



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD IN FINKE ON  
TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2024 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENED**

The meeting was declared open at 10.40am.

**2 WELCOME**

Welcome to Country - Chairperson Michael Ferguson

**3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**Local Authority Members**

Chairperson Michael Ferguson, Charmaine Stuart, Rosemary Matasia, Richard Doolan, Geoffrey Stuart

**Councillors**

President Roxanne Kenny (via Teams), Councillor Lisa Sharman, and Councillor Aloyischois Hayes

**Council Employees**

Ken Satour - Acting Director Service Delivery, Kathleen Abbott - Area Manager Service Delivery, Kaisa Suumann - Project and Engagement Coordinator, and Damien Ryan - Governance Officer.

**Guests**

Shane Franey - Liaison Officer, Member for Namatjira Office, Bruce Fyfe - Representative Department Chief Minister and Cabinet (via Teams)

**Apologies**

Michelle Allen - Member, Jill Doolan – Member and Cr Andrew Davis

**Absentees**

Nil

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	3.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Attendance

**FLA2024-1 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Geoffrey Stuart)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies received from Members Jill Doolan, Michelle Allen, Cr Patrick Allen and Cr Andrew Davis.

**4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

**FLA2024-2 RESOLVED (Aloyiscois Hayes/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Finke Local Authority notes the Council Code of Conduct.

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**FLA2024-3 RESOLVED (Rosemary Matasia/Richard Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority resolve the unconfirmed Minutes of the meeting held 4th October 2023 be adopted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

**6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Acceptance of Agenda

**FLA2024-4 RESOLVED (Geoffrey Stuart/Richard Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority notes that the papers circulated were received for consideration at this meeting.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Notification of General Business Items

**FLA2024-5 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Geoffrey Stuart)**

That the Finke Local Authority notes that members provided notice of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

1. Streetlights
2. Next Veterinary community visit
3. Compactor Truck wash down bay at Landfill facility

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	Notification of Matters Raised in General Non-Council Business items

**FLA2024-6 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Aloyischois Hayes)**

That the Finke Local Authority notes that members provided notice of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business as follows:

1. Fencing heights around Houses
2. Roads - Finke to Titjikala maintenance
3. NT Housing maintenance and Air-Conditioning

## **7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Conflict of Interest

**FLA2024-7 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Geoffrey Stuart)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) members did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting Agenda.

## **8 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Finke Youth Board
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) has set itself a goal to support youth leadership development in all our 13 communities. To develop and support our young leaders, Council is in the process of developing Youth Boards across the MacDonnell region. MRC is currently working on developing a Youth Board in Finke.

The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Finke Local Authority on Finke Youth Board’s recommendations to the LA.

**FLA2024-8 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Geoffrey Stuart)**

**That the Finke Local Authority:**

- a) receives and notes the meeting minutes of the Finke Youth Board from 24/01/2024;
- b) discusses the Youth Board’s recommendation to move the seats at the football oval to under the shade. The seats are currently next to the shade not under it;
- c) discusses the Youth Board’s recommendation to plant some more trees around the oval;
- d) discusses and decides on the Youth Board’s recommendation to get new AFL equipment: Guernseys for the community team and for youth;
- e) discusses and decides on the Youth Board’s recommendation to get some gym equipment with quote tabled.
- f) Local Authority write to Member for Namatjira Bill Yan to request assistance to purchase AFL Guernseys
- g) Purchase Gym equipment to the value \$800.00

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	8.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Finke Local Authority Projects
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) and invested in projects to benefit and improve the community.

**Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:**

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example, upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council’s own Local Authority area.

**FLA2024-9 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Charmaine Stuart)**

That the Finke Local Authority

- a) notes that all available funding has been allocated;
- b) notes and accepts the progress on their projects; and
- c) kept open all current projects.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	8.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Each financial year, MacDonnell Regional Council grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority. These funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (*with goods received*) between 1 July and 30 June.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and improve Community development.

**FLA2024-10 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) notes the previous allocation of Discretionary funds; and
- b) notes that the available balance of 1,172.88 must be spent by 30 June 2024.
- c) allocate \$800.00 to purchase Gym equipment as per Intersport Quote 31/01
- d) allocate balance \$372.88 for Easter community BBQ

**9 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Service Delivery Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Finke across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

**FLA2024-11 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Geoffrey Stuart)**

That the Finke Local Authority notes and accepts the Service Delivery Report for the community of Finke.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Community Services Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on the delivery of Community Services programs.

**FLA2024-12 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Lisa Sharman)**

**That the Finke Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services report.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	Income and Expenditure Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 Dec 2023 in the Local Authority community.

**FLA2024-13 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Richard Doolan)**

**That the Finke Local Authority notes and accepts the Income and Expenditure for Finke Community as of 31 December 2023.**

**10 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS RAISED**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	General Business
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

**FLA2024-14 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Richard Doolan)**

**That the Finke Local Authority discusses the matters raised at Item 6.2.**

- a) **the need for solar lighting in community following recent power outage. Request to place on wishlist:**
  - **2 x Stealth Solar Lights - Putula Street**
  - **2 x Stealth Solar Lights - Outside Recreation Hall**
- b) **asked to be advised dates for next Veterinary visit to community.**
- c) **the need for a future wash down stand to be built at Landfill Facility.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	General Non-Council Business
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet provides any necessary updates in regard to Northern Territory Government Services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members were given the opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

### **FLA2024-15 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Aloyischois Hayes)**

**That the Finke Local Authority:**

- a) notes and discusses the matters raised at Item 6.3; and
- b) notes and accepts any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet
- c) Fencing - community advised by Representative from Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet there was no variation in current housing contract to raise height of fencing
- d) Finke Road - Community advised there is no budget to upgrade the Ghan Heritage Road between Rodinga and Finke
- e) Finke Desert Race President Antony Yoffa advised Representative of the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet the Finke Start / Finish line safety will be addressed.
- f) Air-Conditioning issues need to be reported to NT Housing

### **11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

1 May 2024, held as an Outdoor Meeting

### **12 MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting concluded at 12.30pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the unconfirmed Minutes of the Finke Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2024.