MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2014
AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BEES CREEK ROAD, FRED'S PASS

Present
Allan McKay Mayor
Mathew Salter Deputy Mayor/North Ward
Victor Statham Councillor/South Ward
Mike Bowman Councillor/East Ward
Judy Cole Councillor/Central Ward
Ilan Wilson Chief Executive Officer
Derrick Tranter Governance Manager
Graeme Francis General Manager Projects
Mike Alarcon General Manager Infrastructure and Planning
Andrew Farrell Property Manager
Valerie Urbain Finance Manager
Marlene Watt Council Secretary
Glen Minaker Cemetery Manager

Public:
Raphael Woon JKC
Paul Dale JKC
Gina Wilson JKC
Peter Burgess NT Electoral Commission
Frank Crawley Dept of Local Government
Barbara Crane Howard Springs
Lisa McKinney-Smith Howard Springs
Christine Osborn Bees Creek

1. OPENING OF MEETING:
The Mayor, Allan McKay opened the Meeting at 6.30 p.m. welcoming members of the public.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Nil

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Nil

4. PUBLIC FORUM (OVERVIEW ONLY)

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MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
The Mayor asked if any members of the public gallery would like to address Council.

Mrs Crane asked if polystyrene trays were classed as paper or plastic and if they are recyclable. The Chief Executive Officer advised that the polystyrene trays are classed as not recyclable.

Barbara Crane advised that she is a member of the Palmerston Seniors Advisory Group who are looking into concerns raised by seniors in relation to improving public transport in the Rural Area especially Howard Springs and Cox Peninsular/Berry Springs where the frequency of buses to Palmerston and back is limited with only two services during the day. One travelling into Palmerston in the morning and returning in the afternoon around 3.30 – 4.00 pm. So if you had to travel to Palmerston/Darwin from Howard Springs/Berry Springs for an appointment you would have to spend all day in Palmerston/Darwin unable to catch any public transport to these areas until late afternoon. A letter was forwarded to Mr Ben Mountcastle, Transport Planner, Department of Transport advising of the Groups concerns and seeking further services. Mr Mountcastle replied to the Group advising that the Department is currently undertaking a review of the Darwin public transport network taking into account the rural area and that the Department would be seeking public consultation around the first half of 2015 and would welcome the Palmerston Seniors Advisory Groups input and feedback to the review. This information was discussed at the Seniors meeting on 10th November where the Chair indicated that Litchfield Council would be approached about setting up a sub-committee. Mrs Crane would email Council the two letters. The Mayor thanked Mrs Crane for providing Council with this information and advised that he had been to a meeting earlier this year regarding the Review but had no further correspondence.

Mrs Crane raised the issue of recycling at the Howard Springs Transfer Station asking why Council could not insta bins to put bottles. Staff could sought and the money raised could go towards wages or charity. Mrs Crane was advised that currently recycleables came under the current contractor.

Mrs Crane noticed on the Agenda that the second section where the public could ask questions at the end of the meeting does not appear. The Chief Executive Officer advised that he did not see that it was necessary to have two places for questions in the Agenda. Mrs Crane would like it reinstated.

Lisa McKenny-Smith asked what was the outcome and result of the Mayors Probationary Period, not speaking to the media and the vote of no confidence raised by the elected
members. Lisa McKenny-Smith asked for an answer as the matter had just been swept under the carpet.

Lisa McKenny-Smith voiced her concerns with Mayors/Councils indiscretion in relation to the proposed Noonamah Ridge and Holtz Subdivisions and stated that the “Mayor was in the pockets of developers’ and that it was not Councils Role to enter into deals with Government or developers with out any consultation with the public. Lisa-McKenny-Smith believed that these areas are rural living and not for project housing and found the whole thing obscene.

Lisa McKenny-Smith advised that Council use to mow the verges three times a year and since this is not happening on a regular basis the water has been sitting and at the edge of the bitumen especially on Westall Road the soil has eroded away. Lisa McKenny-Smith asked why had Council not considered patching the bitumen.

4.1  **JKC UPDATE:** The Mayor welcomed Paul Dale, Gina Wilson and Raphael Woon. Paul Dale and Raphael Woon gave an informative presentation along with a power presentation, providing information to the meeting as to where they and Inpex are currently situated in this huge project. Councillors and members of the public asked questions throughout the presentation. Copies of their Community Bulletin No 127 were given out to Council and the public. The Mayor thanked them for the informative presentation and looked forward to the next information session. The representatives thanked Council for the opportunity to address Council and left the meeting at 7.25 p.m.

4.2  **Department of Local Government – Local Government Electoral Reform presentation.** The Mayor welcomed Frank Crawley from the Department of Local Government who had come tonight to provide a presentation to Council members on the proposed Local Government Electoral Reform process. Mr Crawley worked his way through a power point presentation providing information for Council on the proposed Electoral Amendments that will affect all Councils in the Northern Territory. Councillors asked questions during the presentation and members of the public were asked to contact Mr Crawley direct regarding any questions they may have. The Mayor thanked Mr Crawley for his informative presentation and Mr Crawley left the meeting at 7.50 p.m.

4.3  **Community Issues – Petitions**  

Nil
5. ACCEPTING OR DECLINING LATE ITEMS:

5.1 PW14/PNC/182LI ROAD NAME PROPOSAL – RIDGEVIEW ROAD

It was resolved that Council accept the late item, 5.1 PW14/PNC/182LI Road Name Proposal – Ridgeview Road under Infrastructure and Planning Report 12.5

MOVED: J. COLE
SECONDED: M. BOWMAN
CARRIED

5.2 FR14/ROA/001LI REVALUATION OF ASSETS

It was resolved that Council accept the late item, 5.2 FR14/ROA/001LI Revaluation of Assets under Corporate Services Report 13.6

MOVED: J. COLE
SECONDED: V. STATHAM
CARRIED

5.3 PW14/ACC/063LI OUTLET DRAIN ON GOODE ROAD

It was resolved that Council accept the late item, 5.3 PW14/ACC/063LI Outlet Drain on Goode Road under Infrastructure and Planning Report 12.6

MOVED: M. BOWMAN
SECONDED: J. COLE
CARRIED

5.4 PA14/LAR/001LI ANNUAL REPORT 2013/2014

It was resolved that Council accept the late item, 5.4 PA14/LAR/001LI Annual Report 2013/2014 under Corporate Services Report 13.5

MOVED: V. STATHAM
SECONDED: M. BOWMAN
CARRIED

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MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
5.5 PW14/GD/043LI CLOSING TIMES – BERRY SPRINGS WASTE TRANSFER STATION (WTS)

It was resolved that Council accept the late item, 5.5 PW14/GD/043LI Closing times – Berry Springs Waste Transfer Station under Infrastructure and Planning Report 12.7

MOVED: M. BOWMAN
SECONDED: J. COLE
CARRIED

5.6 PW/BL/001LI BANJO LINES (LOW PRESSURE POTABLE WATER SUPPLY NETWORK)

It was resolved that Council accept the late item, 5.6 PW14/BL/001LI Banjo Lines (Low Pressure Potable Water Supply Network) under Chief Executive Officers Report 9.2

MOVED: J. COLE
SECONDED: V. STATHAM
CARRIED

6. NOTICE OF MOTION:

Nil

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Thursday 9th October 2014

The Mayor called for confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Thursday 9th October 2014.

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Thursday 9th October 2014 are confirmed in full by full Council with the following amendment:-
It was resolved that Council approves the Wadham Lagoon Outlets Culverts Project to proceed using funding originally approved for the Wadham Lagoon Flood Mitigation Plan, to an amount of $50,000 to be taken from Infrastructure Reserves.

Should read:--

It was resolved that Council approves the Wadham Lagoon Flood Mitigation Project to proceed using funding originally approved for the Wadham Lagoon Flood Mitigation Plan, to an amount of $50,000 to be taken from Infrastructure Reserves.

MOVED: M BOWMAN
SECONDED: J. COLE
CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

It was flagged by Councillor Judy Cole that she had some concerns under item 9.1 PA14/LGANT/110 LGANT – PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION about changing the number of Executive members by increasing by one (1) to nine (9) members. After some discussion Councillors asked that the Chief Executive Officer put another paper to Council regarding the number of Executive members.

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

It was resolved that the Chief Executive Officer’s Report be noted.

MOVED: J. COLE
SECONDED: V. STATHAM
CARRIED

9.1 PA14/CF/009 OFFICE CLOSURE OVER THE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD

It was resolved that Council approves the closure of the Council during the Christmas/New Year period being from close of business Wednesday 24th December 2014 reopening on Monday 5th January 2015.
MOVED: M. BOWMAN
SECONDED: J. COLE
CARRIED

9.2 PW14/BL/001LI: BANJO LINES (LOW PRESSURE POTABLE WATER SUPPLY NETWORK)

It was resolved that Council write to the Northern Territory Government requesting that they supply Council with the audit reports and any information regarding Banjo Lines so that Council can update its mapping information and request whatever remedial action Government are doing to alleviate the problem.

MOVED: J. COLE
SECONDED: A. MCKAY
CARRIED

10. GOVERNANCE REPORT:

It was resolved that Council notes the key issues listed which are addressed under Policy and Administration Matters 10.a1 to 10.a3.

MOVED: M. BOWMAN
SECONDED: J. COLE
CARRIED

10a. POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS:

10. a1 PA14/CSR/004: COMMON SEAL USAGE REPORT

It was resolved that Council note the Common Seal Usage Report for October 2014.

MOVED: V. STATHAM
SECONDED: M. BOWMAN
CARRIED

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MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
10.a2 PA14/IC/001  FREDS PASS BOARD APPOINTMENT

It was resolved that Council resolves the appointment of a representative to the Freds Pass Board be deferred until the Board’s constitutional issues are confirmed.

MOVED: J. COLE
SECONDED: M. BOWMAN
CARRIED

10.a3 PA14/EP/007: REVIEW OF ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION

It was resolved that Council:-

1. note and receive the two (2) submissions received in response to the initial public consultation.

2. agree to the following.
   2.1 The name of Council not be changed at this time.
   2.2 The principal member of Council continues to bear the title of Mayor.
   2.3 The elected members (excluding the Mayor) continue to have the title of councillor.
   2.4 The future Council of the Litchfield Council continues to comprise the Mayor and four (4) elected members.
   2.5 The existing wards structure and ward names be retained.

3. Delete Council undertake further investigations into the benefits of expanding the council boundaries to include unincorporated land to the east and west, and advise the Minister for Local Government and Regions, accordingly.

4. Council not undertake any further public consultation, and authorise the preparation of the necessary report to the Minister for Local Government and Regions.
11. PROJECTS OFFICE REPORT:

It was resolved that Council notes the Projects Office Report.

MOVED: M. BOWMAN
SECONDED: J. COLE
CARRIED

Barbara Crane and Lisa McKinney-Smith left the meeting at 8.55

11.1 PW14/CP/107: PERIOD CONTRACT: SUPPLY AND OR INSTALLATION OF SIGNS AND OTHER ROAD FURNITURE

It was resolved that Council notes the Tender Process was completed. Six Tenders, including the Mobile Work Force tendered for the Period contract for the Supply and or Installation of Signs and Other Road Furniture. After evaluation, the Mobile Work force was considered the most appropriate supplier and the successful tenderer.

MOVED: J. COLE
SECONDED: M. SALTER
CARRIED

12. INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING REPORT:

It was resolved that Council notes the Infrastructure and Planning Report.
(12.1a through to 12.1e)

MOVED: M. BOWMAN
SECONDED: V. STATHAM
CARRIED

Christine Osborn left the meeting 9.15 p.m.
12.2 PW14/RDS/001  RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY STANDARDS IN THE LITCHFIELD MUNICIPALITY

It was resolved that Council endorsed the proposal to:

a) discontinue the requirement for a driveway culverts when it is appropriate and replace with a concrete invert driveway of gradient no greater than 1:10 and that if the 1:10 gradient cannot be achieved within the road reserve then the property owner or landowner be required to indent the fence line in order to achieve the 1:10 gradient.

b) install a concrete driveway prior to requesting the “On Maintenance Certificate” from Council. Alternatively, the provision of a $2,000 bond per property may be considered from all developers or individuals subdividing land and that the bond be refunded on the satisfactory completion of the driveway which should occur subsequent to the completion of the construction of the building/house involved.

A 60 day public comment period should be considered.

MOVED: M. BOWMAN
SECONDED: M. SALTER
CARRIED

12.3 PW14/PNC/180  NAMING OF ENTRY ROAD INTO THE DARWIN CORRECTION CENTRE

It was resolved that Council support the naming of NUKU Road as the entry road into the Darwin Correctional Centre.

MOVED: M. BOWMAN
SECONDED: J. COLE
CARRIED

12.4 PW14/PNC/181  ROAD NAME PROPOSAL: NIGHTJAR AVENUE
It was resolved that Council support the naming of NIGHTJAR Avenue for the proposed local road in the current subdivision of Lot 4212 (25) Smyth Road.

MOVED: J. COLE
SECONDED: V. STATHAM
CARRIED

12.5 PW14/PNC/182LI ROAD NAME PROPOSAL – RIDGEVIEW ROAD

It was resolved that Council supports the naming of RIDGEVIEW ROAD into the subdivision of Lot 8 and Section 683 Brougham Road, Fly Creek.

MOVED: J. COLE
SECONDED: V. STATHAM
CARRIED

12.6 PW14/ACC/063LI OUTLET DRAIN ON GOODE ROAD

It was resolved that Council note the paper regarding the upgrade of the infrastructure.

MOVED: M. BOWMAN
SECONDED: J. COLE
CARRIED

12.7 PW14/GD/043LI CLOSING TIMES – BERRY SPRINGS WASTE TRANSFER STATION (WTS)

It was resolved that Council support the initiative of closing Berry Springs Waste Transfer Station from 7pm to 7am to prevent illegal waste disposal, minimise the risk for the community and save the associated costs for Council when dealing with the mentioned issues.

MOVED: M. BOWMAN
SECONDED: M. SALTER
CARRIED

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MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
13. CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT:

It was resolved that Council notes the Corporate Services Report.

MOVED: M. BOWMAN
SECONDED: V. STATHAM
CARRIED

13.1 FR14/FIN/010 FINANCIAL REPORT – OCTOBER 2014

It was resolved that Council note the contents of the Financial Report for October 2014.

MOVED: M. BOWMAN
SECONDED: V. STATHAM
CARRIED

13.2 PA14/ST/026: ASSET MANAGEMENT

It was resolved that Council approve the appointment of the additional position of Asset Accountant and funding for the balance of the 2014/15 financial year of $50,000 be funded from the infrastructure reserve.

MOVED: V. STATHAM
SECONDED: M. SALTER
CARRIED

13.3 PA14/ST/027: MOBILE WORKFORCE – SIGNS INSTALLATION

It was resolved that Council approve the purchase of capital equipment of $99,500 from the Plant and Motor Vehicle Replacement Reserve and the appointment of two additional staff to be funded from existing operational signs budget allocation.

MOVED: M. SALTER
SECONDED: V. STATHAM
CARRIED

Andrew Farrell left the meeting at 9.50 p.m.
13.4 RECREATION RESERVES: Nil

13.5 PA14/LAR/001LI ANNUAL REPORT 2013/2014

It was resolved that Council endorse the 2013/2014 Annual Report.

MOVED: V. STATHAM
SECONDED: J. COLE
CARRIED

13.6 FR14/ROA/001LI REVALUATION OF ASSETS

It was resolved that Council approve the appointment of Maloney Field Services to conduct a revaluation of Council’s assets at a cost of $69,999 (plus GST) and such cost to be funded from the infrastructure reserve.

MOVED: V. STATHAM
SECONDED: M. SALTER
CARRIED

14. REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT:

It was resolved that the Regulatory Services Report be noted.

MOVED: J. COLE
SECONDED: V. STATHAM
CARRIED

15. MAYORS AND ELECTED MEMBERS REPORT:

15a MAYORS REPORT – NOVEMBER

The Mayor tabled his report:

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MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Mayors report to Council meeting 20 November 2014

- Chief Minister’s Reception for delegates to the 52nd Australian Japan Joint Business Conference. Myself and Gretchen attended this function which was a good introduction for the business people from Japan to the Territory. I caught up with a couple of the delegates, for a general chit chat.

- Ronald McDonald House had their charity fundraising event at Coolalinga on Saturday 18th October which I attended helping out behind the counter for a period of time. This event raises a lot of money throughout the country.

- I attended the Elton Team Social Planning Master Class on 21st October. This was very interesting presentation in how the social side of everything fits into the planning of a community. We should not go forward without the social planning being considered in our new regional plan of the Litchfield area.

- The Fifth Annual Northern Territory Major Projects Conference 22nd - 23rd October. I attended this Conference to find out what will be happening in our area over the next few years.

- Sunday the 26th and Monday, 27th October I attended further media training. This training has been very helpful for me and I’m hoping to be able to use it at future appropriate times.

- I also attended Preventing Discrimination Harassment and Bullying for managers and supervisors on 29th October. This was a six hour session that gave me insight into what discrimination and harassment is all about.

- On 31st October I attended the announcement of the 2014 Portrait of a Senior Citizen. This Art Exhibition by Seniors was held at Parliament House, by the Speaker, Kezia Purick MLA with some 150 people in attendance including some of our rural residents.

- On Saturday, 18th October I attended COGSO AGM and full Council meeting. This is a committee that represents schools and as we have 12 schools in our area I thought it important to attend to gain an understanding of the workings of this Committee.

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MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
- On Tuesday evening 21st October I attended the Girraween School PC Meeting to see how their school is going and to let them know about the roundabout that is going near to their school and that it should help with the traffic flows.

- On 23 October I attended the Australia Day Council Administrators Reception at Government House. This event brings together representatives from all over the Territory to discuss and provide information on preparations for Australia Day Celebrations for the coming year.

- On 31st of October I attended a luncheon with the University of the Third Age, which is a seniors group for Litchfield and Palmerston. They ask me to attend occasionally to let them know what’s happening in our area and just general conversation. They do come up with some good ideas and they provide information on what is happening within the senior groups around the area.

- On 3 November I had the new Brigadier Michael Ryan of Robertson Barracks come and visit to introduce himself to Council. General conversation took place and he advised they had one small problem that they would like a light in front of the main entry gate. We asked if the Defence Force are going to support our rural Anzac Day Ceremonies and the answer was yes. We also asked them for support when Council goes to the Federal Government for funding towards repairs on roads around Robertson Barracks and they agreed to support Council.

- I attended the Northern Territory Food Future Conference on the 3rd to 5 November, which was all about developing the north as a food bowl. What could be achieved and grown in the Territory. As Litchfield is a rural area with interests in the production of vegetables and mangoes I thought it was important to be across what was happening in these areas.

- On 6th November Councillors Judy Cole, Vic Statham and myself attended the LGANT General Meeting where elections for the new LGANT Executive were held with, Damien Ryan remaining President. A Mayors and Presidents Meeting was held the day before where we spent about six hours talking about how and what the different regions are working and what we are achieving in our areas with little money.
Week of 10 November I attended the National Local Roads and Transport Congress in Tamworth which supports the Australian Local government Association of Australia when it approaches the Federal Government for funding for local government needs such as individual areas, upgrading bridges, upgrading major roads in districts, and basically more funding for repairs and maintenance. The Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss attended the Conference and he said that their government was going to give local government more money for bridges and other infrastructure in the next couple of years. So all the fighting that the Australian Local Government Association has been doing is paying off. Attending this Conference on behalf of our area should also pay off for extra refunding that we should be getting. I would like to say thank you very much to the Federal Government for listening to the local government concerns especially in the regional areas.

It was resolved that Council note the Mayors Report.

MOVED: J. COLE  
SECONDED: V. STATHAM  
CARRIED

15b PA14/WR1/011North Ward – Deputy Mayor/Councillor Mathew Salter

Public Discussions:
I arranged a meeting with Michael (from AECOM), Allan and council staff about a regional grant submission to the Commonwealth Government which is due in May 2015. The idea is to spend some time on our current strategic plan and AECOM have indicated that they are capable of helping us make a professional submission.
I was involved in an Audit Committee Meeting looking at the end of financial year records with our new auditors. They identified areas of improvement for 201.15.
I attended a workshop November 6th looking at a Conservation Action Plan for Greater Darwin Region. This is in response to the NT Government’s Development Plan and it was a productive workshop.
I attended a conference in Melbourne on October 8th and 9th. There were 12 guest speakers who spoke for an hour each on a range of local council issues. The lesson from this is that councils should have small businesses that supplement rate payers taxes. There was five or six examples of this from small to large.
During September I visited Lambells Lagoon with Land for Wildlife with the focus of reinstating native vegetation on their blocks. Currently they have 175 participants in the rural area and they want it to grow.

Compliments: Communications from Ratepayers:
During October Gerry Wood, CEO and I drove to Girraween Lagoon. Gerry pointed out that Council has not managed any additional reserves since 2004. While we were there we looked at McMinns Reserve and it was fantastic. They just finished a toad bust, two wheelie bins full, and the manager said they had 40 volunteers. I read on the agenda that they had successfully won a grant. A great example for Girraween.

I had two complaints one regarding drainaged and the other PowerWater about resurfacing the unmaintained section of Madsen Road. Both are with Miguel. I fielded a phone call from a concerned resident regarding zoning change proposed by his neighbour which will intensify development. I understand that the Draft Darwin Regional Zoning Plan is resubmitted and Council and residents have 21 days to respond. Representing over 7000 ratepayers I ask the Mayor if he intends to support the people or sit on his hands.

Fred's Pass: During September there was a Special General Meeting to change aspects of the constitution. The user groups did not like the proposed changes and voted the motion down 3 votes to 9. There is to be an Annual General Meeting on November 25, and Litchfield Council will have an ex-officio member who will abstain from voting. The CEO Ian Wilson spoke to the Board outlining the role of Council and the role of the Freds Pass Board. He explained how Council should deal with Territory and Commonwealth Government submissions where as: the Board's role is to support the user groups obtain community grants and working out the best way to spend the annual budget. He said that the Board should use Council resources (finance, grants, governance) whenever necessary.

Planning:
I have written to the Department of Infrastructure about the proposed intersection at the Stuart Highway and Temple Terrace. I have written to the Howard East Water Advisory Committee advising of my suitability to join the Board. I have written to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority on concerns I have with the current process Council has with recycling. I also received a letter from the Planning Authority acknowledging my objection to the Draft Darwin Land Use Plan.

Follow Up from last month:
How did Council go regarding my last advice regarding NT Quads and their proposed site near the prison? As I am proposing the closure of another section of Madsen Road I would like to work in helping get a dedicated site available for quad riders.

Functions:
I represented Litchfield Council at the Palmerston Association of Dance production of Cinderella ballet at the Entertainment Centre. I joined by Ian Abbot, Mayor of Palmerston and Katrina Fong Lim, Mayor of Darwin who agreed that it was a wonderful production with guest international principle dancers from the Hong Kong Ballet. Palmerston Council put in $25,000 towards the production to encourage Art and Culture in their community. JKC got approval from Houston to donate $5,000. It involved 130 local girls aged 3 -30.
15c PA14/WR3/011 East Ward – Councillor Mike Bowman
Councillor Bowman advised it has been fairly quiet in his ward except for the crocodile wandering Girraween Road and the bitumen fairy had been to Magpie Way.

15d PA14/WR4/011 South Ward – Councillor Vic Statham
Councillor Statham advised that nothing much has happened in his ward. He attended the Humpty Doo Village Green Board meeting last Tuesday night where the email from Council regarding spend was discussed and from a negative response it was turned around to a positive response from the efforts of staff member Diane Chellingworth. It was a good meeting.

15e PA14/WR2/011 Central Ward – Councillor Judy Cole

Council Commitments

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<td>Discussions were held with Kezia Purick and Gary Higgins to update them on Council issues.</td>
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<td>1/11/14 Coolalinga Markets Mobile Office</td>
<td>People approached me about a number of issues including wild life on Gulnare Rd and the subdivision on Lowther Rd.</td>
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<td>6-7/11/14 LGANT Meeting and AGM</td>
<td>A 2 day conference in Darwin with all other Council representatives and the peak body LGANT. The Chief Minister made the announcement of election date extension for Council.</td>
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<td>8/11/14 Coolalinga Markets Walkabout</td>
<td>A quiet morning just chatting to folks at the market.</td>
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<td>11/11/14 Commemoration at Cenotaph Darwin</td>
<td>Just paying my respects to our fallen heroes.</td>
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<td>11/11/14 Inauguration of new Darwin City Council member</td>
<td>Attended the Darwin City Council ceremony to invest Alderman Justine Glover.</td>
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## Community Activities

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<td>10/10/14</td>
<td>Bees Creek School Fete</td>
<td>Attended another great fete put on by the School Council, parents and teachers of Bees Creek School.</td>
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<td>14/10/14</td>
<td>Howard Park Reserve Board</td>
<td>General progress real progress is being made on unfinished projects. Well done to all the volunteers. It is so hard to fit everything in these days. Council is now involved in helping to finalizing this project.</td>
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<td>26/10/14</td>
<td>CWA at the Berry Springs Market</td>
<td>I helped out at the car boot sale at Berry Springs markets. CWA had the bacon/egg stall.</td>
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<td>Special meeting to vote on changes to the constitution. The Board is increasing accountability and governance.</td>
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<td>To discuss the Constitution and user group concerns.</td>
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<td>Rural carols by Candlelight Meeting</td>
<td>Joined the group planning Rural Carols by Candlelight 6 December at Bees Creek School to provide support.</td>
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<td>16/11/14</td>
<td>Dinner at new Berry Springs Tavern</td>
<td>A great new venue for all rural residents. We had a lovely meal out on the verandah.</td>
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MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
It's been a very busy time with quite a few people contacting me about various issues. I am chasing up the wildlife crossing sign at Gulnare Rd creek crossing and have asked for Council to discuss the Lowther Rd subdivision. I have also asked the CE to look at the dirt road end of Bees Creek Road. Parking and traffic issues were brought up around Virginia Shops/Tavern.

Many of you over the last few months have complained to me about the spaghetti lines in the Central Ward. When we met with the local members this was discussed and a plan of action considered. We need people to mobilize and write to the Minister for Essential Services and your local member Kezia Purick MLA. I also managed to get some attention on the issue on ABC talk back. Please write to the editor of the NT News. Nothing will be done by government if those effected residents don’t start complaining.

I’d like to comment about the extension to the Local Government Election date from March 2016 to August 2017. This is an extra 18 months. There was little consultation with Councils and NO consultation with you the voting public. This was announced by the Chief Minister at LGANT. Not discussed just an announcement. The reasons are clear and are about moving into the dry season and not clashing with Australian and NT elections in August 2016. But imagine the costs if some of the older councillors across the NT were considering retiring around 2016. There could be a rash of by-elections which will come out of individual council budgets as unplanned expenses. And what if you the public are unhappy? This has not been a choice of your Litchfield Council or any other council in the NT.

Finally a reminder about the Rural Carols by Candlelight:
Saturday 6th December at Bees Creek School from 5.30pm

All the schools will be performing from the region. You can join the local musicians to sing the night away. And Santa will arrive in a special sleigh.

See you at the Carols!

Judy Cole
Central Ward, Litchfield Council

16. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS – NOVEMBER

Councillor Judy Cole would like to commend the efforts of the new Chief Executive Officer, lian Wilson. He is leading Council through a strong refocus on customer service and effectively progressing a change process for the good of Council and our Residents. We congratulate him.
Councillor Judy Cole asked if the Lowther Road Subdivision had been approved or not. Miguel to follow up.

Councillor Judy Cole asked for an update on the Banana Freckling situation. Barbara Heales to be asked to provide the latest update.

Councillor Judy Cole asked if Council was making a donation for the Rural Carols by Candlelight event this year. Discussion took place regarding a donation and she believed that Council needs to rethink its community involvement in events.

The Chief Executive Officer was asked to follow up previous donations to the Carols by Candlelight.

17. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS: Nil

18. NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2014

19. CLOSE OF MEETING The Meeting closed at 11.03 p.m.

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