



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE  
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2022 AT 10:30AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:56 AM when the full quorum was met.

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome – Members present were welcomed by Simon Murphy, Director Technical Services.

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Michael Ferguson, Charmaine Stuart, Rosemary Matasia and Jill Doolan

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Lynette Ellis, Councillor Patrick Allen and Councillor Annie Young via zoom from Santa Teresa

Council Employees attended via zoom from the Alice Springs office:

Simon Murphy, Director Technical Services  
Kathleen Abbott, Area Manager Service Delivery  
Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Admin Officer

Guests:

David Hayley, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet and Robert Hoosan, Chairperson CLC and Finke Resident.

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Nil

Absentees:

Michelle Allen and Richard Doolan

**3.1, 3.2 & 3.3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND ABSENTEES**

**FLA2022-040 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)**

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

**3.3 Resignations**

**NIL**

**3.4 Terminations**

**NIL**

**3.5 Nominations**

**3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this paper is to note changes to the membership of the Finke Local Authority as a result of the membership being revoked of a Local Authority member at the meeting held 6 April 2022.

Appointments to Local Authorities have also been affected by changes introduced in the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act) implemented on 2 July 2021 and this paper also reflects those changes.

**FLA2022-041 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Michael Ferguson)**

**That the Finke Local Authority:**

- a) noted that one vacancy was created due to the termination of member Shawn Doolan for being absent without permission from two consecutive Local Authority meetings; and**
- b) called for community nominations to remain open for 21 days to fill the vacancy.**

Minute note: Guest Robert Hoosan spoke briefly to the authority at this time regarding youth crime. This is noted in general business at item 6.2.

**4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

**4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**FLA2022-042 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Lynette Ellis)**

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

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

**FLA2022-043 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Patrick Allen)**

That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority of 6 April 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**

**FLA2022-044 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/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**

**FLA2022-045 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)**

Noted that the members did not provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business, however members noted that Robert Hoosan talked about youth crime and urged Anangu to be more responsible for their kids in the community.

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

**FLA2022-046 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)**

Noted that the members did not provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**FLA2022-047 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Michael Ferguson)**

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

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**FLA2022-048 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Michael Ferguson)**

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 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 had released an allocation of \$26,900.00 towards Community projects.

**The Local Authority has committed all available funds to projects and there is nil balance remaining to allocate.**

**FLA2022-049 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)**

**That the Finke Local Authority:**

- a) **noted and accepted the progress of its projects as follows and kept open;**
  - **Project 2133, Trees around oval – Trees are waiting to be delivered and the remaining funds in this project \$2,154.73 will be spent on soil mixes and required supplies.**
  - **Project 2135, Wood fire BBQ – waiting for the delivery.**
  - **Project 2136, Fence around Cemetery – Cemetery area extension and lease request is underway with CLC.**
- b) **noted that the 2021/2022 project funds have been fully allocated.**

### **9.2 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 2022 and 30 June 2023.

**FLA2022-050 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the spending of its 2021/2022 Discretionary funds;
- b) noted the new allocation and discussed the spending of its 2022/2023 Discretionary Funds; and
- c) discussed that the Authority will decide on how best to spend these funds at the next meeting.

**10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

**10.1 ACTION REGISTER**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

**FLA2022-051 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Michael Ferguson)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received as following and kept the action open;  
Action FLA2022-011, Director of technical services is waiting for consultation with CLC and will advise Local Authority after consultation.  
Update will be available when a CLC representative is available for consultation.

**10.2 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.

**FLA2022-052 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lynette Ellis)**

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the attached Council Service Coordinator's report.

**10.3 COMMUNITY SERVICE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

**FLA2022-053 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 31ST MAY 2022**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 May 2022 in the Local Authority Community.

**FLA2022-054 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Patrick Allen)**

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 May 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.

#### **FLA2022-055 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)**

**That the Finke Local Authority noted that youth crime had been discussed at Item 6.2. and no further matters raised.**

## **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.

#### **FLA2022-056 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)**

**That the Finke Local Authority:**

- a) **noted that no new matters was raised at Item 6.3;**
- b) **noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet representative David Hayley;**
- c) **welcomed David Hayley in his role as Representative of the CM&C office; and**
- d) **kept all pending issues open for the update at the next meeting.**

## **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER, 2022**

## **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:25 pm.

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Chairperson

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