MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE ON
FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER 2022 AT 10:00AM

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1 MEETING OPENED

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2 WELCOME

Meeting was declared open at 10:35am with a minutes silence being observed to remember the passing of Traditional Owner the late Mr Hoosan of the Central Land Council. A condolence letter has been sent to the CLC on behalf of Councillors and staff.

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:
President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Dalton McDonald, Councillor Marlene Abbott, Councillor Mark Inkamala, Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Lisa Sharman and Councillor Patrick Allen

Staff:
Jeff McLeod – Chief Executive Officer, Belinda Urquhart – Director Service Delivery, Aaron Blacker – Director Technical Services, Sabine Wedemeyer – Director Community Services, Chris Kendrick – Director Corporate Services, Michael Tomlinson – Manager Governance and Compliance and Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Admin Officer

Guests:
Chanston Paech (MLA) – Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Local Government joined at 2:32pm

Katharine O'Donoghue, Office of Chanston Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja joined at 2:32pm

Apologies:
Councillor Bobby Abbott
Councillor Ellis

Absentees:
Councillor Peter Turner
Councillor Jason Minor
Councillor Annie Young

3.1 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND ABSENTEES

OCM2022-181 **RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)**

That the Ordinary Council;

a) **noted the attendance and apologies for the meeting;**
b) **noted that Councillor Ellis and Councillor Abbott have apologies recorded;**
c) **recorded that Councillor Minor was absent without notice;**
d) **recorded that the Councillor Turner was absent without notice from two consecutive meeting;**
e) **recommended a letter be sent to Councillor Turner requesting an explanation of his absence without notice; and**
f) **recommended a letter be sent to Councillor Turner informing him of his disqualification as a Councillor.**

3.1.2 RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

OCM2022-182 **RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)**

That the Ordinary Council:

a) **noted that Cr Young was absent from the meeting ; and**
b) **noted that Cr Young failed to provide an explanation for her absence without notice from two consecutive Ordinary Council meetings; and**
c) **noted that the Annie Young is now disqualified as a Councillor.**

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 REQUESTS FOR FUTURE LEAVES OF ABSENCES

OCM2022-183 **RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Ordinary Council noted:

a) **the leave of absence for CEO MacLeod for 4 days from 3 January to 6 January 2023, noting that Chris Kendrick will be Acting CEO for this period;**
b) **that Council has received a letter of resignation from CEO MacLeod and noted that the CEO is not intending to extend his current contract; and**
c) **noted that the CEO's last day in his role will be 7th July 2023.**

Council unanimously agreed that the Chief Executive Officer had done an excellent job over the past ten years and would be difficult to replace.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

OCM2022-184 **RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Marlene Abbott)**

That the Ordinary Council noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

6.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 OCTOBER 2022

OCM2022-185 **RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Abraham Poulson)**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting on 28 October 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

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

7.1 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

OCM2022-186 **RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mark Inkamala)**

That the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

7.2 NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

OCM2022-187 **RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mark Inkamala)**

That members have provided notification of matters to be raised in general business as follows;

a) **Cultural awareness training of MRC staff**
b) **Local Authority review process**
c) **Appreciation from Alice Springs Town Council**
d) **Appointment process for a new CEO and selection panel**

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

OCM2022-188 **RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)**

a) **that the Ordinary Council noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and**
b) **that members declared no conflict of interest.**

9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Minister – Chanston Paech

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

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12 LOCAL AUTHORITY

12.1 DRAFT MINUTES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Council considers the minutes of each Local Authority ordinary meeting or provisional meeting at the next available Ordinary Council meeting.

Attached are the draft (unconfirmed) minutes of Local Authority meetings that have occurred since, or could not be prepared prior to the last Ordinary Council meeting.

The Local Authority meetings covered in this report include:

- Docker River – 12 October 2022
- Wallace Rockhole – 19 October 2022
- Amoonguna – 2 November 2022
- Titjikala – 3 November 2022
- Mt Liebig – 9 November 2022

OCM2022-189 **RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lisa Sharman)**

That Council:

- **noted the unconfirmed minutes of the ordinary Local Authority meetings held in Docker River, Titjikala and Mt Liebig.**

- **noted the unconfirmed minutes of the provisional Local Authority meetings held in Wallace Rockhole and Amoonguna**

- **approved the recommendation of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority to create three (3) new projects and endorses the commitments to the projects as follows:**
  - **$6,000.00 towards the Upgrade to Ida Park**
  - **$6,000.00 towards a prepaid power meter installed at the Community Hall**
  - **Grading the fire breaks.**

- **approved the recommendation of the Amoonguna Local Authority to create three (3) new projects and endorses the commitments to the projects as follows:**
  - **$5,000.00 towards a Fence for the Footy Oval**
  - **$10,000.00 towards a Shade Shelter and Water tank for the Sorry Camp**
  - **$5,000.00 towards Softball Oval Cracker Dust and fencing.**

- **approved and endorses the recommendation of the Amoonguna Local Authority to commit $3,910.00 of their 2022/2023 Discretionary funds to a Community Christmas and New Year celebration.**

12.2 RESIGNATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Council is being asked to accept the resignation received from Taralyn Major of the Papunya Local Authority.

The resignation of a Local Authority membership is in accordance with para. 4.15.1 of Councils Local Authority Meeting Procedure (MC02-P2) which states:

> *"It is important that Local Authority members attend meetings wherever possible. Appointment of a local authority member may be revoked or otherwise cease if the person:*
>
> *a) Resigns in writing to the CEO, Chairperson or a delegated MRC employee.*

New members are nominated and appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), Ministerial Guidelines and Council Procedure MC02-P2 Local Authority Meeting Procedure.

OCM2022-190 **RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Mark Inkamala)**

That Council noted and accepted the written confirmation from Ms Taralyn Major of her resignation of her membership on the Papunya Local Authority.

12.3 TERMINATIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIPS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
It is noted that the membership of Travis Williams was revoked at the 2 November 2022 Provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority and Geoffrey Campbell and Dianne Campbell at the 3rd November Ordinary meeting of the Titjikala Local Authority, due to members being absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

Council is being asked to endorse the recommendations of the Authority.

The appointment of Local Authority members is terminated in accordance with para.4.15.1 of Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedures (MC02-P2) which reads:

> *"It is important that Local Authority members attend meetings wherever possible. Appointment of a local authority member may be revoked or otherwise cease if the person:*
>
> *c. Is absent for 2 consecutive meetings without the permission of the Local Authority."*

New members are nominated and appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), Ministerial Guidelines and Council Procedure MC02-P2 Local Authority Meeting Procedure.

OCM2022-191 **RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Council:

a) endorsed the recommendation of the Amoonguna Local Authority to revoke the membership of Travis Williams from the Local Authority; and
b) endorsed the resolution of the Titjikala Local Authority to revoke the membership of Geoffrey Campbell and Dianne Campbell from the Local Authority.

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13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

13.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Council reviews the attached actions that have been raised at previous Ordinary Council meetings and provides the status and/or updates of each action.

OCM2022-192 **RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mark Inkamala)**

That the Council:

a) noted the progress on the actions in the register and kept the action open for further update at the next meeting;
- OCM2021-196, Car Ramp
- OCM2022-140, Absentees – and request to write a letter to Cr. Turner, Peter for being absent without notice from two consecutive meetings
- OCM2022-155, Proposal on Youth Services noting that the NIAA requests to go to NT Govt for funding.

b) approved the removal of completed actions as follow;
- OCM2022-152, Correspondence FDEU
- OCM2022-171, Proposal to Place Names Committee
- OCM2022-153, Basic Card
- OCM2022-154, Nomination NT Grants noting that the nomination application is withdrawn by the CEO

13.2 CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report provides Councilors with an update on correspondence received and sent by the Council/President in the period following the past Council meeting.

OCM2022-193 **RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Mark Inkamala)**

That Council noted the correspondence received and sent.

14 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

14.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report provides details of the meetings attended by President Roxanne Kenny from October to December 2022

OCM2022-194 **RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lisa Sharman)**

That Council received the Presidents report for the months of October, November and December 2022 and;

a) included Santa Teresa meeting attended held 7 Dec 2022; and
b) noted the Presidents attendance at the Audit Committee meeting of 25 November 2022.

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15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

15.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL REPORT

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

OCM2022-195 **RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)**

That Council noted and accepted the Community Services report.

MEETING ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH AT 12:10PM AND RESUMED AT 1:06PM

15.2 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report details recent activities of the Technical Services directorate.

OCM2022-196 **RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Abraham Poulson)**

That Council noted and accepted the Technical Services report and also noted the letter of progress report updates regarding Hermannsburg footy Oval lights which is expected to be completed by June 2023.

15.3 SERVICE CENTRE DELIVERY - DECEMBER 2022

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

OCM2022-197 **RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)**

That the Council:

a) **noted the report Service Centre Delivery – December 2022;**
b) **made a recommendation to Council to erect signage for cultural areas at all the MRC communities as per the one in the Hermannsburg; and**
c) **made a recommendation to Council to write a letter to CLC regarding feral animals damaging infrastructures at some locations such as Areyonga and Santa Teresa.**

15.4 FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Council's Finance and Risk Committee met on 25th November 2022 in meeting room 1 at Bagot Street. The minutes of this meeting are attached for the Council's attention, these are still unconfirmed being due to be confirmed by the Committee at its next meeting in January.

OCM2022-198 **RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Council noted and received the minutes of the Finance and Risk Committee of 25th November 2022.

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15.5 AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Council's Audit Committee met on 25th November 2022 in meeting room 1 at Bagot Street. The minutes of this meeting are attached for the Council's attention, these are still unconfirmed being due to be confirmed by the Committee at its next meeting in January 2023.

OCM2022-199 **RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Council noted and received the minutes of the Audit Committee of 25th November 2022.

15.6 QUARTERLY KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REVIEW - REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report presents the progress on the 2022-23 Regional Plan key performance indicators (KPI's) as of 30 September 2022.

Council is informed on a quarterly basis as to the progress of meeting the stated goals as outlined in the Regional Plan. The goals relate to:

Goal 01: Developing Communities
Goal 02: Healthy Communities
Goal 03: Empowered Communities
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

This report gives Council an opportunity to assess the KPI's and request information from Directors on if / when the goals will be met and the progress being made in achieving them.

OCM2022-200 **RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)**

That Council noted and accepted the quarterly key performance indicator review report.

15.7 FINANCE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
In accordance with Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 Section 17:

(1) The CEO must, in each month, give the council a report setting out:

a) the actual income and expenditure of the council for the period from the commencement of the financial year up to the end of the previous month; and
b) the most recently adopted annual budget; and
c) details of any material variances between the most recent actual income and expenditure of the council and the most recently adopted annual budget.

OCM2022-201 **RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Mark Inkamala)**

That Council noted and accepted the Finance Report as at 30 November 2022.

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15.8 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report provides an update on the activities and services of the Corporate Services directorate for the months of September- October 2022

OCM2022-202 **RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)**

That the Council received and noted the Corporate Services Report.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.2

16.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
At the beginning of the meeting, under item 7.2, the Elected Members of the MacDonnell Regional Council have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

We are now discussing the matters raised as follows:

OCM2022-203 **RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)**

That Council noted and discussed the items raised at 7.2:

a) **Cultural Awareness training of MRC Staff – It was discussed that the Council is required to train staff regarding cultural business and ceremonies at the communities and recommended that the induction be provided on such matters during the orientation phase of employment.**

b) **Local Authority review process – It was discussed that the LA review process from DCMC requires representatives in their communities and Council recommended that LA members Louise Cavanagh from Santa Teresa and Nicholas Williams from Hermannsburg provide their nomination in the LA review process.**

c) **Appreciation from Alice Springs Town Council – Council was informed that the Alice Springs Town Council has expressed their appreciation for working together with Town Council during the recent storm event.**

d) **Appointment process for new CEO and selection panel – That Council has agreed on reviewing position description, salary packages, selection process to hire a new CEO, that Council appoint an external recruitment consultant to work with a recruitment Committee, including all members of the Finance and Risk Committee and an independent member. Council delegate authority for the Committee to select an appropriate external recruitment consultant.**

16.2 DEPUTATION/GUEST SPEAKER RAISED AT ITEM 9

OCM2022-204 **RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)**

That Council received the updates from Minister Chanston Paech regarding community housing and noted:

a) **that the Minister is going to write a letter to Minister of Housing, Selena Uibo with specific questions regarding community housing;**
b) **that the questions include, what are the plans for MRC homelands and remote communities, remote rent structures, different house models such as modular and brick houses for different communities;**
c) **that the Minister writes a letter to Minister Selena Uibo to attend the OCM in Feb 2023 and provide updates to Council.**

17 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

17.1 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Pursuant to section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and clauses 51 and 52 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, the meeting is to be closed to the public to consider confidential matters.

OCM2022-205 **RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Mark Inkamala)**

That the Council approved the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items are about to be discussed. The meeting is closed in accordance with clause 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matters to be discussed include information that, if publicly disclosed, would be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

18 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

18.1 CONFIDENTIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Council's Audit Committee met on 25th November 2022 in meeting room 1 at Bagot Street. The minutes of the confidential portion of this meeting are attached for the Council's attention, these are still unconfirmed being due to be confirmed by the Committee at its next meeting in January 2023.

OCM2022-206 **RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Marlene Abbott)**

That Council:

a) **noted and received the confidential minutes of the Audit Committee of 25th November 2022**
b) **moved the resolution related to the Audit Closing Report into open**
c) **moved the resolution and report for the Draft Tender for Audit Services into open**

18.2 CONFIDENTIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Council's Confidential Finance and Risk Committee met on 25th November 2022 in meeting room 1 at Bagot Street. The minutes of this meeting are attached for the Council's attention, these are still unconfirmed being due to be confirmed by the Committee at its next meeting in January.

OCM2022-207 **RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)**

That Council:

a) **noted and received the confidential minutes of the Finance and Risk Committee of 25th November 2022**
b) **moved the resolution from the confidential report regarding the Purchase of 76 Sargent Street into open**

18.4 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE

PUBLIC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Pursuant to section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and clauses 51 and 52 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, the meeting is to be opened to the public following the consideration of confidential matters. Resolutions will be transferred to the open meeting upon the determination of Council.

OCM2022-209 **RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Dalton McDonald)**

That Council moved the above matters from the confidential section of this meeting into the open section of the meeting and opens the meeting to the public.

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 23 February 2023

20 MEETING CLOSED - Meeting closed at 3:45pm.

This page and the preceding 11 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 16 December 2022 and are unconfirmed.

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President

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