



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 21 MAY 2020 AT 9:00AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:15am

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Michael Fergusson

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members: attended at the Finke Council office via videolink

Member Michael Ferguson (Chair), Member Charmaine Stuart, Member Rosemary Matasia and Member Jill Doolan

Councillors: attended at their respective community Council offices via videolink

Cr Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Greg Sharman,

Council Employees: attended from their respective Council offices via videolink

Ken Newman (Director Service Delivery), CT Fraser (Area Manager), Heather Smith (CSC), Min Roebuck (Community Engagement Officer) and Robert Rabotot (Governance Officer)

Guests: attended from the department's office

Robin Hall (Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development)

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Cr Susan Doolan, Cr Lynette Ellis, Member Michelle Allen and Member Richard Doolan

Absentees:

Nil

**Attendance, Apologies and Absentee**

**FLA2020-061 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Michael Ferguson)**

**That the Finke Local Authority noted the attendance, apologies and absentees of the meeting.**

### **3.3 Resignations**

Nil

### **3.4 Terminations**

Nil

### **3.5 Nominations**

Nil

#### **3.5.1 NOMINATIONS**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Following the termination of a member at this meeting, one vacancy in the Finke Local Authority remains open and as a consequence a call for nominations is recommended.

##### **FLA2020-062 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Rosemary Matasia)**

That the Finke Local Authority call for community nominations in order to fill the vacancy.

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

##### **FLA2020-063 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)**

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

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

##### **FLA2020-064 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Michael Ferguson)**

That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority of 12 March be adopted as a resolution of the Finke Local Authority.

## **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**

##### **FLA2020-065 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)**

That the Finke 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**

##### **FLA2020-066 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)**

That the Finke 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**

**FLA2020-067 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)**

**That the Finke 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**

**FLA2020-068 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Michael Ferguson)**

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

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**FLA2020-069 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Michael Ferguson)**

**That the Finke Local Authority members 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 gives the Local Authority an opportunity to check that actions from previous meetings are being implemented.

**FLA2020-070 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Michael Ferguson)**

**That the Finke Local Authority**

- a) Noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received, and**
- b) Kept open – Action Item 1**
- c) Closed – Action Items 2 and 3**

### **9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

There is a total un-committed balance of \$2,080.00 to allocate in their community.  
\$0 is from the 2018/19 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2020.  
\$2,080.00 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

**FLA2020-071 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Rosemary Matasia)**

**That the Finke Local Authority**

- a) **Noted and accepted the progress of their projects,**
- b) **Kept open – Projects 2191, 2192 and 2193 (formerly XYZ); and**
- c) **Open ‘Priority 6: Trees around oval’ as a new project and commit \$2,000.00**

### **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 decisions about how to spend this money must benefit everybody. This money cannot be carried over from year to year and it must be spend (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

**FLA2020-072 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Rosemary Matasia)**

**That the Finke Local Authority**

- a) **Noted and discussed the spending of their 2019/20 discretionary funds, and**
- b) **Committed their remaining funds of \$4,000.00 for power cards to be evenly distributed amongst 34 houses**

Cr Lynette Ellis left meeting 11:45am

### **9.4 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.

**FLA2020-073 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Rosemary Matasia)**

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

Member Charmaine Stuart arrived at meeting 12:28pm

## **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.

**FLA2020-074 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Rosemary Matasia)**

**That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report prepared by Finke CSC Heather Smith.**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

**FLA2020-075 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Greg Sharman)**

**That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.**

## **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

**FLA2020-076 RESOLVED (Rosemary Matasia/Jill Doolan)**

**That the Finke 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.

We are now discussing the matters raised as listed below:

**FLA2020-077 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Michael Ferguson)**

**That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted 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 Department of Local Government Housing and Community Development will be in attendance to provide any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members of the Finke Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

We are now discussing the matters raised as listed below:

**FLA2020-078 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Rosemary Matasia)**

**That the Finke Local Authority:**

- a) **Noted there were no Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3;**
- b) **Noted and accepted updates and progress on actions from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development:**
  - Overdue 4 new house – Waiting for reply from Darwin**
  - Room to Breathe program – Waiting for reply from Darwin**
  - Mobile phone service – Depending on Telstra**

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER, 2020**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:12pm.

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