MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MOUNT LIEBIG COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2021 AT 10:36AM

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1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:36AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chairperson Neil Peterson

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Neil Peterson, Member Audrey Turner, Member Jeffrey Wheeler, Member Norma Kelly and Member Roderick Kantamara

Councillors:

Councillor Jason Minor and Councillor Peter Turner

Council Employees:

Bhan Pratap (Director Corporate Services and June Crabb (Governance Officer)

Guests:

Enock Menge (Regional Project Officer, Department Chief Minister and Cabinet)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Carol Peterson and Councillor Dalton McDonald

Absentees:

Nil

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

MLLA2021-067 **RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Roderick Kantamara)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the attendance to the meeting and accepted the apologies given by Member Carol Peterson and Councillor Dalton McDonald.

3.3 Resignations

Nil

3.4 Terminations

Nil

3.5 Nominations

Nil

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

MLLA2021-068 **RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Jason Minor)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MLLA2021-069 **RESOLVED (Norma Kelly/Neil Peterson)**

That the Minutes of the Local Authority meetings held 7 April 2021 and 29 September 2021 were adopted as a resolution of Mt Liebig Local Authority.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 That the papers circulated are received for consideration at the meeting.

6.1 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

MLLA2021-070 **RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Peter Turner)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority accepted the papers circulated for consideration at the meeting.

6.2 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

MLLA2021-071 **RESOLVED (Neil Peterson/Audrey Turner)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority provided notification of no matters to be raised for General Council Business.

6.3 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

MLLA2021-072 **RESOLVED (Neil Peterson/Audrey Turner)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority provided the following notification of matters to be discussed at Non-Council Business, item 13.1.

1. **Housing**
2. **NT Police**
3. **School**
4. **Clinic**

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

MLLA2021-073 **RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Peter Turner)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

MLLA2021-074 **RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Peter Turner)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The attached report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

MLLA2021-075 **RESOLVED (Neil Peterson/Jason Minor)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

a) **noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received;**
b) **kept open action Trailer mounted water tank until the trailer is built; and**
c) **closed action 'Childcare centre needed attention.**

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9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet *(DCM&C)* and invested in projects to benefit and improve the community.

Examples of *acceptable* purposes for expenditure include:

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

As part of the 2021/2022 Project funds grant, the Department of Chief Minister & Cabinet released a partial allocation of $13,852.00 towards Community Projects.

$13,248.00 was retained by DCM&C as these funds were not spent within the timeframe specified of the 2018/2019 grant.

To receive the balance of the 2021/2022 grant allocation, these funds must be spent *(with goods received)* by 28 February 2022.

There is currently $39,600.99 of unallocated funds to spend on Community projects.

$25,748.99 is from the 2020/2021 grant and must be fully expended before 30 June 2022.
$13,852.00 is from the 2021/2022 grant released by the DCM&C and must be fully expended by 30 June 2023.

MLLA2021-076 **RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Audrey Turner)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

a) noted the release of the partial allocation of the 2021/2022 Project funds;
b) noted and accepted that the 2019/2020 project funds were fully allocated;
d) noted the funds held by the DCM&C and discussed projects to commit these funds to;
e) committed the expired funds of $13,248.00 from the 2018/2019 grant to Project 2181 – Stage/Storage/Equipment, to purchase the music equipment;
f) opened a new project named – Water Trailer, requesting that it be built like the trailer from Haasts Bluff and committed $13,000.00 towards build costs and freight.

e) **Opened a new project named – Water tank at Cemetery, requesting that the CSC source quotes and bring to the next Local Authority meeting;**
e) **Opened a new project named – Replace fence at Basketball Court and seek quotes on replacing that section with wire mesh.**

The Local Authority advised that they would like to have the sheet metal removed from one side of the basketball court fence because it is blocking the view of their children on the court. They want to ensure that they can see that their children are safe and not getting up to mischief.
The Authority was advised that the CSC can arrange to have the Civil team take down the sheets.

MLLA2021-077 **RESOLVED (Jeffrey Wheeler/Jason Minor)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority kept open Project 2181 – Solar Lights at Sorry Camp. The CSC has been advised that the Solar lights are in Alice Springs awaiting distribution and would be out in Community soon.

MLLA2021-078 **RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Audrey Turner)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority kept open Project Shade Shelter at Sorry Camp, requesting that the CSC source pictures or designs including costs for building a shade shelter that is portable with an arched roof.

MLLA2021-079 **RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Norma Kelly)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

a) **kept open Project 2181 – Stage and Storage/equipment;**
b) **accepted the quote of $12,280.00 for the music equipment, giving approval for a Local Authority member to collect the equipment once the Purchase Order had been released to Rock City Music;**

The Chair accepted to invite Simon Murphy, Director Technical Services to discuss the building of a second stage.

Simon Murphy advised the Local Authority that for the second stage to have access to power, the cost would be very high as there was no power supply nearby.
Simon also advised that he would need to consult with CLC and the traditional owners and would need to know exactly where the Local Authority wanted this stage built and asked that the Local Authority provide these details to him via the CSC.

The Local Authority requested the stage be built with a roof and lower than the current stage. The Authority also asked that options be looked at for having power to the stage.

9.3 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of $4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

MLLA2021-080 **RESOLVED (Neil Peterson/Audrey Turner)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and discussed the spending of its 2021/2022 Discretionary Funds;

a) **committed $2,000.00 towards a Christmas celebration;**
b) **committed $2,000.00 towards a New Year's celebration; and**
c) **requested that the Mt Liebig Store be first choice for placing the orders for the celebrations.**

Meeting break for lunch at 12:00pm
Meeting resumed at 12:33pm

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report is an update of Council delivered services across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

MLLA2021-081 **RESOLVED (Neil Peterson/Norma Kelly)**

That the Mt. Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

MLLA2021-082 **RESOLVED (Norma Kelly/Jason Minor)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

a) **noted and accepted the Community Services report;**
b) **noted the request raised by Luke Wallace, Team Leader MacYouth that the Local Authority consider changing the delivery days for Youth Services currently running Monday – Friday to Tuesday – Saturday.**
This allows for more time spent with kids at sports especially when they have competitions in other communities.

Bhan Pratap, Director Community Services informed the Local Authority that the matter will be referred to the Youth Services Manager to discuss with her Director in consulting with the parents of the children and if they agree to change the dates.
A response to be provided at the next Local Authority meeting.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The expenditure report shows spending until 31 October 2021 in the Local Authority Community.

MLLA2021-083 **RESOLVED (Neil Peterson/Audrey Turner)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 October 2021.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this paper is to give members the opportunity to discuss with Council the General Business matters raised at item 6.2.

MLLA2021-084 **RESOLVED (Roderick Kantamara/Jason Minor)**

That the Mount Liebig Local Authority:

a) **noted that no General Business matters was raised at Item 6.2; and**
b) **noted that the Tractor needed servicing.**
   The Local Authority was advised that the CSC will arrange to have the tractor serviced by contacting MRC mechanics who would organise the service.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this paper is to note and discuss the matters raised at item 6.3 and to be informed of any updates to the actions relating to services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

MLLA2021-085 **RESOLVED (Norma Kelly/Jeffrey Wheeler)**

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority:

a) **note and discussed the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3; and,**
b) **noted that there were no outstanding action items for the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.**

1. Housing.

The Local Authority wanted to know why it is taking so long for new houses to be built as people have been waiting on houses for some time.

The response from the Representative of the DCM&C was that due to the current circumstances surrounding staffing, vaccinations and access to communities, contractors were very busy however several construction works were taking place. He assured the Authority that he will follow up with housing on why only a few houses had been partially renovated that included Cr Peter Turner's house and will request on the behalf of the Local Authority to organise and hold an HRG meeting with the community.

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2. NT Police

The Local Authority have requested a police presence in Community.

3. School

The Representative will follow up with Power and Water as to the connection to services in some classrooms.

4. Clinic

The Representative advised that CAHS have been extremely busy with vaccinations and with limited staff. He asked that the Authority allow them time to get through their workload and he will inform the Local Authority on the status regarding the Community's clinic.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 2 MARCH 2022

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 2:02 pm.

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