



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD IN THE AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE
ON WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2020 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:38 AM.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Cr Lynette Ellis

Note: A letter of condolences for the passing of Kumantjay Stuart was read by Jeff MacLeod, CEO MacDonnell Regional Council, on behalf of President Roxanne Kenny and a minute of silence was observed.

Note: Jeff MacLeod, CEO MacDonnell Regional Council, extended his sincere condolences for the loss of Cr. Wilyuka to his family, friends and the entire community on behalf of President Roxanne Kenny, the Councillors, management and staff of the MacDonnell Regional Council.

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Natasha Stuart, Caroline Peters, Glenn Dixon and Donna Dixon

Councillors:

Cr Roxanne Kenny (President), Cr Greg Sharman (Deputy President),
Cr Lynette Ellis (Chair) and Cr Susan Doolan.

Council Employees:

Jeff MacLeod (CEO), Levina Phillips (CSC, Amoonguna),
Cristiano Castro (Coordinator, Community Safety), Keith Hassett (Area Manager),
Jeff Tan (Coordinator, Communications and Planning), Simran Behl (MacYouth)
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: Henry Oliver

Absentees: Nil

1 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Glenn Dixon)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the attendance of the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

3.3.1 NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting of 3 July 2019 nominations to the Local Authority were opened.

Two (2) nominations were received at the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting of 11 September 2019.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 31 October 2019, Council endorsed the nomination of Glenn Dixon leaving one (1) open vacancy.

As a result from the passing of Kumantjay Stuart, we now have two (2) open vacancies in the Amoonguna Local Authority membership.

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.

2 RESOLVED (Natasha Stuart/Greg Sharman)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the two open vacancies and call for community nominations to remain open for a further 28 days.

3.4 Terminations

Nil

3.5 Nominations

Nil

4 MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

3 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Donna Dixon)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

5.1 Conflict of Interests

RECOMMENDATION (Sharman, Greg/Stuart, Natasha)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and declare any conflict of interests.

AMENDMENT (Sharman, Greg/Stuart, Natasha)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the Council Conflict of Interest Policy.

4 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Natasha Stuart)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the Council Conflict of Interest Policy.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is to consider the unconfirmed minutes of the previous meeting.

5 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.

6.2 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION (Sharman, Greg/Stuart, Natasha)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received.

AMENDMENT (Sharman, Greg/Stuart, Natasha)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received and close the action item.

6 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Natasha Stuart)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received and close the action item.

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

That the papers circulated are received for consideration at the meeting and that members provide notification of matters to be raised in general business

7 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority accept the Agenda papers and members have not provided notification of any matters to be raised in general business.

Members declare any conflict of interest with the meeting Agenda

RECOMMENDATION (Sharman, Greg/Peters, Caroline)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and declare any conflict of interests with the meeting Agenda.

AMENDMENT (Sharman, Greg/Peters, Caroline)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note that no conflict of interests with the meeting Agenda were declared.

8 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note that no conflict of interests with the meeting Agenda were declared.

Natasha Stuart left the meeting at 11:10 AM

Natasha Stuart returned to the meeting at 11:12 AM

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

9 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Donna Dixon)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the presentation from Nick Thorpe, Senior Land Planner - Department of Housing and Community Development.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

9.1 CSC REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

10 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Donna Dixon)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the CSC Report.

9.2 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 (Doolan, Susan/Peters, Caroline)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority discuss how to re-allocate their remaining 2019/20 Discretionary Funds.

AMENDMENT (Doolan, Susan/Sharman, Greg)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority discuss how to re-allocate their remaining 2019/20 Discretionary Funds and decide allocation of funding at the next Local Authority Meeting after discussion with the community.

11 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority discuss how to re-allocate their remaining 2019/20 Discretionary Funds and decide allocation of funding at the next Local Authority Meeting after discussion with the community.

President Roxanne Kenny left the meeting at 11:41 AM

President Roxanne Kenny returned to the meeting at 11:44 AM

Donna Dixon left the meeting at 11:50 AM

Donna Dixon returned to the meeting at 11:53 AM

9.3 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.

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12 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the progress of their Local Authority projects.

13 RESOLVED (Doolan, Susan/Sharman, Greg)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority keep the Project 1, Picnic table and chairs, open.

14 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Glenn Dixon)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority keep the Project 2, Plants and trees, open.

15 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Natasha Stuart)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority keep the Project 3, Fencing around parks, open until more quotes are received.

16 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Natasha Stuart)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority keep the Project 4, Bus shelter at the Clinic, open and is awaiting on a decision from Congress' Asset Manager.

17 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Glenn Dixon)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority keep the Project 5, Seating and fans for the Recreation Hall, open and accept the quotes from Bunnings and Corrections.

18 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Glenn Dixon)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority keep the Project 6, Woodfire barbeques for Stuart Park and Ross Park, open.

19 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority keep the Project 7, Scope of works to refurbish change rooms, open.

20 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Greg Sharman)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority keep the Project 8, Footpaths, open and withdraw \$5,000 to be re-allocated to Project 3, Fencing around parks.

Cllr Lynette Ellis left the meeting at 11:58 AM

Cllr Lynette Ellis returned to the meeting at 12:00 PM

9.4 COMMUNITY SERVICE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

21 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Roxanne Kenny)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the Community Services report.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

Nil

President Roxanne Kenny left the meeting at 12:08 PM

President Roxanne Kenny returned to the meeting at 12:20 PM

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND THE REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) 2019-20 Regional Plan has been approved by the Council and is available at MRC offices and on the MRC website.

RECOMMENDATION (Glenn Dixon/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the report and select a location and a date for a public open space meeting.

AMENDMENT (Dixon, Glenn/Peters, Caroline)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the report and select to have a public open space meeting at Stuart Park on the 08 April 2020 meeting.

22 RESOLVED (Dixon, Glenn/Peters, Caroline)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the report and select to have a public open space meeting at Stuart Park on the 08 April 2020 meeting.

Lunch 12:25 PM

Resume 1:02 PM

11.2 THE SAPPHIRES MUSICAL PLAY OFFER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Sapphires musical play have requested an approval / invitation to bring the musical play roadshow to Amoonguna.

If the decision is in the affirmative, then please could the Local Authority identify the best place for the Presentation to take place.

23 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Donna Dixon)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the offer and invite the Sapphires Musical to perform in Amoonguna in September/October 2020.

11.3 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2019 in the Local Authority's community.

24 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Caroline Peters)

That the Local Authority note and accept the Expenditure Report as at 31 December 2019.

Donna Dixon left the meeting at 01:19 PM

Donna Dixon returned to the meeting at 01:21 PM

11.4 LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING MEMBERS AND NT ELECTIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On 20 December 2019 the Acting Executive Director of Local Government and Community Development wrote to President Roxanne Kenny to remind the MacDonnell Regional Council of important matters contained in recent communications.

The letter outlined that members needed to be aware that conflict of interests could arise from a member's relevant interest in connection with the pre-selection or nomination of candidates for the 2020 Legislative Assembly Elections.

25 RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Donna Dixon)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the correspondence from the department.

11.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PROCESS AND TIMING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The order of agenda items for Local Authority meetings was changed recently to align with changes made to the order of agenda items for Council meetings. While this was an adjustment made across all its meeting agendas, MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) is interested to know if this affects the running of Local Authority meetings and hear suggestions from members about other improvements that could be made to the meeting format and content.

MRC also asks the Local Authority to consider the impacts and benefits if it were to hold meetings at different times of the day. Particular consideration is asked of meetings being held after work hours and whether this would then appeal to a broader range of people becoming Local Authority members.

26 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept this report and provide feedback.

Note: Feedback received was that changing the time of the meetings was not going to change anything except costing more to MacDonnell Regional Council.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7

Nil

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7

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.

RECOMMENDATION (Dixon, Glenn/Sharman, Greg)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

AMENDMENT (Dixon, Glenn/Sharman, Greg)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Housing and Community Development and given that the Department is not considering a bus service to Amoonguna and that, in regards to the entry road to Amoonguna, the Northern Territory Government already has plans for the next four (4) to five (5) years and as the Amoonguna Road is not in these plans, the Amoonguna Local Authority decide to close the 'Bus Services' and the 'NTG Entry Road to Amoonguna' actions.

27 RESOLVED (Glenn Dixon/Greg Sharman)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Housing and Community Development and given that the Department is not considering a bus service to Amoonguna and that, in regards to the entry road to Amoonguna, the Northern Territory Government already has plans for the next four (4) to five (5) years and as the Amoonguna Road is not in these plans, the Amoonguna Local Authority decide to close the 'Bus Services' and the 'NTG Entry Road to Amoonguna' actions.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 08 APRIL, 2020

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 01:47 PM.

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