



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
ALICE SPRINGS ON FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2023 AT 10:00AM

1 MEETING OPENED at 10.15am

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2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Dalton McDonald, Councillor Marlene Abbott, Councillor Mark Inkamala, Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Jason Minor, Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Aloyischois Hayes and Councillor Tommy Conway

Staff:

Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, Ken Satour – Acting Director Service Delivery, Aaron Blacker – Director Technical Services, Gina Lacey – Director Community Services, Sheree Sherry – Acting Executive Manager Finance and Governance, Brian Robinson - Executive Manager People and Capabilities, Barbara Newland – Executive Services Manager, Damian Ryan – Service Delivery Coordinator, Finke.

Guests:

None present.

Apologies:

Councillor Bobby Abbott.

3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

OCM2023-169 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Jason Minor)

That the Ordinary Council:

- a) noted the Elected Members in attendance; and
- b) accepted the apology received from Councillor Bobby Abbott.

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 REQUESTS FOR FUTURE LEAVE OF ABSENCE

OCM2023-170 RESOLVED (Aloyiscois Hayes/Dalton McDonald)

That the Ordinary Council noted that there were no Requests for Future Leave of Absence.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

OCM2023-171 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Mark Inkamala)

That the Ordinary Council noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

6.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 OCTOBER 2023

OCM2023-172 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Abraham Poulson)

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

7.1 NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

OCM2023-173 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

That members noted that there were no matters requiring discussion in general and non-council business.

7.2 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

OCM2023-174 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Patrick Allen)

That the papers circulated were received for consideration at this meeting.

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

OCM2023-175 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Aloyischois Hayes)

That the Ordinary Council:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that members did not declare any conflicts of interest.

9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 LOCAL AUTHORITY

12.1 NOMINATIONS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As recorded in the minutes of the Local Authority meetings, the recommendation put forth to Council is to accept and endorse the nominations submitted for membership to the Authorities.

OCM2023-176 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Abraham Poulson)

That Council accepts the nominations submitted for membership on the Authorities and endorses:

- Graham Hayes and Nora Hayes Wheeler to the Santa Teresa Local Authority;
- Terry Simmons, Lena Campbell, Geoffrey Campbell and Debra Claude to the Titjikala Local Authority.

12.2 TERMINATIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIPS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council is being asked to endorse the recommendations of the Hermannsburg Local Authority to revoke the membership of Conrad Ratara. The appointment of Local Authority members is terminated in accordance with para.4.15.1 of Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedures (MC02-P2).

New members are nominated and appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019* Ministerial Guidelines and Council Procedure MC02-P2 Local Authority Meetings.

OCM2023-177 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council accepts and endorses to revoke the membership Conrad Ratara due to his absence without permission from two consecutive Hermannsburg Local Authority meetings.

12.3 RESIGNATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is for Council to note and endorse the resignation received from the Mt Liebig Local Authority.

Resignations of a Local Authority membership is in accordance with para. 4.15.1 of Councils Local Authority Meeting Procedure (MC02-P2) which states:

"It is important that Local Authority members attend meetings wherever possible. Appointment of a local authority member may be revoked or otherwise cease if the person:

- a) *Resigns in writing to the CEO, Chairperson or a delegated MRC employee.*

New members are nominated and appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), Ministerial Guidelines and Council Procedure MC02-P2 Local Authority Meeting Procedure.

OCM2023-178 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Andrew Davis)

That Council accepts the recommendation of the Mt Liebig Local Authority and endorses the resignation received from Mr. Neil Peterson.

12.4 DRAFT MINUTES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council considers the minutes of each Local Authority Ordinary Meeting or Provisional Meeting at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

Attached are draft (unconfirmed) minutes of the Local Authority meetings that occurred in the months of October and November 2023.

The Local Authority meetings covered in this report include:

- Amoonguna – 20 September 2023 (previously omitted)
- Finke – 4 October 2023
- Imanpa – 5 October 2023
- Docker River – 11 October 2023
- Wallace Rockhole – 18 October 2023
- Santa Teresa – 1 November 2023
- Titjikala – 2 November 2023
- Hermannsburg – 8 November 2023
- Mt Liebig – 15 November 2023
- Papunya – 16 November 2023
- Haasts Bluff – 22 November 2023

OCM2023-179 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Andrew Davis)

That Council:

- a) **approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority Meetings held in Amoonguna, Finke, Imanpa, Docker River, Wallace Rockhole, Titjikala, Hermannsburg, Mt Liebig and Papunya;**
- b) **approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Provisional Local Authority Meetings held in Santa Teresa and Haasts Bluff; and**
- c) **notes the following new projects established by the Local Authorities:**
 - o **Imanpa – Purchase of Basketball rings/nets and a keyboard with two microphones \$4,000.**

- o Imanpa – Basketball lights with funding yet to be allocated.
- o Titjikala – Purchase of lawnmower and whipper snipper \$10,000.
- o Titjikala – Solar light at the entrance to the community \$5,000.
- o Titjikala – Solar lights for the community \$20,000.
- o Titjikala – Upgrade of street lights to LED \$20,000.
- o Hermanssburg – Cracker dust for softball field \$10,000.
- o Mt Liebig – Airstrip infrastructure including shade shelter, concrete flooring, aluminium seating and Stealth solar light – balance of funding.
- o Papunya – Outdoor chapel with side shutters for the cemetery – balance of funding.

13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

13.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council reviews the attached actions that have been raised at previous Ordinary Council meetings and provides the status and/or updates of each action.

OCM2023-180 RESOLVED (Aloyiscois Hayes/Lisa Sharman)

That Council:

- a) notes the progress on the actions in the register; and
- b) approves the closure of Action items OCM2023-048, OCM2023-052, OCM2023-133 and the action regarding the Youth Recruitment Video.

14 PRESIDENT, COUNCILLORS' AND CEO'S REPORT

14.1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details the meetings attended by President Roxanne Kenny from the 18th October 24th November 2023

OCM2023-181 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That Council receives the President's report for the period 18th October to 24th November 2023.

14.2 CEO REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details organisational updates and the meetings attended by CEO Belinda Urquhart from 21 October 2023 to 8 December 2023.

OCM2023-182 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Tommy Conway)

That Council receives and notes the CEO report for the period 21 October 2023 – 8 December 2023.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

15.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides Council with an update on correspondence received and sent by the Council President in the period since the August Council meeting

OCM2023-183 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Abraham Poulson)

That Council notes the correspondence received and sent.

15.2 TECHNICAL SERVICES COUNCIL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details recent activities of the Technical Services Directorate.

OCM2023-184 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes and accepts the Technical Services report.

MINUTE NOTE: Break for morning tea at 11.00am.

MINUTE NOTE: Mr Bruce Fyfe, DCM&C arrived at 11.15am.

MINUTE NOTE: The meeting resumed at 11.18am.

15.3 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Human Resources (HR) Report contains Council staff demographics and statistics, recruitment analytics, and summarises any HR initiatives and projects.

OCM2023-185 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes and accepts the Human Resources Report.

MINUTE NOTE: The CEO spoke at length about the recruitment of a Workplace, Health and Safety Coordinator and the process to be introduced to induct new staff members working in communities and the work Elected Members will do to assist in this process.

15.4 SERVICE CENTRE DELIVERY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report outlines the activities of the Service Centre Delivery Directorate in the areas of Local Government service delivery and of contractual Commercial Services.

OCM2023-186 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes and accepts the Service Centre Delivery Report.

MINUTE NOTE: Ken Satour is to take on notice the problems associated with damage to wheelie bins.

MINUTE NOTE: The meeting broke for lunch at 11.57am and resumed at 12.40pm..

15.5 FINANCE REPORT FOR 30 NOVEMBER 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is tabled to provide Council with the Finance Report for the period ended 30 November 2023.

OCM2023-187 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 30 November 2023.

15.6 GOVERNANCE TEAM REPORT DECEMBER 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to update Council on the activities of the Governance and Compliance Team.

OCM2023-188 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes the Governance Team Report for December 2023.

15.7 USE OF THE COMMON SEAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Section 38(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 (LGA) states that “the affixing of the Common Seal to a document must ratified [endorsed] by resolution of the Council”. This report requests Council to ratify [endorse] the use of the Common Seal on the listed documents

OCM2023-189 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Jason Minor)

That Council ratifies the use of the Common Seal on document 2023-25 DoV NATSIFlexi Program.

15.8 REVIEW OF FA01-CP PROCUREMENT POLICY AND FA02-CP CREDIT CARD POLICY - MEMBERS AND CEO

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s permission to update FA01-CP Procurement Policy and FA02-CP Credit Card Policy - Members and CEO.

OCM2023-190 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Aloyischois Hayes)

That Council approves the review of FA01-CP Procurement Policy and FA02-CP Credit Card Policy - Members and CEO.

15.9 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT DECEMBER 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Community Services Report provides an update to Council on the activities of this Directorate.

OCM2023-191 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Dalton McDonald)

That Council notes and accepts the Community Services Report December 2023.

MINUTE NOTE: Director Community Services to take on notice the delivery of Aged Care to people with dementia.

MINUTE NOTE: Council would prefer the Community Services report to be presented in snapshot form for each programme delivered.

15.10 FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In accordance with Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 Section 19 if a Council does not schedule an ordinary meeting at least once in each month, the Council must delegate to a Council Committee the necessary powers to carry out, on behalf of the Council, financial functions of the council in the months the council does not schedule an ordinary meeting.

OCM2023-192 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes and accepts the minutes of the Finance and Risk Committee of 23 November 2023.

15.11 AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council's Audit Committee met on 23rd November 2023 at Bagot Street. The minutes of this meeting are attached for the Council's attention, these are still unconfirmed being due to be confirmed by the Committee at its next meeting in 2024.

OCM2023-193 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Patrick Allen)

That Council:

- (a) notes and receives the minutes of the Audit Committee of 23rd November 2023; and**
- (b) notes the review of the General Purpose Financial Report by the Committee.**

15.12 2023-24 BUDGET REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

After review by Managers, Directors and the CEO, changes are recommended to Council's budget contained within the Regional Plan. In general terms the amendments reflect finalisation of unexpended grants, confirmation of grant funding and acceptance of new grants and revisions to anticipated income and expenditure for the remainder of the year.

OCM2023-194 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Tommy Conway)

That Council adopts the amendments to the Budget 2023-2024 pursuant to Section 203(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

15.13 BRANDING GUIDE AND APPLICATION PROTOCOLS – 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to present to Council for its consideration a revised Branding Guide and Application Protocols.

OCM2023-195 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lisa Sharman)

That Council adopts the Branding Guidelines and Application Protocols as a policy of Council with the following exceptions:

- a) the Visual:Community Safety is to include a person; and
- b) the Visual: Sample Symbols is to be replace with those created by Councillor Lisa Sharman.

MINUTE NOTE: After much discussion among members regarding the design of a new polo top general consensus was achieved as follows:

- the blue symbols in the top right hand corner are to be removed
- the curving cultural line is to lengthen and go over the shoulder
- the circle around the logo in the top left hand corner is to be removed
- The community yellow/white symbol is the be located below and to the left of the "cultural way" symbol
- The tops will include councillor names, their wards and the MRC logo

15.14 REVIEW OF MC08-CP TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION POLICY – MEMEBERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's permission to update MC08-CP Travel and Accommodation Policy – Members, specifically the introduction of an Excessive Mileage Allowance.

OCM2023-196 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Jason Minor)

That Council approves and adopts the review of MC08-CP Travel and Accommodation Policy – Members.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.2

Nil

17 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

17.1 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pursuant to section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and clauses 51 and 52 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, the meeting is to be closed to the public to consider confidential matters.

OCM2023-197 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Abraham Poulson)

That Council approves the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items are about to be discussed. The meeting is closed in accordance with clause 51(1)(c)(iv) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* as the matters to be discussed include information that, if publicly disclosed, would be likely to prejudice the interest of council or some other person.

18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

18.4 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

OCM2023-201 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Dalton McDonald)

That Council discloses all motions from the confidential section of this meeting as shown below in the open section of the meeting and opens the meeting to the public.

❖ OCM2023-198 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Lisa Sharman)

That Council confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the Confidential Sessions of the Ordinary Council meetings held 30 June 2023 and 27 October 2023 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

❖ OCM2023-199 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)

That Council:

- a) appoints the tenderers as listed in the attached document, to the Tender MRC 23.24 000-001 Trade Contractor & Supplier Panel;
- b) moves the resolution to Open Council; and
- c) adds the confidential report on the Tender submissions received onto the confidential matters register with a review date set as 30 years.

❖ OCM2023-200 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Andrew Davis)

That Council receives and adopts the principals contained within the document "Strategic priorities December 2023 – December 2025.

19 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 2.51pm.

This page and the preceding 10 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 15 December 2023 and are unconfirmed.

President

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