



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE  
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2022 AT 10:30AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was postponed to 11:10am and declared open

**1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIR**

**FLA2022-021 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Charmaine Stuart)**

**That the Finke Local Authority nominated Member Jill Doolan as Acting Chairperson for the meeting held 6 April 2022.**

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Acting Chairperson Jill Doolan

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Charmaine Stuart, Member Jill Doolan and Member Richard Doolan

Councillors:

Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Lisa Sharman and Councillor Lynette Ellis

Council Employees:

Kitty Comerford (Acting Director Technical Services), Ken Satour (Coordinator Council Services, Finke) June Crabb (Governance Officer)

Guests:

Robin Hall (Regional Project Officer, Department Chief Minister and Cabinet)

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Member Michelle Allen and President Roxanne Kenny

Absentees:

Chair Michael Ferguson, Member Rosemary Matasia, Member Shawn Doolan and Councillor Annie Young.

### **3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES**

**FLA2022-022 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lynette Ellis)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the attendance and apologies to the meeting;
- b) noted that the apology given by Councillor Annie Young was not accepted and requests that the Councillor makes an effort to attend future meetings;
- c) noted that Member Shawn Doolan had not attended any Local Authority meetings since his membership was endorsed at the Council meeting held 17 December 2021.

### **3.3 Resignations**

NIL

### **3.4 Terminations**

#### **3.4 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

**FLA2022-023 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Richard Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority revoked the membership of Shawn Doolan for being absent without permission from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

### **3.5 Nominations**

#### **3.5.1 NOMINATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER**

**FLA2022-024 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted that a vacancy was created due to Shawn Doolan's membership being revoked; and
- b) recommended that community nominations be kept open for 21 days.

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**FLA2022-025 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Patrick Allen)**

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

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

**FLA2022-026 RESOLVED (Charmaine Stuart/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority of 19 January 2022 be adopted as a resolution of Finke Local Authority.

## **6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED**

**FLA2022-027 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Finke Local Authority noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

### **6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**FLA2022-028 RESOLVED (Charmaine Stuart/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Finke Local Authority noted that the members did not provide any notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

### **6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**FLA2022-029 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Charmaine Stuart)**

That the Finke Local Authority noted that the members the discussion items raised as follows:

1. Telstra Mobile Service

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**FLA2022-030 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Charmaine Stuart)**

That the Finke Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**FLA2022-031 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Charmaine Stuart)**

That the Finke Local Authority 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.

**FLA2022-032 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Charmaine Stuart)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received;

**b) kept open Relocation of Waste Management facility.**

- **The Local Authority was advised that Technical Services staff Jake Potter and Cameron Wilson will be attending a CLC meeting to discuss a new site proposed by the Traditional Owners.**

Note: Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:06pm and resumed at 12:32pm

## **9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS**

### **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.

As part of Finke Community's 2021/2022 Project funds grant, the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet has released an allocation of \$26,900.00 towards Community projects.

**The unallocated funds from the 2021/2022 project grant of \$27,361.82 must be fully expended by 30 June 2023.**

**FLA2022-033 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Charmaine Stuart)**

**That the Finke Local Authority:**

**a) noted and accepted the progress of its projects and kept open:**

- **Project 2133 – Trees around oval, noting that Geoff Meyers Nursery had advised that a quote would be sent once things had settled down for them; and**
- **Project 2135 – Wood fire bbq**

**b) created a new project named Fence for around Cemetery, committed \$27,361.82 and that the CSC bring quotes with fencing options to the next Local Authority meeting.**

## **9.3 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

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

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods

received) between 1 July and 30 June.

**FLA2022-034 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Jill Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of its 2021/2022 Discretionary funds; and
- b) were advised that no progress had been made towards the spending of \$4,000.00 committed to Power Cards.

## **10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**FLA2022-035 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the Council Service Delivery report.

### **10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

**FLA2022-036 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lynette Ellis)**

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

## **11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

### **11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 28 February 2022 in the Local Authority Community.

**FLA2022-037 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Lynette Ellis)**

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 28 February 2022.

## **12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2**

### **12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Under item 6.2, members have the opportunity to raise matters of General Business that are discussed at this report.

**FLA2022-038 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Charmaine Stuart)**

That the Finke Local Authority note that there were no General Business 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 purpose of this paper is to note and discuss the matters raised at item 6.3 and to be informed of any updates to the actions relating to the services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

**FLA2022-039 RESOLVED (Charmaine Stuart/Richard Doolan)**

**That the Finke Local Authority:**

- a) **noted the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3 as follows:**
  - **Telstra mobile service noting that the service was very slow.**  
**The Representative will follow up with Telstra and any information received will be passed along to the members.**
  - **Road, requesting if the Maryvale Road would be graded.**  
**The Representative advised that he will speak with DIPL and will report back to the Authority on their answer.**
  - **Housing requesting that the Local Authority be updated as to who is responsible for maintenance to the houses.**
- b) **noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet; and**
- c) **approved closure of the action – Maintenance to Swampy’s**

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 13 JULY, 2022**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 2pm pm.

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Chairperson

Date: .....