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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN ALICE SPRINGS ON FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2014 AT 10AM

1. MEETING OPEN - meeting declared open at 10.10am

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: President Sid Anderson, Deputy President Roxanne Kenny, Louise Cavanagh, Greg Sharman, Lance Abbott, Jacob Hoosan, Selina Kulitja, Marlene Abbott, Barry Abbott, Braydon Williams, Irene Nangala
MRC Staff: Jeff MacLeod, Chief Executive Officer; Chris Kendrick, Director of Corporate Services; Helen Smith, Manager Governance and Planning
Apologies: *Nil*
Others: Kerry Smith and Bruce Fyfe, Department of Local Government and Regions

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE - *NIL*

4. COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

MOTION:

(a) Council note and accept the Council Code of Conduct.

NOTED & ACCEPTED - CARRIED

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

MOTION:

(a) Council note and accept the Disclosure of Financial Interests and Conflict of Interest policy and declare any Conflict of Interest.

NOTE: *Council has no Conflict of Interests to declare.*

NOTED & ACCEPTED – CARRIED

6. RESCISSION MOTIONS - *NIL*

7. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

7.1 Amoonguna Mediation

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

RECCOMENDATION:
Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with section 65 (2)(d) of the Local Government Act 2013.

8. OFFICERS' REPORTS

8.1 Local Authority Nominations and Meeting dates

MOTION:

(a) Council note that President Sid Anderson is an ex-officio member on all Local Authorities except those in Luritja Pintubi Ward in which he is a member AND Council appoints the following people to the Local Authority:

Helen Smith noted that Ward Councillors were appointed to all Local Authorities at the previous meeting on 17 April 2014.

SANTA TERESA	Janice McMillan	Philip Alice	Ingrid Williams
	Raymond Palmer	Agnes Alice	Jason King
	Fiona Turner	Annalisa Young	

With 2 youth members to be decided at a later date

HERMANNSBURG	Serena Williams	Katherine Moketarinja	
	Maryanne Malbunka	Raphael Impu	Helen Stuart
	Nicholas Williams (youth)	Cassie Williams (youth)	
	Reggie Lankin	Ivan Emitja	Marion Swift
HAASTS BLUFF	Cynthia Multa	Doreen Lane	Rosaranna Larry
	Tutama Jack	Suparkra Jugadai	Derek Egan
MT LIEBIG	Denise Pareroultja	Sabin Jackson	Carol Peterson
	Audrey Turner	Melvin Malbunka	Neil Peterson
AMOONGUNA	Henry Oliver	Teresa Alice	Sharon Stuart
	Kevin Stuart	Michael Ellis	Lynette Ellis
	Joylene Williams		

With 1 youth member to be decided at a later date

PAPUNYA	Punata Stockman	Karen McDonald	Sylvana Marks
	Linda Anderson	Isobel Gorey	Sheila Dixon
	Sammy Butcher	Lance McDonald	Graham Poulson
	Dennis Minor		

11 am Council staff and visitors left the room so that Councillors could have a private discussion about Local Authority nominees at Hermannsburg.
11.08 am Councillors had a break
11.17 am Meeting reconvened

In regards to Hermannsburg, Council decided that Rex Kantawara should step aside and that Serena Williams should be asked to renominate

Moved: Greg Sharman
Seconded: Braydon Williams

ACCEPTED & CONFIRMED - CARRIED

(b) Council approves the meeting dates for Local Authorities for the second half of 2014.

Moved: Lance Abbott
Seconded: Braydon Williams

ACCEPTED & CONFIRMED - CARRIED

8.2 New Council Policies

(a) Council approves the Rates Concession Policy

Moved: Irene Nangala
Seconded: Richard Doolan

ACCEPTED & CONFIRMED – CARRIED

11.40am Councillor Williams was excused for half an hour

(b) Council approves the Councillor Attendance Policy

Helen Smith noted the major changes to this policy would be that attendance would be more formalised, apologies would need to be put to the Council President and staff members and if Councillors know they will be away they should put in for a leave of absence.

The Council President reminded Councillors that they all have a calendar and that they should be making attendance at these meetings a priority.

Moved: Richard Doolan
Seconded: Irene Nangala

ACCEPTED & CONFIRMED - CARRIED

(c) Council approves the Councillor and Local Authority Member Accommodation and Travel Reimbursement Policy

Helen Smith will make a change to the title of the policy, to add in Local Authority members.

Helen Smith highlighted that the major change will be that the kilometre mileage rate is now tied to the ATO rate, with an additional 70% to allow for the types of roads Councillors have to drive on and the additional costs of fuel in the region.

Helen Smith also noted that mileage should be paid from where you had to come from, not necessarily your home to ensure that Councillors are getting the correct mileage allowance.

Moved: Greg Sharman
Seconded: Barry Abbott

ACCEPTED & CONFIRMED - CARRIED

(d) Council approves the Local Authority Member Payments Policy

Moved: Richard Doolan
Seconded: Roxanne Kenny

ACCEPTED & CONFIRMED - CARRIED

(e) Council approves the Risk Management Policy

Moved: Richard Doolan
Seconded: Greg Sharman

ACCEPTED & CONFIRMED - CARRIED

(f) Council approves the Workplace Health and Safety Policy

Moved: Greg Sharman
Seconded: Irene Nangala

ACCEPTED & CONFIRMED - CARRIED

(g) Council approves the Asset Management Policy

Moved: Marlene Abbott
Seconded: Greg Sharman

ACCEPTED & CONFIRMED – CARRIED

12.25pm Break for Lunch

12.25pm Councillor Nangala left the meeting

1.15pm Meeting resumed

1.15pm Councillor Williams returned to the meeting

8.3 Finance Report as at 30 April 2014

(a) Council note and accept the Finance Report as at 30th April 2014

Moved: Marlene Abbott
Seconded: Louise Cavanagh

NOTED & ACCEPTED – CARRIED

8.4 Elected Members' Allowances

(a) Council sets the Elected Members' Allowances for the 2014/15 financial year at the Maximum Allowances authorised by the Minister's Guidelines

Member's allowances have been increased as per CPI of 4.4%, Councillors can be paid less but cannot be paid more.

Staff suggest we stick to the maximum due to the distances Councillors have to travel.

Councillors compared the current year and next year to see how much payments would change.

Moved: Barry Abbott
Seconded: Greg Sharman

ACCEPTED & CONFIRMED - CARRIED

(b) Council adopts the revised policy on Elected Members' Allowances

Extra meeting allowance rates have been significantly changed further to discussion at the Council's planning day on 16 April 2014 and in light of additional meetings needing to be held in future.

Moved: Barry Abbott
Seconded: Greg Sharman

ACCEPTED & CONFIRMED - CARRIED

8.5 Draft Regional Plan

(a) Council endorses and accepts the proposed draft Regional Plan

The CEO noted that wider consultation on the draft Regional Plan will occur this year, particularly around the fees and charges so that nobody is surprised.

Councillor Williams mentioned that Areyonga (Utju) should be in a different Ward. The CEO said that we will be conducting a review of Ward boundaries this year and we will have a planning day with Councillors to discuss.

The CEO went through each of the sections of the Regional Plan. Some typos were pointed out.

The Council President highlighted the importance of engaging with Stakeholders, otherwise activity is pointless.

There was discussion about street lighting, the Council would like to see more use of solar lighting in their communities. The CEO said that their Technical Services area would look into it.

Councillor Sharman mentioned that he recently went to training where they discussed ten year plans. That was for assets which have a longer life span and would sit outside of the Regional Plan.

2.40 pm Meeting break
2.45 pm Meeting resumed

Director of Corporate Services ran through the Budget and Fees and Charges.

The Regional Plan will go out for further consultation for 21 days and then will be finalised on the 27th of June.

Moved: Greg Sharman
Seconded: Lance Abbott

ACCEPTED & CONFIRMED - CARRIED

(b) Council reviewed the usage of community names within the Regional Plan and decided that the official names should be used first with the Indigenous names in brackets:

Moved: Greg Sharman
Seconded: Lance Abbott

ACCEPTED & CONFIRMED - CARRIED

9. MEETING CLOSE

3.25 pm

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 27 JUNE 2014 AT DOCKER RIVER**