



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:33 AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Sarah Gallagher

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Sarah Gallagher, Jonathan Doolan

Councillors:

Cr Roxanne Kenny, Cr Selina Kulitja, Cr Marlene Abbott

Council Employees:

Rohan Marks – Director Community Services, Chris Broomhall – CSC Areyonga, Kathleen Abbott – Area Manager, Liz Scott – Coordinator Community Safety, Jeff Tan – Coordinator Communications and Engagement, Robert Rabotot – Governance Administration Officer

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe – Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development, Matt Adams-Richardson - Office of Warren Snowdon, Michelle Fitts – Menzies School of Health Research, Terry Dumber – Researcher

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Joy Kunia, Daphne Puntjina, Garnet Djana, Peggy Gallagher

Absentees:

Nil

3.3 Resignations: Nil

3.4 Terminations: Nil

Attendance and Apologies

ARLA2020-001 RESOLVED(Sarah Gallagher/Selina Kulitja)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted the attendance and apologies of the meeting.

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting of 15 May 2019 it was noted that there is one (1) vacancy to the Local Authority and as a consequence a call for nominations was recommended.

There has since been one (1) nomination to the Local Authority received from Hilda Bert.

New members will be 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.

ARLA2020-002 RESOLVED(Marlene Abbott/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority accepted the nomination from Hilda Bert to the Areyonga Local Authority.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

ARLA2020-003 RESOLVED(Roxanne Kenny/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

5.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

ARLA2020-004 RESOLVED(Sarah Gallagher/Marlene Abbott)

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting noted the Conflict of Interest Policy and that no conflict of interests were declared.

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.

ARLA2020-005 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Selina Kulitja)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting.

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

7.1 That the papers circulated are received for consideration at the meeting.

7.1 Acceptance of the Agenda

ARLA2020-006 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Areyonga Local Authority received the papers circulated for consideration at the meeting.

7.2 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

7.2 Notification of General Business Items

ARLA2020-007 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority did not provide notification of matters to be raised in general business.

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

7.3 Notifications of Non-Council Business Items

ARLA2020-008 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Jonathan Doolan)

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

1. Issues with Air Conditioning in community houses

7.4 Members declare any conflict of interest with the meeting Agenda

7.4 Conflict of Interest

ARLA2020-009 RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Selina Kulitja)

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting 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.

All previous actions were closed at the Areyonga Local Authority meeting of 9 October 2019.

ARLA2020-010 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Roxanne Kenny)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted that there is no action from previous meeting.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

There is an over-commitment of \$20,124.90 allocated for the community.

NOTE: Suggested rectification of the over-commitment is to reverse the decisions to allocate a further \$15,000 to (Project 2156) Shade shelter over playground and \$7,000 for (Project Z) Portable toilet, until more funds are available in 2020/21 Project Fund.

ARLA2020-011 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the progress of their projects and closed completed projects.

ARLA2020-012 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Roxanne Kenny)

That the Areyonga Local Authority kept the Project 2151, Toilet Block, open.

ARLA2020-013 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority kept the Project 2154, Shade Shelter and Water Tank at Men's Area, open.

ARLA2020-014 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Marlene Abbott)

That the Areyonga Local Authority closed the Project X, Guttering at the Sorry Camp.

ARLA2020-015 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Areyonga Local Authority kept the Project Y, Trees at Football Oval, open and confirmed the allocation of \$1,000.00.

ARLA2020-016 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Areyonga Local Authority closed the Project Z, Portable Toilet.

ARLA2020-017 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Selina Kulitja)

That the Areyonga Local Authority kept the Project 2155, Install Shade Shelter and Water Tank at Football Oval, open.

ARLA2020-018 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Selina Kulitja)

That the Areyonga Local Authority kept the Project 2156, Shade Shelter over Playground, open and reversed the allocation of \$15,000.00 from Resolution 149 thus reducing the total allocation to \$25,000.00.

ARLA2020-019 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Roxanne Kenny)

That the Areyonga Local Authority kept the Project 2157, Youth Board Project, 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.

ARLA2020-020 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Roxanne Kenny)

That the Areyonga Local Authority will allocate the spending of their 2019/20 Discretionary Fund after discussing it with the community.

9.4 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's two main points outline the need for Councillors and Local Authority members to:
1. disclose any conflict of interest that may arise from a matter before any Council or Local Authority discussion: and
 2. stand down before nominating as a candidate in the NT Elections

ARLA2020-021 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the correspondence from the department.

9.5 ISAAH FIREBRACE MUSIC PERFORMANCE OFFER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

After a successful concert in Hermannsburg and at the Araluen Arts Centre, Hit Productions would like to bring Isaiah Firebrace back to the Northern Territory. They would like to offer a free unplugged 30 minute performance to the Areyonga community with a workshop for youth and/or a meet and greet photo session. The community and/or the youth team could decide what they would like and what time he performs.

Hit Productions is proposing Isaiah visit Areyonga on **Thursday 26 November 2020.**

ARLA2020-022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Selina Kulitja)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted the offer and invited Isaiah Firebrace to perform in Areyonga in November 2020.

The Areyonga Local Authority Meeting took a break at 11:18 AM

The Areyonga Local Authority Meeting resumed at 11:18 AM

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Service program delivery.

ARLA2020-023 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Roxanne Kenny)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Service report.

10.2 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is a summary of achievements relating to key Council service delivery standards and guidelines in Areyonga community and documents any other relevant issues.

ARLA2020-024 RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Marlene Abbott)

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

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

ARLA2020-025 RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure Report as at 31 December 2019.

11.2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND THE REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community and is how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides the MRC 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 MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) staff to meet the objectives of the 2019-20 Regional Plan. Key Performance Indicators that the Local Authority can assist with include:

- The Local Authority meeting in public open space which aims to make meetings more accessible to the public, and
- The community survey which aims to ensure that MRC services reflect community aspirations.

The Local Authority is asked to provide input into the development of the 2020-21 Regional Plan.

ARLA2020-026 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Selina Kulitja)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the report.

11.3 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.

ARLA2020-027 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Selina Kulitja)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted this report and provided feedback.

Note: The feedback provided was: Keep it as it is.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 7, members of the Areyonga 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:

ARLA2020-028 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Marlene Abbott)

That the Areyonga Local Authority did not raise any items to be discussed.

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.

ARLA2020-029 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development and:

- 1. Kept the Action Item, Room to Breathe Program, open;**
- 2. Discussed the matter raised at Item 7, Other Non-Council Business: Issues with Air Conditioning in community houses.**

Note: The NTG representative recommended that the Areyonga Community members enroll to vote or update their enrolment with the AEC if they have previously enrolled.

ARLA2020-030 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Selina Kunitja)

That The Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the presentation from Michelle Fitts – Menzies School of Health Research.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 13 MAY, 2020

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:46 PM.

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