



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE ALICE SPRINGS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER 2021 AT 10:00AM

1 MEETING OPENED at 10.13am

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2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Bobby Abbott, Councillor Mark Inkamala, Councillor Lynette Ellis, Deputy President Dalton McDonald, Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Jason Minor, Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Patrick Allen and Councillor Peter Turner.

Staff:

Jeff McLeod – Chief Executive Officer, Belinda Urquhart – Director Service Delivery, Simon Murphy – Director Technical Services, Sabine Wedemeyer – Director Community Services, Buke Ali Tunne – Acting Director Corporate Services, Barbara Newland – Manager Governance and Compliance, June Crabb – Governance Officer

Guests:

The following guests were in attendance:

- Hon Chanston Paech MLA, Minister for Local Government, local member for the electoral division of Gwoja.
- Jesse Kaldor, Policy Advisor to the Minister
- Bruce Fyfe, Acting Director Regional Development, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.
- Greg Sharman, community member and past Councillor.

Absentees

Councillor Annie Young and Councillor Marlene Abbott.

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

OCM2021-204 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council:

1. notes the attendance at the meeting;
2. accepts the apology for the late attendance by Deputy President McDonald due to attendance at a funeral;
3. accepts the apology for late attendance by Cr Ellis due to ill health; and
4. notes that Ms Buke Ali Tunne is present as the Acting Director Corporate Services due to the absence of Mr Pratap, Director Corporate Services, as he is currently on annual leave.

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

OCM2021-205 RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Lisa Sharman)

That Council:

1. notes the absence without apology of Councillor Annie Young and Councillor Marlene Abbott; and
2. notes the following staff movements:
 - i. During the period of leave taken by Belinda Urquhart, Director Service Delivery, Keith Hassett will be the Acting Director.
 - ii. Simon Murphy, Director Technical Services is proceeding on long service leave and during his absence Kitty Comerford will be the Acting Director.
 - iii. The CEO, Jeff MacLeod, will be on leave from 29 December 2021 to 21 January 2022. For the first week of his leave Sabine Wedemeyer will be the Acting CEO followed by Bhan Pratap for the remainder.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

OCM2021-206 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Abraham Poulson)

That Council notes the Council Code of Conduct.

Minute note: At 10.20am Minister Paech was asked to address the meeting.

- a detailed update on funding/grants approved was provided.
- Council was asked to provide a list of project priorities.
- The tender for the Hermannsburg subdivision will be advertised shortly.
- The NTG is working with the CLC to fill in the vacant lots in communities.
- Talks are being held with the Federal Government regarding housing on homelands.
- Discussions are being held regarding the recruitment of remote nurses to ensure a full complement is in place.
- The Minister for Health will be asked to provide an update on the trading hours of clinics during the Christmas break.

- There are significant issues around homelands infrastructure and Council was asked to provide a list of priorities.
- A pilot project has been initiated relating to recycled water.
- In response to issues raised the Minister undertook to look at bores/windmills/pumps along the old stock routes.

At the conclusion of the Minister's address he joined with Councillors for photos to be taken of the Tidy Towns Awards won by MRC.

Minute note: At 10.22am Simon Murphy joined the meeting.

Minute note: At 10.45am Deputy President McDonald joined the meeting.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

6.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29 OCTOBER 2021

OCM2021-207 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

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 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

OCM2021-208 RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Patrick Allen)

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

7.2 NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

OCM2021-209 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Abraham Poulson)

That members provided notification that no matters were raised or that matters be raised in general business.

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

OCM2021-210 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Peter Turner)

That the Ordinary Council:

- 1. notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and**
- 2. notes that no conflicts of interest were declared.**

Minute note: At 11.07am Simon Murphy provided a Covid-19 update to the meeting regarding the current situation.

Minute note: At 11.12am the meeting went directly to Item 15.2 so that Belinda Urquhart, Director Service Delivery could present her report in person prior to departing to attend the Service Delivery Workshop.

Minute note: Cr Lynette Ellis arrived at 11.15am.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

15.2 SERVICE CENTRE DELIVERY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update of Council delivered services provided across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

OCM2021-211 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Jason Minor)

That Council notes and accepts the Service Delivery Report.

15.3 WASTE AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (WARM) GRANT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

NTG have awarded a second round of the Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) Grant to all Regional Councils. MRC has been awarded \$252,100 and are required to report to Council on what we intend to use the funds for, which must be in accordance with the grant guidelines.

OCM2021-212 RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes and endorses the WaRM projects recommended in this report.

Minute note: Belinda Urquhart left the meeting at 11.35am.

Minute note: The meeting took a short break at 11.35am and resumed at 11.45am.

9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

NT STRATEGIC WATER PLAN DIRECTIONS PAPER

OCM2021-213 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Jason Minor)

That Council:

- 1. acknowledges the presentation delivered by Mr Jimmy Cocking, Independent Consultant, Northern Possibilities; and**
- 2. resolves to work with the NTG and water consultants to ensure adequate information and support is provided to Local Authorities to enable their engagement in the water consultations and their perspectives are collate for inclusion in a submission to the NT Strategic Water Plan consultation process.**

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 LOCAL AUTHORITY

12.1 DRAFT MINUTES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council considers the minutes of each Local Authority meeting or provisional meeting at the next available Ordinary Council meeting.

Attached are the draft (unconfirmed) minutes of Local Authority meetings that have occurred since, or could not be prepared prior to the last Ordinary Council meeting.

The Local Authority meetings covered in this report include:

- Finke – 20 October 2021
- Imanpa – 21 October 2021
- Santa Teresa – 9 November 2021
- Amoonguna – 10 November 2021
- Wallace Rockhole – 18 November 2021
- Haasts Bluff – 24 November 2021
- Kintore – 25 November 2021
- Mt Liebig – 1 December 2021

OCM2021-214 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Abraham Poulson)

That Council:

- **notes the unconfirmed minutes of the Finke, Imanpa, Santa Teresa, Amoonguna, Wallace Rockhole, Haasts Bluff, Kintore and Mt Liebig Local Authority meetings;**
- **endorses the recommendation of the Finke Local Authority to commit an additional \$1,017.28 to Project 2196 –Wood fire BBQ and deciding on two (2) BBQ's for near the Football oval and the Softball arena;**
- **endorses the recommendation of the Imanpa Local Authority to commit an additional \$2,000.00 towards Project 2255 – Shade at Rec Hall;**
- **approves the recommendation of the Imanpa Local Authority to endorse the Youth Project funds of \$3,400.00 towards a Mini football Oval with safety net and movie projector**
- **approves the creation of a new project for Imanpa Local Authority named 'Fence around Church' and endorses the commitment of \$10,000.00 towards the project;**
- **approves the commitment of \$290.77 of the Santa Teresa Local Authority to cover the overspend to Project 2201 – Scoreboard;**
- **endorses the recommendation of the Amoonguna Local Authority to commit**

the funds of \$7,079.00 from the 2018/2019 project grant and \$2,921.00 from the 2020/2021 project grant towards Painting the Football Changing rooms blue and yellow;

- approves the creation of a new project for Amoonguna Local Authority named Solar lights and endorses the commitment of \$20,000.00 towards five (5) Solar lights;
- approves the creation of a new project for Amoonguna Local Authority named Paint the Recreation hall toilets and endorses the commitment of \$10,000.00, requesting that the toilets be painted blue and yellow;
- endorses the recommendation of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority to commit the funds of \$5,101.00 from the 2017/2018 expired projects grant and \$22,000.00 from the 2018/2019 expired projects grant towards the Project 'Outdoor fitness/equipment facility', noting to add a shade structure and concrete slab;
- endorses the reallocation of \$2,076.69 of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority from Project 2141 – Sorry Camp facilities to Project 2143 – Solar lights at Sorry Camp;
- endorses the recommendation of the Kintore Local Authority to commit the project funds of \$66,000.00 to Project 2286 – Kintore Community Hub-Masterplan;
- approves the creation of a new project for Mt Liebig Local Authority named 'Water Trailer' and commits \$13,000.00 towards build costs and freight;
- endorses the recommendation of the Mt Liebig Local Authority to commit the funds of \$13,248.00 from the 2018/2019 expired projects grant to Project 2181 – Stage/Storage/Equipment to purchase music equipment; and
- discusses that the Chair of Wallace Rockhole Community, Ken Porter will be retiring on 30 June 2022 and is willing to negotiate the running of the workshop, campground and pottery shop from that date. If not negotiated by end April 2022, Ken will sell everything in order to downsize.

12.2 NOMINATIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As recorded in the minutes of the Local Authority meetings, the recommendation put forth to Council is to accept the following nominations, submitted for endorsement.

- Tristan Robertson at the Mt Liebig Local Authority meeting held 29 September 2021
- Shawn Doolan at the Finke Local Authority meeting held 20 October 2021
- Tanya Luckey at the Imanpa Local Authority meeting held 21 October 2021
- Daryl Kantawara at the Hermannsburg Local Authority meeting held 17 November 2021
- Kieran Multa, Douglas Multa, Randall Butler, Martin Jugadai and Roseranna Larry at the Haasts Bluff Local Authority meeting held 24 November 2021
- Bundi Rowe at the Kintore Local Authority meeting held 25 November 2021; and
- Rita Okai at the Docker River Local Authority meeting held 9 December 2021.

OCM2021-215 RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Mark Inkamala)

That Council endorses the nominations submitted by the Local Authorities as follows:

- a) Tristan Robertson of the Mt Liebig Local Authority;
- b) Shawn Doolan of the Finke Local Authority;
- c) Tanya Luckey of the Imanpa Local Authority;
- d) Daryl Kantawara of the Hermannsburg Local Authority;
- e) Bundi Rowe of the Kintore Local Authority;
- f) Kieran Multa, Douglas Multa, Randall Butler, Martin Jugadai and Roseranna Larry of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority; and
- g) Rita Okai of the Docker River Local Authority

12.3 TERMINATIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIPS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As recorded in the minutes of the Haasts Bluff Local Authority (*the Authority*) meeting held 24 November 2021, it has been recommended to Council that the memberships of Suparkra Jugadai, Sonia Jugadai, Jeffrey Zimran, Billy Pareroutja and Francis Marshall be revoked for being absent from two (2) consecutive Local Authority meetings.

It is to be noted that the members were offered the opportunity to remain on the Local Authority and no response has been received. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Authority that Council endorse the revocations.

The Kintore Local Authority approved to revoke the membership of Gerard Giles from the Authority as he no longer resides in the Community and had been absent from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

The appointment of Local Authority members is terminated in accordance with para.4.15.1 of Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedures (MC02-P2) which reads:

"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:

- c. Is absent for 2 consecutive meetings without the permission of the Local Authority."*

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.

OCM2021-216 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Jason Minor)

That Council:

- a) endorses the recommendation from the Haasts Bluff Local Authority to revoke the memberships of Suparkra Jugadai, Sonia Jugadai, Billy Pareroutja, Francis Marshall and Jeffrey Zimran from the Local Authority; and
- b) endorses the recommendation from the Kintore Local Authority to revoke the membership of Gerard Giles from the Local Authority

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.

OCM2021-217 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That Council:

1. notes the progress on the actions in the register; and
2. closes Items OCM2021-010/c OCM2021/082.

Minute note: The meeting broke for lunch at 12.05pm and resumed at 1.00pm.

13.2 CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides Councilors with an update on correspondence received and sent by the Council/President in the period following the past Council meeting.

Correspondence received:

- LGANT Conference Agenda 3-5 November 2021.
- Letter from Senator Malarndirri McCarthy – Congratulations on election success.
- Letters from Lia Finocchiaro MLA to each Elected Member – congratulations on elections – to be hand delivered to Members.

Correspondence sent:

- Letter to Dept Chief Minister and Cabinet – Repeal of Wallace Rockhole By-Law.
- Letter to Local Government Grants – Support for Priority Infrastructure Grant Application.
- Letter to Minister for Health – Upgrade to the fence around Wallace Rockhole Clinic.

OCM2021-218 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes the correspondence received and sent.

14 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The report provides details of the meetings and activities attended by President Roxanne Kenny for the months of October and November 2021.

OCM2021-219 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Jason Minor)

That Council receives the President's report for November 2021.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

15.1 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details recent activities for the Technical Services Directorate

OCM2021-220 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Dalton McDonald)

That Council notes and accepts the Technical Services Report.

15.4 COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

OCM2021-221 RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Lisa Sharman)

That Council notes and accepts the Community Services Report.

15.5 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT - OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the activities and the services of the Director of Corporate Services for the period ending 30 November 2021.

OCM2021-222 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Peter Turner)

That Council receives and notes the Corporate Services Report for the period ending 30 November 2021.

15.6 FINANCE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In accordance with Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 Section 17:

(1) The CEO must, in each month, give the council a report setting out:

- a) the actual income and expenditure of the council for the period from the commencement of the financial year up to the end of the previous month; and
- b) the most recently adopted annual budget; and
- c) details of any material variances between the most recent actual income and expenditure of the council and the most recently adopted annual budget.

OCM2021-223 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council note and accept the Finance Report as at 30 November 2021.

15.7 FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In accordance with Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 Section 19 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.

OCM2021-224 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Lisa Sharman)

That Council notes and receives the minutes including any resolutions from Finance & Risk Committee meeting of 26 November 2021.

15.8 AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In accordance with Local Government act 2021 Section 101:

(4) The minutes of an audit committee, a council committee or a local authority must be tabled at the next meeting of the council.

OCM2021-225 RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Jason Minor)

That Council notes and receives the minutes including any resolutions from the Audit Committee meeting of 26 November 2021.

15.9 MRC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the OCM on the 26th February 2021 Council raised Action OCM2021-010 and requested the CEO look into creating a scholarship sub-committee with one (1) member of each ward on the board and report back to the OCM in April or June.

This matter was further considered at the June meeting of Council at which time direction was provided to the CEO on the structure of the committee and the value of the scholarships to be provided.

OCM2021-226 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Bobby Abbott)

That Council:

- a) notes and accepts the report; and
- b) appoints the following Councillors as members of the Scholarship sub-committee:
 1. Chairperson to be the President
 2. General membership to be one Councillor from each ward as follows:
 - I. Cr Lynette Ellis
 - II. Cr Peter Turner
 - III. Cr Abraham Poulson
 - IV. Cr Mark Inkamala

15.10 APPOINTMENT TO THE ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is a call for nominations to represent LGANT on the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC). Members of the committee are ministerially appointed and comprise of elected members and council officers who hold an interest in the welfare of animals.

OCM2021-227 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Peter Turner)

That Council does not wish to provide a nomination as LGANT's representative on the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

15.11 COUNCIL MEETING PLANNER 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 2022 Council meeting planner proposes suitable meeting dates for all Ordinary and Special Council meetings, the Finance and Risk and the Audit Committee meetings as well as Local Authority meetings for the year ahead.

OCM2021-228 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Dalton McDonald)

That Council accepts the proposed dates contained in the 2022 Council meeting planner.

15.12 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER PROGRESS - 2021/22 MRC REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report presents the combined 1st and 2nd quarter (July-December) progress on the 2021-22 Regional Plan to ensure that Council is aware of the organisation's progress in relation to the Objectives, Strategies and Key Performance Indicators established by Council.

OCM2021-229 RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Jason Minor)

That Council notes and accepts the report on progress against the 2021-22 Regional Plan.

15.13 DISCUSSION PAPER: 2022-2023 REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At Council's workshop day the Manager Governance and Compliance presented a Discussion Paper regarding matters to be considered in the development of the 2022-2023 Regional Plan. Council is being asked to consider this presentation and to provide feedback.

OCM2021-230 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)

That Council:

- 1. notes the PowerPoint presentation "Discussion Paper: 2022-2023 Regional Plan";**
- 2. provides its feedback in relation to this presentation; and**
- 3. agrees to the review of Regional Plan as indicated in the presentation.**

15.14 MC07-CP ALLOWANCES - LOCAL AUTHORITY APPOINTED MEMBERS POLICY AND ASSOCIATED MEETING ALLOWANCE FORM.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This policy provides guidance in relation to Local Authority Appointed Members allowance payments and entitlements, including direction for claiming reimbursement for MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) staff that are Appointed Members and for travel.

Associated with this Policy is the MC07-F1 Local Authority Meeting Allowance Form.

OCM2021-231 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Mark Inkamala)

That Council adopts the revised MC07-CP Allowances - Local Authority Appointed Members Policy as a policy of Council.

15.15 AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PROCEDURE - MC02-P2

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This procedure provides guidance in relation to the conduct of Local Authority Meetings to ensure these meetings run efficiently and effectively. Amendments have been required as a result of changes included in the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act) which was implemented earlier this year.

OCM2021-232 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Mark Inkamala)

That Council adopts the revised MC02-P2 Local Authority Meeting Procedure as a procedure of Council.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.2

Nil

17 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

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.

OCM2021-233 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Lisa Sharman)

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 interests of the council or some other person.

Minute note: The open session of the meeting was closed at 2.38pm.

18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

18.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides the minutes of the Confidential Session of the previous Ordinary Council meeting to be approved by Council.

OCM2021-234 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Abraham Poulson)

That Council confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the Confidential Session of the Ordinary Council meeting held 29 October 2021 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

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

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 opened to the public following consideration of confidential matters. Resolutions will be transferred to the open meeting upon the determination of Council.

OCM2021-235 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Lynette Ellis)

That Council discloses the above motion from the confidential section of this meeting in the open section of the meeting and opens the meeting to the public.

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 25 February 2022

20 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 2.41pm.

This page and the preceding 12 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 17 December 2021 and are unconfirmed.

President

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