



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE  
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 11:09 AM

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## **1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 11.09AM.

**FLA2021-001 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Greg Sharman)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, nominated Jill Doolan as Chair for the Finke Local Authority meeting of 3 February 2021.**

## **2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Member Jill Doolan

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

### **3.1 Attendance**

#### Local Authority Members:

Member Michelle Allen and Member Jill Doolan.

#### Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Greg Sharman, Cr Susan Doolan and Cr Lynette Ellis.

#### Council Employees:

Ken Newman (Director Service Centre Delivery), Tanya Luckey (Council Services Coordinator Finke) and June Crabb (Governance Administration Officer)

#### Guests:

John (Tony) Bohning (Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Member for Namatjira Office), Robin Martin Hall (Community Development Officer, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet), Jen Standish-White (Operations Coordinator, Waltja), Shakita Lindner (Youth Worker, Waltja) and David Fleming (Youth and Family Support, Waltja).

### **3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

#### Apologies:

Cr Annie Young, Member Rosemary Matasia and Member Richard Doolan.

#### Absentees:

Chair Michael Ferguson and Member Charmaine Stuart.

#### **Attendance, Apologies and Absentees**

##### **FLA2021-002 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Greg Sharman)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council to note the attendance, apologies and absentees of the meeting.**

Note: Quorum not met, this meeting was conducted as a Provisional Meeting.

#### **3.3 Resignations**

Nil

#### **3.4 Terminations**

Nil

#### **3.5 Nominations**

##### **3.5.1 NOMINATIONS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY**

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

At the Finke Local Authority Meeting of 21 May 2020, a vacancy was created due to the termination of a member at being absent from two consecutive meetings and as a consequence, a call for nominations was recommended.

In the event of a vacancy, a new member 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 Authority Act.

##### **FLA2021-003 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Greg Sharman)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and called for community nominations to remain open a further 28 days in order to fill the vacancy**

#### **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

##### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

##### **FLA2021-004 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Jill Doolan)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note the audio version of the Council Code of Conduct.**

#### **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

###### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority meeting of 19 November 2020 be adopted as a resolution of Finke Local Authority.**

Note: This item was not discussed, as the meeting held on 3 February 2021 was conducted

as a Provisional Meeting. (A Provisional Meeting cannot resolve the previous minutes of a Meeting that was held with a full quorum).

## **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**

**FLA2021-005 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note that the papers circulated for consideration at the meeting were received.

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

### **6.2 Notification of General Business Items**

**FLA2021-006 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Susan Doolan)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note the following notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business:

1. Finke Local Authority Members.

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

### **6.3 Notifications of Non-Council Business Items**

**FLA2021-007 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note the following notification of matters to be raised for Non-Council Business.

1. Roads.

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**FLA2021-008 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Susan Doolan)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note the Conflict of Interest policy.

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**FLA2021-009 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Susan Doolan)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

*Nil*

## **9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 CORRESPONDENCE FROM MINISTER CHANSEY PAECH**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Minister for Local Government, Chansey Paech MLA, is seeking an invitation to meet members of the Finke Local Authority at a mutually convenient time.

#### **FLA2021-010 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Greg Sharman)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to:

- a) Note the correspondence; and
- b) Invite Minister Paech to attend the Finke Local Authority on 14 April 2021.

### **9.2 NT TREATY COMMISSION**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The NT Treaty Commission presented information about their work to Council last year and consulted on the Treaty Discussion Paper. Council resolved to work on bringing Youth Boards together for a meeting with the NT Treaty Commissioner and to place the NT Treaty Commission Executive Summary on all future Local Authority agenda.

The Executive Summary of the Treaty Discussion Paper is attached to this report.

#### **FLA2021-011 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Jill Doolan)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to:

- a) Note and accept the report; and
- b) Provide the following feedback to the NT Treaty Commission.
  1. Call for a Regional Meeting to be held in Alice Springs and invite all community members from Central Australia to discuss the NT Treaty.

### **9.3 ACTION REGISTER**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report gives the Local Authority an opportunity to check that actions from previous meetings are being implemented.

#### **FLA2021-012 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Greg Sharman)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to:

- a) Note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received;
- b) Close Action - Tap at Sorry Camp and Cemetery;
- c) Close Action - Water reinstated to the Cemetery;
- d) Keep open Action – Scavenging Pigs; and
- e) Implement the following conditions:
  1. Allow the pig belonging to the Doolan Family to remain securely in their yard, (Lot 54).
  2. Allow the Vets on their next visit to Community, to safely and humanely, euthanise the two remaining pigs.

## 9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, for investing in local government community projects.

As of 31 December 2020, there is a total un-committed balance of \$6,980.00 to allocate in the community.

\$80.00 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

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### **FLA2021-013 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to:

- a) Note and accept the progress of their projects;
- b) Keep open Project 2192 - Shade structures at Oval and commit an additional \$2,000.00 towards the 6m x 6m Gable shade structures;
- c) Keep open Project 2193 – Bench Seats;
- d) Keep open Project 2194 – Trees around Oval
- e) Keep open Project 2195 – Fence around Titji Park, approve the quote received from AJ Nichol Fencing and commit an additional \$4,000.00; and
- f) Close Project 2191 – Commentary Box, and return the underspend of \$707.36 to the funds.

## 9.5 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission *to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.*

An important strategy in the Regional Plan asks each Local Authority to guide the input into their Community Infrastructure Plan to meet a 2020-21 Regional Plan objective that MRC's infrastructure meets community needs.

### **FLA2021-014 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Susan Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) Note and accept the report; and
- b) Provide feedback towards the Finke Infrastructure Plan.

## 9.6 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.

During the Council meeting, 18 December 2020, the following resolution was made.

### **OC2020-135 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis) That Council:**

b) Reallocated the \$4,000.00 towards Power Cards of the Finke 2019/2020 Discretionary Funds due to an MRC Operational error.

**FLA2021-015 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to:

- a) Note and discuss the spending of their 2020/21 Discretionary Funds.

## **9.7 LOCAL AUTHORITY ASSISTANCE WITH THE REGIONAL PLAN**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff 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 MRC staff to meet the objectives of the 2020-21 Regional Plan.

**FLA2021-016 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Susan Doolan)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to:

- a) Note and accept the report; and
- b) Provide guidance and support for MRC staff to meet the objectives of the MRC 2020-21 Regional Plan.

## **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.

**FLA2021-017 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to:

- a) Note and accept the attached report prepared by Tanya Luckey, Council Services Coordinator, Finke.

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

**FLA2021-018 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to:

- a) Note and accept the Community Services report.

## **11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

### **11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2020 in the Local Authority's Community.

#### **FLA2021-019 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to:

- a) Note and accept the Expenditure Report as at 31 December 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.

#### **FLA2021-020 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note and discuss the General Business items raised at Item 6.2.

#### **1. Finke Local Authority Members**

The Finke Local Authority has noticed a consistent pattern with some of their members in not attending the Local Authority Meetings. The Local Authority has requested that the Council Services Coordinator speak with these members, to ask if they want to remain on the Local Authority or if they want to resign from the Local Authority.

## **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3**

### **13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet 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 Santa Teresa Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

#### **FLA2021-021 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Susan Doolan)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to:

- a) Note and discuss the Non-Council Business items raised at item 6.3;
- b) Note and accept the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- c) Keep open Overdue 4 new houses;
- d) Keep open Room to Breathe Program;
- e) Keep open Maintenance to Swampy's; and

#### **1. Road.**

The Local Authority has requested that the road from Kulgera to Finke be looked at as the heavy rain in January caused multiple washouts and extremely rough and sandy

patches. The representative from DCMC will speak with DIPL to see when they will address the road from Kulgera to Finke.

**2. Welcome to Waltja Representatives.**

Spokesperson for the Waltja Representatives, Ms Jen Standish-White thanked the Finke Local Authority for having them sit in on the meeting explaining that Waltja focussed on service delivery for children, youth, elders and people with disabilities. Ms Standish-White said she looked forward to working with existing providers in Community to improve community relations and alleviate social distress.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL, 2021**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 2:33 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Finke Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 3 February 2021 and are UNCONFIRMED.