

PALMERSTON & RURAL REGIONAL COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 20 June 2019
6.00pm – 7.15pm
Brennon Electorate Office
(Tony Sievers Office, Shop 2 Palmerston Shopping Centre)

MINUTES

1. **Meeting Open:** 6.10pm
2. **Welcome:** Nikki Elliott (Chair)
3. **Present:** Nikki Elliott, Melissa Perry, David Flanagan, Patricia Chisholm (*Quorum Achieved*)

Guests: NT Police, Sargeant Domenic Crea, NTCOGSO Executive Officer Michelle Parker

4. **Apologies:** Lyndell Nichols, Tiffani Gray
 5. **Minutes previous General Meeting:**
- Moved:** Melissa Perry **Seconded:** David Flanagan
6. **Business Arising from previous General Meeting Minutes:** Nil
 7. **Correspondence In:** Nil
 8. **Correspondence Out:** Nil
 9. **Business Arising from Correspondence:** Nil
 10. **Chair / Regional Representative Report:**

- Advised Regional Council on the recent release of the Report: School-Based Police Program Review May 2019 by DoE. David asked if this could be circulated.

Action 1: NTCOGSO to email School-Based Police Program Review to attendees.

- Discussed the 2018 NTCOGSO Full Council motion that was passed regarding the insurance increase of \$10,000 excess during school holidays. NTCOGSO contacted insurance broker Arthur J Gallagher who advised that TIO who wanted to maintain their excess of \$10,000, they would only reduce if a number of extra security measures were installed in school. NTCOGSO requested that insurance broker Arthur J Gallagher provide quotes from other providers. Several insurance companies were contacted. Ansvar insurers offered a competitive \$2,000 excess for schools which was forwarded to schools for decision to uptake as a collective.
- Discussed the 51 project proposals submitted by schools as part of the Federal election campaign. Unfortunately, only Federal Labor were willing to commit project funds to our schools as part of election 2019 commitments but NTCOGSO will continue to lobby for the projects. Projects consisted of similar needs across remote and very remote school including, acoustic upgrades, sound field systems, sensory equipment, upgrades to play areas and computers or tablets.
- Discussed NTCOGSO progress to update their constitution.

Moved: Melissa Perry

Seconded: Patricia Chisholm

11. General Business:

11.1. Guest Speaker: NT Police, Sargeant Domenic Crea

- Sargeant Crea discussed his involvement in the Police in Schools' Program and gave an overview of his position and the program. Discussed the current structure of SBP in middle and high schools and how they are set out in clusters. The SBP Model was originally set for 10 SBP Officers (SBPO's) in middle schools. Domenic mentioned there is a Police Cadet Program for young children which provides great tools and skills for children. Sargeant Crea highlighted the importance of feedback from school communities on the program.
- SBPO's involvement in primary schools was discussed by Regional Council with concerns on the consequence of spreading the resources thinner. Additional SBPO's would be required to provide an achievable proactive approach in primary schools.
- Report: School-Based Police Program Review May 2019 was discussed including several of the review recommendations.
- Police are willing to be timetabled into class time slots, and could provide lessons on subjects such as personnel safety, road safety etc. Equally available to assist and support teachers when delivering relevant content.

11.2. Guest Speaker: NTCOGSO Executive Officer Michelle Parker

- Michelle provided an overview on NTCOGSO's advocacy work on the re-establishment of SBPO Program and involvement with collaborating with NT Police and DoE on the development of the Program Framework.
- Michelle also provided an overview on the Constitutional requirements for Regional Councils and Meetings and explained the NTCOGSO structure.

Request: Nikki sought to extend meeting for an additional 15 minutes to finish general business. All agreed.

11.3. Annual School Survey

- Discussed the end of year ACARA school survey and how School Representative Bodies can include some questions. Melissa asked if there was a list of suggested questions.

Action 2: NTCOGSO to provide a list of suggested questions School Representative Bodies can include on the end of year ACARA school survey.

11.4. Regional Council Motions for 2019 Full Council Meeting

- Discussed potential motions for the NTCOGSO AGM:
 - Transitional policy from primary to middle school.
 - Extra resources to include primary schools in the SBP model.

Potential motions to be actioned at the next meeting.

11.5. Safer Communities Grant

- Discussion on the NT Government and Palmerston City Council safer communities grant for Palmerston school safety. It is to install electronic speed limit signs outside Palmerston schools over two year. A number of primary schools have had them installed. Regional Council considers this initiative should be extended to Middle and High schools.

Moved: Nikki Elliott

Seconded: David Flanagan

12. Date of Next Meeting: Term 3 August (date to advised)

13. Meeting Close: 7.15pm