



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE  
COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 10:26 AM

---

## **1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:26 AM

**FLA2020-096 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Charmaine Stuart)**  
That the Finke Local Authority nominated Jill Doolan as Chair for the Finke Local Authority meeting of 19 November 2020.

## **2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Member Jill Doolan (Chair)

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

### **3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Jill Doolan (Chair), Member Charmaine Stuart, Member Michelle Allen, Member Richard Doolan,

Councillors:

Deputy President Greg Sharman, Cr Susan Doolan, and Cr Lynette Ellis

Council Employees:

Simon Murphy (Director Technical Services) Keith Hassett (Manager Service Centre Delivery), Tanya (Council Services Coordinator) and June Crabb (Governance Administration Officer).

Guests:

Robin Martin Hall (Community Development Officer, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet) and Steven Kubasiewicz (Senior Planner, Department of Housing and Community Development)

### **3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny, Cr Annie Young, Chair Michael Ferguson and Member Rosemary Matasia

Absentees:

Member Michelle Allen

**Attendance, Apologies and Absentees**

**FLA2020-097 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)**

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**

**3.5.1 NOMINATIONS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

At the Local Authority meeting 12 March 2020, a vacancy was created on the Local Authority based on the absence of Mr Samuel Doolan from two consecutive meetings. It was recommended that nominations be kept open for a further 28 days to fill this vacancy.

**FLA2020-098 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) Call for community nominations to remain open in order to fill the remaining vacancy.

**4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

**4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**FLA2020-099 RESOLVED (Charmaine Stuart/Greg Sharman)**

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

**5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**FLA2020-100 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Jill Doolan)**

That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority meeting of 21 May 2020 be adopted as a resolution of Finke Local Authority.

**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**FLA2020-101 RESOLVED (Charmaine Stuart/Lynette Ellis)**

That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority:

- a) 21 May 2020 be adopted as a resolution of Finke Local Authority

**FLA2020-102 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Jill Doolan)**

That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority:

- b) 17 September 2020 held as a provisional meeting 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 That the papers circulated are received for consideration at the meeting.

### **6.1 Acceptance of the Agenda**

**FLA2020-103 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Susan Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority noted 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**

**FLA2020-104 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Richard Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority provided the following notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business:

1. Cemetery.

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

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

**FLA2020-105 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Susan Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority provided the following notification of matters to be raised for Non-Council Business.

1. Air-conditioners.

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**FLA2020-106 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Susan Doolan)**

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

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**FLA2020-107 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Susan Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

Item 8 – Deputations/Guest Speaker has been moved to between item 9.6 and item 10.

## **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.

**FLA2020-108 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Susan Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received:

- a) Kept open Action 'Scavenging pigs in Community'; and

- b) Kept open Action 'Tap at Sorry Camp and Cemetery.
  - 1. Council Services Coordinator Finke to determine where the leak from the tap at Sorry Camp is coming from; and
  - 2. Director of Technical Services to liaise with Power and Water in having the water reinstated at the Cemetery.

## 9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

There is a total un-committed balance of \$26,980.00 to allocate in their community. \$80.00 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021. \$26,900.00 is from the 2020/21 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2022.

### **FLA2020-109 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Charmaine Stuart)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) Noted and accepted the progress of their projects;
- b) Kept open Project 2191 - Commentary Box;
- c) Kept open Project 2192 - Shade Structures at Oval and requested that the Council Services Coordinator Finke seek two (2) quotations;
- d) Kept open Project 2193 – 8 x Bench Seats;
  - 1. Approved quotation of \$350.00 per seat; and
  - 2. Requested the Council Services Coordinator, Finke place the order with Alice Springs Corrections;
- e) Kept open Project 2194 – Trees around Oval;
- f) Commit \$20,000.00 to Project XXXX – Fence around Titji Park.

## 9.3 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.

### **FLA2020-110 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Lynette Ellis)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) Noted and accepted the report; and
- b) Provided feedback towards the Finke Infrastructure Plan.

Note: The Local Authority accepted the impromptu presentation by Steven Kubasiewicz, Senior Planner, Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities.

## DEPT TERRITORY FAMILIES, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PRESENTATION

### **FLA2020-111 RESOLVED (Jill Doolan/Susan Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) Noted and accepted the Community Infrastructure Map; and
- b) Provided feedback towards the Community Infrastructure Map

## 9.4 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.

#### **FLA2020-112 RESOLVED (Charmaine Stuart/Jill Doolan)**

**That the Finke Local Authority:**

- a) **Noted the spending of their 2019/20 Discretionary Funds;**
- b) **Noted and discuss the spending of their 2020/21 Discretionary Funds; and**
- c) **Committed \$2,000.00 for a Community Christmas Lunch.**

#### **FLA2020-113 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Jill Doolan)**

**That the Finke Local Authority:**

- a) **Request MRC to consider reallocating the \$4,000.00 towards Power Cards of their 2019/2020 Discretionary Funds due to an MRC operational error.**

## 9.5 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.

The Annual Report is produced every year in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2008*. Council members have been asked to review and approve the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for 2019/20.

#### **FLA2020-114 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Richard Doolan)**

**That the Finke Local Authority:**

- a) **Noted and accepted the report;**
- b) **Provided guidance and support for MRC staff to meet the objectives of the MRC 2020-21 Regional Plan; and**
- c) **Noted and accepted the MRC 2019-2020 Annual Report.**

## 9.6 SUPPORT FOR A YOUTH BOARD IN FINKE

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In line with 2020-21 Regional Plan Objective 3.1 that 'Young people are empowered to be engaged representatives' is the strategy to 'Partner with service providers to support the development of Youth Boards in Finke, Imanpa and Docker River'.

Local Authority members are asked to discuss their interest in having MRC and NPY Women's Council work together to establish and develop a Youth Board in Finke.

#### **FLA2020-115 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Charmaine Stuart)**

**That the Finke Local Authority support the MRC and NPY working together to establish and support a Youth Board in Finke, to provide a voice for young people in their community and to assist in developing the community leaders of the future.**

Chair called for break at 12.50 pm.

Meeting resumed at 1:05 pm.

The following item was moved from between item 7.2 and item 9.

Note: The Finke Local Authority accepted the impromptu presentation by Department of Health representative, Lana Field.

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **NT HEALTH - PRIMARY HEALTH CARE**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Finke Clinic Manager, Lana Field, was in attendance to speak with Local Authority on gauging the interest of the community in building temporary wash stations through the CDP Program to aid in the prevention of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

#### **FLA2020-116 RESOLVED (Jill Doolan/Charmaine Stuart)**

That the Finke Local Authority noted the following comments and feedback:

1. The Finke Community would like to have the 1000L wash stations in their community.
2. The Local Authority specified that the wash stations be placed at the Community Store, the Church, the Art Centre, the School, the Clinic and the Aged Care facility.
3. The Community was happy to have the signage/artwork developed by local artists.
4. The Local Authority request that NT Health follow up with Catholic Care in providing funding to start the project.

## **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.

#### **FLA2020-117 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Richard Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority 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.

#### **FLA2020-118 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority note and accept the Community Services report.

## **11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

### **11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 September 2020 in the Local Authority's community.

#### **FLA2020-119 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)**

That the Finke Local Authority note and accept the Expenditure Report as at 30

September 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.

#### **FLA2020-120 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Richard Doolan)**

**That the Finke Local Authority noted and discussed the General Business items raised at Item 6.2.**

##### **1. Cemetery**

**The Local Authority have requested a Cemetery Register.**

**The CSC Finke will seek advice from the CSC's in other communities in how they have developed their registers.**

## **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, previously (DLGHCD) 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.

#### **FLA2020-121 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Richard Doolan)**

**That the Finke Local Authority:**

- a) Noted and discussed the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3;**
- b) Noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;**
- c) Kept open 'Overdue 4 new houses. Two houses will be ready for tenants once Power and Water have completed their installations. The other 2 houses will be Transitional Housing.**
- d) Kept open 'Room to Breathe Program'. Representative from DCMC to follow up on why the Housing Reference Group cancelled the meeting.**

##### **1. Air-conditioners**

**The Local Authority have requested air-conditions be installed in their homes. Most of the Swampy's in the houses need repairing and do not work properly.**

**Response from DCMC representative was Housing do not provide or install air-conditioners. The tenant would have to purchase and install their own air-conditioner.**

**The representative will follow up with Housing regarding maintenance of the Swampy's.**

## **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 3 February 2021**

## **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 2:07 PM

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Finke Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 19 November 2020 and are UNCONFIRMED.

UNCONFIRMED