Plan 2012/13 with the following adjustments from this evening and suggestions to be forwarded this week:

- Inflation
- Sport and Rec - Add Access Shed to item 2 and change Batchelor to Council ovals.
- Pool - Improve pool and reduce cost to ratepayers.
- Community Rec - Bus
- Tourism - Signage, Promote history of Adelaide River and Batchelor. Update Council website.
- Dogs - review Council By-Laws.

AIF. Carried.

**Moved by:** Clr. Diedre Pickering

**Seconded by:** Clr. Bruce Jones

**Status:**

Carried

**Vote:**

**Documents:**

- Coomalie Shire Plan 2012-2013.pdf

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### 1.8. Operations Manager's Report

Melissa Kerr

The Operations Manager's Report is to be received and noted.

Council direct CEO to seek costs to transfer waste from AR to Darwin instead of Batchelor.

OM obtain a copy of the current stamped Development Permit for Cooper surrounding s.160.

AIF. Carried.

**Moved by:** Clr. Bruce Jones

**Seconded by:** Clr. Andrew Turner

**Status:**

Carried



**Vote:**

**Documents:**

Operations Report June 2012.pdf

The Operations Manager left the meeting at 9.58pm.

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### **1.8.1. Pitcher Road Warranty**

Council wrote to Peter Pitcher on 06/06/12 raising concerns with accesses and warranty period. See attached Correspondence Outward.

Council invite John Delaney to attend meeting with Pitcher and OM to discuss defective accesses to be repaired prior to expiration of warranty period on 26/08/12.

**Status:** Completed

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### **1.9. Community Recreation Officer's Report**

Melissa Kerr

The Community Recreation Officer's Report is to be received and noted.

AIF. Carried.

**Moved by:** Clr. Sue Bulmer

**Seconded by:** Clr. Ewan Crook

**Status:**

Carried

**Vote:**

**Documents:**

- CRO Report June 2012.pdf
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### **1.10. Library Reports**

Melissa Kerr

The Community Library Report for Batchelor be received and noted.

AIF. Carried.

**Moved by:** Clr. Sue Bulmer

**Seconded by:** Clr. Bruce Jones

**Status:**

Carried

**Vote:**

**Documents:**

- Library.pdf
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### **1.11. Batchelor Swimming Pool**

Melissa Kerr

The Batchelor Swimming Pool has gone from cold to colder and there have been few swimmers. The Rain Tree has most of my day booked out with leaves.

We are waiting on quotes on the repair and replacement of the pumps - it will be timely to change them with the colder weather and no swimmers.

That Council seek quotes to remove the Rain Tree at the pool and for replacing and repairing filters, pumps and chlorinators and costs to insert a new pool inside the old pool for inclusion in budget in 2012/13 .

Vote 6 for 1 Against. Clr. Pickering voted against. Carried.

**Moved by:** Clr. Bruce Jones

**Seconded by:** Clr. Sue Bulmer

**Status:**



Carried

**Vote:**

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### 1.12. Dog Management Report

Melissa Kerr

Two "No Dogs Allowed" signs have been placed at the Batchelor Shop. There is a word one and a picture one. Several dog complaints have been dealt with at Flynn Crescent and an ongoing dangerous dog issue is almost complete in Adelaide River. See attached letters in Correspondence Outward.

Council have received an application from Ms Christine Lee Tate to keep four (4) dogs at 12 Hardy St Adelaide River. As per Council's policy 22/02/2011/012 the CEO is directed that no new licences for keeping of more than two dogs in township properties are to be issued without further directions from Council. Renewal of existing licences is permitted only for dogs registered as at the date of this resolution. Council refuse the application from Ms Christine Lee Tate's to keep more than two dogs as per Council's policy 22/02/2011/012.

Council amend policy 22/02/2011/012 to remove the words "without further directions from Council."

Vote 5 For 2 Against - Clrs. Bulmer and Pickering voted against. Carried.

**Resolution #:** 12/06/2012/002

**Moved by:** Clr. Jeff Colver

**Seconded by:** Clr. Ewan Crook

**Status:**

Carried

**Vote:**

**Documents:**

- A River Dogs.pdf

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## 2. Business Brought Forward From Previous Meetings

No Business Brought Forward From Previous Meetings

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## 3. General Business

### 3.1. Community Bus Review

I have attached COTA's original response to the Community Bus from the March OGM.

**Recommendation:** Council and the community formally approach NTG, local member and opposition candidate and request funding to cover costs associated with running the bus.

Council target the NTG to fund cost of replacement in next 5 years.

Moved Clr. Turner seconded Clr. Pickering that Council move to continue practice as is until end of 2012, which gives Council 6 months to make a new policy.

Vote 6 For 1 against. Clr. Bulmer voted against. Carried.

Moved Clr. Pickering, seconded Clr. Turner that trips should be advertised to all community members and any donations will be accepted by Council to assist in recovering costs.

AIF. Carried.

**Report:**

Ros Jones - representing Seventh Day Adventist Church - use bus for Sabbath Day each Saturday. Prior minutes approved use of community bus. Varied ages 3-11, up to 30 children. Teaching values, nurtured, cared for and taught and fed, core family values. Travel 11km each Saturday. Have free use of bus for Sabbath School, willing to pay for fuel if used for excursions. How is a pensioner going to afford private enterprise fee? They are our aged people in our community. Support seeking money to help fund bus for the community.

Darryl Bultler - representing COTA. See reports from March OGM. Trial run 35 months ago, use monthly to go to Darwin for older residents. More needs - advertising within community eg. HACC. A lot of residents not aware of monthly bus to town. Successful, different users 9-15 - some regulars, visitors, intermittent. Pick up from Adelaide River, Batchelor and Lake Bennett Highway. No funds, donations for bus only and



this varies. Fundraising activities only funds. Were originally paying \$100/trip - JH advised community use so no charge. Were charging \$10/hd - ?? if driver not benefitting then just recouping costs. More comfortable with charge for bus, not per person. Council has an interest in this, policy to work together for subsidised public transport (free for seniors). Responsibility of NTG, then available to all age groups. This organisation is for over 50's.

Judy Painter - representing COTA. Support Darryl's comments. Those with no transport are crippled with access to recreation, medical and groceries.

Clr. Turner - this activity is non core, bigger issue is a regular public bus run to Darwin. Issues - competition with local provider, licencing, users of bus. Local member open to discuss public bus. Regular use, imbedded expectation from community that Council will replace/repair the bus. Look at whole of life cost of recovery, so replacement bus at end OR well known that it will not be replaced. Not core function, not core responsibility - seek external funding. Is once a month right for COTA at the moment? Current users advise ok, not known of those not using the service. Seek public transport once a week for the community. Need long term agreement from NTG at level needed.

Clr. Colver - funding if all supporting Council for community bus.

Clr. Pickering - advertise in the mean time, in Stop Press, HACC. Charge small fee in mean time. Kids and pensioners should be looked after.

Ryan Martin - representing BAS. Don't use bus that often, utilise with BOEC. Charge per bus better than per head. Needs to be access from Coomalie to Darwin. No bus, kids don't go. Use Council bus to get children out of shire along with own bus and access when needed is helpful. Lots kids at stage where need further training etc, if weekly run, would try and plan traineeships etc with CDU to use this. Healthy partnership at moment between CCGC and BAS. Church group or Auskick numbers - nearly all kids are active on the weekends. Will have whole lot of kids wanting to play on weekends - part of team sport. No public transport available though for them to participate.

Clr. Corliss - correspondence from Pat Simmonds who uses COTA trips.

Marilyn Morris - Community Recreation Officer. Usage over School Holidays - go to town 1-2/week. Xmas limit to 1/wk and utilise within shire more. Trips - AR, Bat to town. Sporting - public transport needed 2/wk and once on weekend eg. Saturday sport. Cannot get into teams as no transport. If BAS use bus, refuel it, no extra cost. CCGC use BAS facilities regularly - chairs, tables, buildings - give and take with BAS.

Clr. Bulmer - In 2007, \$96799 grant for bus for community use, sporting events etc. Aims were to improve anti social behaviour, anti vandalism. Monthly bus trips organised by COTA are for a small section of the community, but they should be for all of the community. Everybody should pay a little bit. Input from all users, existing policies, issues raised need to be considered.

Clr. Jones - CCGC need to look into grants for replacing bus.

Clr. Colver move to close opportunity for discussion at 6.20pm to commence OGM.

AIF. Carried.

**Documents:**

- COTA Report.pdf

**Status:** Completed

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#### 4.6. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Coomalie Community Government Council will be held at Adelaide River on 26th June 2012 at 6.00pm (5.30pm if Citizenship Ceremony to be conducted) at the Adelaide River Primary School Library.

**Status:** Completed

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#### 4.7. Conclusion

**Status:** Completed

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Recording Secretary:

Chairperson:

Date:

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