



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2020 AT 10:35AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:35AM

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Glen Dixon

**AML2020-090 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Natasha Stuart)**  
That the Amoonguna Local Authority nominated Member Glen Dixon as Chair for Amoonguna Local Authority meeting – 7 October 2020.

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS**

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Glen Dixon (Chair), Member Henry Oliver, Member Caroline Peters, Member Donna Dixon and Member Rhekita Stuart

Councillors:

Deputy President Greg Sharman, Cr Lynette Ellis and Cr Susan Doolan,

Council Employees:

Jeff MacLeod (Chief Executive Officer), Lou Blom (Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer and President Kenny), Keith Hassett (Manager Service Delivery), Darren Pfitzner (Manager Governance and Engagement), Jeff Tan (Coordinator Communications and Engagement), Christiano Castro (Coordinator Community Safety), Min Roebuck (Community Engagement Officer) and June Crabb (Governance Administration Officer)

Guests:

Maria Viegas (Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet) and Marina Alice (Nominee for Local Authority)

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny and Member Natasha Stuart

Absentees:

Nil

**Attendance, Apologies and Absentees**

**AMLA2020-091 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Donna Dixon)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the attendance, apologies and absentees of the meeting.**

**3.3 Resignations**

Nil

**3.4 Terminations**

Nil

**Attendance, Apologies and Absentees**

**AMLA2020-092 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Donna Dixon)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the attendance, apologies and absentees of the meeting.**

**3.5 Nominations**

**3.5.1 NOMINATIONS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

At the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting of 22 July 2020, it was noted that there was one (1) remaining vacancy to the Local Authority and as a consequence, a call for nominations was recommended.

New members are nominated and appointed in accordance with the Local Government Act, Ministerial Guidelines and Council Policy 111 Local Authorities. Council appoints Local Authority members under the Local Government Act.

**AMLA2020-093 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Donna Dixon)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority received the nomination by unanimous vote of Marina Alice as a member.**

**4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

**4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**AMLA2020-094 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.**

**5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**AMLA2020-095 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Donna Dixon)**

**That the Minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting of:**

- a) 8 April 2020 be adopted as a resolution of Amoonguna Local Authority.**
- b) 22 July 2020 (Provisional) be adopted as a resolution of Amoonguna 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**

**AMLA2020-096 RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Glenn Dixon)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority received 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 Business Items**

**AMLA2020-097 RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Glenn Dixon)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority provided notification of matters to be raised in general business.

#### **1. Basketball Court Opening**

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

### **6.3 Notifications of Non-Council Business Items**

**AMLA2020-098 RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Glen Dixon)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority provided notification of matters to be raised in general business as follow:

#### **1. Housing**

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**AMLA2020-099 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Donna Dixon)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**AMLA2020-100 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Donna Dixon)**

That the Amoonguna 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 - AMOONGUNA LA**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

**AMLA2020-101 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Henry Oliver)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) Noted and accepted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of the

- previous meeting as received;
- b) Closed the Action item 1 - Sapphires Musical;
- c) Closed the Action item 2 - Bus Shelter at the Clinic;
- d) Closed the Action item 3 - Wood fire BBQ's for Stuart Park and Ross Park;
- e) Kept open Action item 4 - Scope of Works to refurbish Change rooms;
- f) Closed the Action item 5 - Footpaths; and
- g) Closed the Action item 6 - Grant for Security options at the Recreation Hall.

## 9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from the NT Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet for investing in local government community infrastructure projects.

There is a total un-committed balance of \$40,660.15 to allocate in their community.

\$7,160.15 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

\$33,500.00 is from the 2020/2021 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2022.

### **AMLA2020-102 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Rhekita Stuart)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority:**

- a) Noted and accepted the progress of their Local Authority projects;
- b) Noted completion and closed Project 2006 (Picnic Table and Chairs)
- c) Kept open Project 2008 (Plants and Trees) and the CSC Amoonguna to seek alternative quotes to bring to the next Local Authority meeting;
- d) Kept open Project 2133 (Bush Shelter at the Clinic) and Councilor Ellis will follow up with Congress at their next meeting. Jeff MacLeod suggested that the Local Authority discuss with community in moving the location of the Bus Shelter to the pull-in bay next to the Recreation Hall should Councilor Ellis not be successful in receiving a response from Congress;
- e) Kept open Project 2132 – Allocated an additional \$2,000.00 to cover the approved quotation of \$11,700.00 from Hawkeye Carpentry and Construction and request the CSC Amoonguna to arrange if the Contractors could provide basic training skills for the Works team;
- f) Kept Open Project 2136 (Scope of Works to refurbish Change Rooms)
- g) Closed Project 2135 (Footpaths) and credited the underspend of \$15,000.00 to the fund;
- h) Create a new Project named 'Security Options for the Recreation Hall', commit \$15,000.00 to the Project, request Alarm, Roller doors, Security Mesh and for Technical Services to deliver a Scope of Works on making the Recreation Hall more secure;
- i) Create a new Project named 'Fence around Ross Park', request quotations for a 1.2 metre high chain mesh fence with railing for inside the bollards around Ross Park and commit \$15,000.00 to the Project; and
- j) Create a new Project from the Priority 1 item, 'Community Park/Sports Area'.

## 9.3 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission *to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.*

An important strategy in the Regional Plan asks each Local Authority to guide the input into their Community Infrastructure Plan to meet a 2020-21 Regional Plan objective that MRC's infrastructure meets community needs.

### **AMLA2020-103 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Donna Dixon)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority:**

- a) Noted and accepted the report; and
- b) Provided feedback towards the Amoonguna Infrastructure Plan.

#### **9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money to best benefit everybody. This money does not carry over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

**AML2020-104 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Donna Dixon)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority:**

- a) Noted the spending of their 2020/2021 Discretionary fund; and**
- b) To discuss with the Community the allocation for the Christmas Party and BBQ.**

#### **9.5 CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING RODINGA WARD BY ELECTION**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

When a vacancy occurs during the term of the Council a by election is held for a replacement Council member. Anyone who has a principal place of residence within the area can nominate as a candidate to become a Council member. Employees of MacDonnell Regional Council cannot become Council members.

**AML2020-105 RESOLVED (Donna Dixon/Greg Sharman)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority:**

- a) Noted and accepted the correspondence; and**
- b) Will seek to encourage suitable people to nominate to represent the Rodinga Ward in the MacDonnell Regional Council.**

#### **9.6 LOCAL AUTHORITY ASSISTANCE WITH THE REGIONAL PLAN**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission *to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.*

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff to meet the objectives of the 2020-21 Regional Plan.

**AML2020-106 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Caroline Peters)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority:**

- a) Provided guidance and support for MRC staff to meet the objectives of the MRC 2020-21 Regional Plan; and**
- b) Noted and accepted the report.**

#### **9.7 POSTPONEMENT OF "THE SAPPHIRES" MUSICAL PERFORMANCE**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

After receiving an offer from Hit Production for "The Sapphires" to perform in Amoonguna, the Amoonguna Local Authority extended an invitation for the act to visit Amoonguna for a musical performance in late 2020.

MRC has received an update from the touring company that due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) restrictions, planning for any touring of "The Sapphires" has been pushed out to 2021.

**AML2020-107 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Caroline Peters)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the update that the musical performance of "The Sapphires" has been postponed to 2021.**

## **10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Amoonguna across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

**AMLA2020-108 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Donna Dixon)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report prepared by Simran Behl, Acting Council Services Coordinator, Amoonguna.

### **10.2 AMOONGUNA COMMUNITY SERVICE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

**AMLA2020-109 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Rhekita Stuart)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

## **11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

### **11.1 2019-20 AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING ACQUITTAL**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

To present to the Local Authority the Amoonguna Local Project Funding Acquittal for the 2019-20 financial year.

#### **Income and expenditure for the period ending 30 June 2020**

LAPF Grant 2019-20	\$33,670
Other income/carried forward balance from 2018-19	\$33,670
Other income/carried forward balance from 2017-18	\$27,083
Total income	\$94,423
Total expenditure including committed projects \$73,482	\$94,099
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$324

Amoonguna Local Authority would like to acknowledge the above Project Funding received by the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet previously (DLGHCD) for its continued support to the MacDonnell Regional Council's programs.

**AMLA2020-110 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Caroline Peters)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the Local Authority Project Funding Acquittal for the 2019-20 financial year.

## **12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2**

### **12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.2, members of the Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

**AMLA2020-111 RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Lynette Ellis)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and discussed the following General Business items raised at Item 6.2.

1. Basketball Court Opening.

The Local Authority has requested to hold an opening of the Basketball Court and to invite

the Honourable Chansey Paech and the Member for Namatjira, William Yan. In light of Minister Paech's busy schedule, it was suggested that the community start looking at dates for the event from the 23<sup>rd</sup> November as it offers a better chance of the Minister's availability to attend. Jeff MacLeod, CEO of MacDonnell Regional Council to follow up with the request.

## **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3**

### **13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, NT will be in attendance to present any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members of the Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business. We are now discussing the matters raised as listed below:

**AMLA2020-112 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Henry Oliver)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority:**

- a) **Noted and discussed the Non-Council business item raised at Item 6.3;**
- b) **Noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet; and**
- c) **Keep open item - NT Police.**

#### **1. Housing**

Maria Viegas from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet informed the Local Authority that there had recently been 15 houses scoped for the Room to Breathe Program.

#### **2. Kids riding motorbikes in Community**

Maria Viegas informed the Local Authority that the Department had received a letter from the NT Police requesting if the Community could provide detailed information in identifying the kids and the motorbikes.

Maria also advised that the Department will communicate with the NT Police regarding a Community Safety Action plan meeting as the last one was held on the 15 October 2019.

#### **3. Centre Line Marking**

MRC to collaborate and work with DIPL towards finding a solution to marking a centre line on Amoonguna Road.

## **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TO BE ADVISED**

## **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 2.55 pm.

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