



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2020 AT 10:30AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:45 AM

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – President Roxanne Kenny

**AML2020-069 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Natasha Stuart)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to nominate Councillor Lynette Ellis as Chair for Amoonguna Local Authority meeting – 22 July 2020.**

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Caroline Peters and Natasha Stuart

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny and Cr Lynette Ellis

Council Employees:

Simon Murphy (Director Technical Services), Keith Hassett (Area Manager), Cristiano Castro (Coordinator Community Safety), Simran Behl (CSC Amoonguna), Jeff Tan (Coordinator, Communications and Planning), Min Roebuck (Community Engagement Officer), June Crabb (Governance Administration Officer) and Robert Rabotot (Governance Officer)

Guests:

Nick Thorpe (Senior Land Use Planner, Department Housing and Community Development), Bruce Fyfe (Regional Manager, Local Government and Community Development Division)

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Deputy President Greg Sharman, Cr Susan Doolan, Henry Oliver, Donna Dixon and Rhekita Stuart

#### Absentees:

Glenn Dixon

#### **Attendance, Apologies and Absentees**

**AML2020-070 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Natasha Stuart)**  
That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to note the attendance, apologies and absentees of the meeting.

Note: Quorum not met, this meeting was conducted as provisional.

#### **3.3 Resignations**

Nil

#### **3.4 Terminations**

Nil

#### **3.5 Nominations**

##### **3.5.1 NOMINATIONS**

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

At the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting of 8 April 2020, the Local Authority accepted the nomination of Rhekita Stuart and recommended Council to appoint her to the Amoonguna Local Authority. Council endorsed this recommendation at the 26 June 2020 Council Meeting.

There is currently still one vacancy to the Local Authority and as a consequence a call for nominations is recommended.

In the event of a vacancy, a new member is nominated and appointed in accordance with the Local Government Act, Ministerial Guidelines and (Council Policy) CP111 Local Authorities. Upon the recommendation of the Local Authority, Council appoints Local Authority members under the Local Government Act.

**AML2020-071 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Natasha Stuart)**  
That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to note the open vacancy and to call for community nominations to remain open for a further 28 days.

#### **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

##### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**AML2020-072 RESOLVED (Natasha Stuart/Caroline Peters)**  
That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to note that the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

#### **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

##### **5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting of 8 April 2020 be adopted as a resolution of Amoonguna Local Authority.

Note: As this meeting was held as a provisional meeting, the minutes of the Haasts Bluff of 25 March 2020 could not be approved and will be presented at the 16 September 2020 meeting.

## **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**

**AML2020-073 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Natasha Stuart)**

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to note 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**

**AML2020-074 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Natasha Stuart)**

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council that the Amoonguna Local Authority did not provide notification of matters to be raised in general business.

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

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

**AML2020-075 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Natasha Stuart)**

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to note that the Amoonguna Local Authority members provided notification of matters to be raised in general business as follow:

1. Noise from Motorbikes and Kids riding without Helmets
2. NT Police Patrol
3. Center Line on Amoonguna Road

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**AML2020-076 RESOLVED (Natasha Stuart/Caroline Peters)**

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to note that the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**AML2020-077 RESOLVED (Natasha Stuart/Caroline Peters)**

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to Amoonguna Local Authority did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

*Nil*

## **9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 ACTION REGISTER**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

#### **AMLA2020-078 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Natasha Stuart)**

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of the previous meetings as received.

### **9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from the NT Government Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Services for investing in local government community infrastructure projects.

There is a total un-committed balance of \$323.96 to allocate in their community.

\$0 is from the 2018/19 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2020.

\$323.96 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

#### **AMLA2020-079 RESOLVED (Natasha Stuart/Caroline Peters)**

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to:

- a) Note and accept the progress of their Local Authority projects;
- b) Keep Project 2006, Picnic Table and chairs, open and credit the unspent \$1,256.00 back to the fund;
- c) Keep Project 2008, Plants and Trees, open and allocate an additional \$2,000.00 to the project;
- d) Note completion and close Project 2134, Fencing around Parks, and credit the unspent \$10,454.55 back to the fund;
- e) Keep the Project 2133, Bus Shelter at the Clinic, open;
- f) Note completion and close Project 2131, Seating and Fans for the Recreation Hall, and credit the unspent \$2,125.64 back to the fund;
- g) Keep Project 2132, Woodfire Barbeques for Stuart Park and Ross Park open and allocate an additional \$5,000.00 to the project;
- h) Keep the Project 2136, Scope of Works to refurbish Change Rooms, open; and
- i) Keep the Project 2135, Footpath, open.

### **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.

#### **AMLA2020-080 RESOLVED (Natasha Stuart/Caroline Peters)**

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to :

- a) Note and accept the report; and
- b) Note the feedback provided towards establishing 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.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to:**

- a) **Note the spending of their 2019/20 Discretionary Fund; and**
- b) **Note and discuss the spending of their 2020/21 Discretionary fund.**

Note: As this meeting was held as a provisional meeting, this item could not be discussed.

## 9.5 YOUTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 19 MAY 2020

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Goal 3 of the Regional Plan is for young people to be empowered to be engaged representatives in their communities.

**AMLA2020-081 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Natasha Stuart)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to note and accept the minutes of the Youth Board meeting of 19 May 2020.**

## 9.6 LOCAL AUTHORITY ENGAGEMENT AND 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 2019-20 Regional Plan and the 2020-21 Regional Plan.

**AMLA2020-082 RESOLVED (Natasha Stuart/Caroline Peters)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to:**

- a) **Note and accept the report;**
- b) **Resolve to hold an Open Space Meeting at the Basketball Court on 7 October 2020; and**
- c) **Note the feedback provided towards establishing the Amoonguna Infrastructure Plan.**

## 9.7 COUNCIL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Toward the end of the Council term the NT Electoral Commission seeks comment on the effectiveness, or not, of the MacDonnell Regional Council boundary and the four ward boundaries within. The Local Authority is invited to record its comments to inform Council's response to the electoral commission about the current electoral structure and whether it provides the most effective possible representation for constituents.

**AMLA2020-083 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Natasha Stuart)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to note and accept the report and note the comments provided to Council.**

## **9.8 COVID19**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a new virus. Symptoms include fever, coughing, a sore throat and shortness of breath. The virus can spread from person to person, but good hygiene can prevent infection. MRC in response to the COVID-19 outbreak has identified and is managing various risk through guidelines and regular communication with staff to ensure compliance.

### **AML2020-084 RESOLVED (Natasha Stuart/Caroline Peters)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to note and accept the report on COVID-19.**

## **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.

### **AML2020-085 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Natasha Stuart)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority vote, recommend to Council to note and accept the attached report prepared by Simran Behl, Council Services Coordinator, Amoonguna.**

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

### **AML2020-086 RESOLVED (Natasha Stuart/Caroline Peters)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to note and accept the Community Services report.**

## **11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

### **11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2020**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 June 2020 in the Local Authority community.

### **AML2020-087 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Natasha Stuart)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to note and accept the Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2020.**

## **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.

We are now discussing the matters raised as follow:

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and discuss the items raised at Item 6.2.**

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

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Housing and Community Development 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:

#### **AML2020-088 RESOLVED (Natasha Stuart/Caroline Peters)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommend to Council to note the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3 discussed as below:**

##### **1. Noise from Motorbikes and Kids riding without Helmets**

The Local Authority reported the nuisance from the noise of motorbikes ridden in community and the children riding without wearing helmets.

This matter will be differed to the next Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP) meeting.

##### **2. NT Police Patrol**

The Local Authority requested the NT Police to assist Night Patrol on Thursday and Friday nights in patrolling the community.

##### **3. Centre Line on Amoonguna Road**

The Local Authority requested a centre line to mark the middle of the Amoonguna Road.

## **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER, 2020**

### **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:38 pm.

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