



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2020 AT 9:00AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 9:50am

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Sarah Gallagher

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members: attended at the Areyonga Council office via videolink
Member Sarah Gallagher (Chair), Member Jonathan Doolan, Member Daphne Puntjina,
Member Garnet Djana and Member Hilda Bert

Councillors: attended at their respective community Council offices via videolink
Cr Selina Kulitja and President Cr Roxanne Kenny

Council Employees: attended at their respective Council offices via videolink
Jeff MacLeod (CEO), Kathy Abbott (Area Manager), Chris Broomhall (CSC), Min Roebuck
(Community Engagement Officer) and Robert Rabotot (Governance Officer)

Guests: attended at their respective offices via videolink
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3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies: Member Peggy Gallagher and Cr Marlene Abbott

Absentees: Member Joy Kunia

Attendance, Apologies and Absentee

ARLA2020-031 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Garnet Djana)
That the Areyonga Local Authority noted the attendance, apologies and absentees of the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

Nil

3.4 Terminations

Nil

3.5 Nominations

Nil

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

ARLA2020-032 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Daphne Puntjina)
That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ARLA2020-033 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Garnet Djana)
That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and confirmed the minutes of the previous 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

ARLA2020-034 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Sarah Gallagher)
That the Areyonga 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

ARLA2020-035 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Sarah Gallagher)
That the Areyonga Local Authority provided notification that there were no matters to be raised in General Council 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

ARLA2020-036 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Sarah Gallagher)
That the Areyonga Local Authority members provided notification that there were no matters to be raised in Non-Council Business

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

ARLA2020-037 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Hilda Bert)
That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

ARLA2020-038 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Hilda Bert)

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting declared no 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.

ARLA2020-039 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)

That the Areyonga Local Authority

- a) Noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received, and
- b) Closed Action item 1

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

There is a total un-allocated balance of \$1,875.10 for the Local Authority to consider for investment into their community. This amount is comprised from the following two funds: \$0.00 is from the 2018/19 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2020. \$1,875.10 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

ARLA2020-040 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority

- a) Noted and accepted the progress of their projects and close completed projects.
- b) Allocated the underspend of \$506.81 from project 2154 to project 2158
- c) Requested projects 2151, 2154, 2158, 2155, 2156 and 2157 remain open

9.3 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 decide how to spend this money to best benefit everybody. This money cannot be carried over from year to year and it must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

ARLA2020-041 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Areyonga Local Authority

- a) Noted and accepted the report and discussed the spending of their 2019/2020 Discretionary Fund, and

- b) **Allocated remaining funds of \$1,181.82 for power cards to be evenly distributed amongst the Territory Housing for the Areyonga community**

9.4 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.

ARLA2020-042 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)

That the Areyonga Local Authority

- a) **Noted and accepted the report and provide their comments to Council, and**
b) **Requested to stay in Iyarrka Ward**

9.5 COVID-19 UPDATE

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.

ARLA2020-043 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the report on COVID-19 update.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

ARLA2020-044 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Daphne Puntjina)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report prepared by Areyonga Council Services Coordinator Chris Broomhall.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2020 in the Local Authority's community.

ARLA2020-045 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Daphne Puntjina)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure Report as at 31 March 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.

ARLA2020-046 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Daphne Puntjina)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted there were no 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 Local Government, Housing and Community Development provide any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

ARLA2020-047 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Daphne Puntjina)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) Note and there were no items raised at Item 6.3; and
- b) Note and accept any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST, 2020

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:07pm.

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