



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ALICE SPRINGS ON FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 10:00AM

1 MEETING OPENED at 10.10am

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2 WELCOME – DEPUTY PRESIDENT DALTON

A minute's silence was observed for recently deceased members of the MRC community, including a former Councillor and a long-term MRC employee.

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny (arrived at 10.40am), Deputy President Dalton McDonald, Councillor Marlene Abbott, Councillor Mark Inkamala (arrived at 10.40am), Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Jason Minor, Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis and Councillor Tommy Conway.

Staff:

Keith Hassett – Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ken Satour – Acting Director Service Delivery, Jake Potter – Acting Director Technical Services, Gina Lacey – Director Community Services, Barbara Newland – Manager Governance, June Crabb – Governance Officer, Damian Ryan – Governance Officer.

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe – Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

Apologies:

Councillor Bobby Abbott and Councillor Aloyischois Hayes

3.1 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

OCM2024-001 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes:

1. the attendance;
2. the apologies received from Councillors Bobby Abbott and Aloyiscois Hayes;
3. that there were no absences without permission from the meeting.

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 REQUESTS FOR FUTURE LEAVE OF ABSENCE

OCM2024-002 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

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

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

OCM2024-003 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Tommy Conway)

That Council noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

6.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2023

OCM2024-004 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Andrew Davis)

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

OCM2024-005 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Marlene Abbott)

That members provided notification of the following matter raised as non-council general business:

- Policing in communities – lack of safety meetings happening, no local phone numbers, lack of police presence, increasing levels of drug-related violence.
- Pest control in housing – not being carried out.
- No notification from PWC to advise Amoonguna Community when power is being turned off.

It is noted that the representative from the Department had left the meeting prior to discussion of these matters. The Administration is to forward these concerns to the Department.

7.2 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

OCM2024-006 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Tommy Conway)
That the papers circulated were received for consideration at this meeting.

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

OCM2024-007 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Jason Minor)
That Council:

1. noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
2. 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.

OCM2024-008 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Tommy Conway)
That Council accepts the nominations submitted for membership on the Authorities and endorses:

1. Mr Conrad Ratara to the Hermannsburg Local Authority; and
2. Ms Denise Brady and Ms Ann-Marie Burke to the Docker River Local Authority.

12.2 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 – 6 December 2023
- Kintore – 19 December 2023
- Hermannsburg – 25 January 2024
- Docker River – 31 January 2024

OCM2024-009 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)

That Council:

- a) approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority Meetings held in Amoonguna, Kintore, Hermannsburg and Docker River.
- b) approves the projects and allocations of the Local Authorities as follows:
 - Amoonguna – \$10,000.00 to Shade Shelters for the Sorry Camp.
 - Amoonguna – \$15,000.00 to completing work on the Softball Diamond.
 - Kintore – \$30,000.00 to the construction of a secure shed at the Basketball Court.
 - Hermannsburg – \$5,300.00 to Redevelopment of the Softball Complex.
 - Hermannsburg – \$10,000.00 to Tidying the existing surface of the Softball field.
 - Docker River – \$20,000.00 to Seating at the Basketball Court.

12.3 TERMINATIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIPS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council is being asked to endorse the recommendation of the Santa Teresa Local Authority and revoke the membership of Philip Alice as the member was absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

OCM2024-010 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Marlene Abbott)

That Council accepts and endorses to revoke the membership of Philip Alice due to his absence without notice from two consecutive Santa Teresa Local Authority meetings.

13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

Nil

14 PRESIDENT, COUNCILLORS' AND CEO'S REPORT

14.1 PRESIDENTS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details the meetings attended by President Roxanne Kenny from the 25th November until 8th February 2023.

OCM2024-011 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Jason Minor)

That Council notes and accepts the President's report for the period 25th November 2023 to 8th February 2024.

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 December 2023 Council meeting

OCM2024-012 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Jason Minor)

That Council:

- 1. notes the correspondence received;**
- 2. appoints to following Councillors to attend the National General Assembly (maximum of 4) with all travel expenses approved:**
 - President Roxanne Kenny**
 - Deputy President Dalton McDonald**
 - Councillor Andrew Davis**
 - Councillor Mark Inkamala;**
- 3. notes that the CEO will also attend the conference accompanied by member/s of staff if operational requirements allow; and**
- 4. declares Buffel Grass a weed as per the recommendation of the Buffel Grass Technical Working Group Report and Recommendations.**

15.2 GOVERNANCE TEAM REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OCM2024-013 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes and accepts the Governance Team Report for February 2024.

15.3 REVIEW OF FA01-CP PROCUREMENT POLICY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's permission to update FA01-CP Procurement Policy.

OCM2024-014 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Mark Inkamala)

That Council approves the review of FA01-CP Procurement Policy.

15.4 FINANCE REPORT FOR 31 JANUARY 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is tabled to provide Council with the Finance Report for the period ended 31 January 2024.

OCM2024-015 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Jason Minor)

That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 31 January 2024.

15.5 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 be authorised or ratified [endorsed] by resolution of the Council”. This report requests Council to ratify [endorse] the use of the Common Seal on the listed documents.

OCM2024-016 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Mark Inkamala)

That Council ratifies the use of the Common Seal on the following document:

- **NTG - Homelands Capital Grant 2023/2024 HCE2300017 – Supply and install 2 absorption trenches at New Bore H2.**

MINUTE NOTE – there was a break for morning tea at 11.00am and the meeting resumed at 11.15am.

15.6 PEOPLE & CAPABILITIES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The People & Capabilities Report contains staff demographics and statistics, recruitment analytics, and summarises any projects undertaken by the P&C Team for Council.

OCM2024-017 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes and accepts the People & Capabilities Report.

15.7 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

OCM2024-018 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes and accepts the Community Services report.

MINUTE NOTE – Ms Lacey took several questions on notice regarding the delivery of Aged Care Services including:

- bush trips for clients
- offering washing to clients
- both types of flour in hampers
- clients getting services in different communities
- transport needs of clients

15.8 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 as well as the performance of contractual Commercial Services.

OCM2024-019 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes and accepts the Service Centre Delivery Report.

MINUTE NOTE – Cr Mark Inkamala raised the matter of the Pioneer Cemetery and associated road closure in Hermannsburg. He will be involved in discussions with Mr Potter and Mr Satour regarding this and future cemetery development.

15.9 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details recent activities of the Technical Services directorate.

OCM2024-020 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Mark Inkamala)
That Council notes and accepts the Technical Services report.

15.10 WASTE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (WARM) GRANT 2023/24

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

NTG has awarded the Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) Grant 2023/24 to all regional Councils. MRC has been awarded \$252,100 and is required to report to Council on what we intend to use the funds for which must be in accordance with the grant guidelines.

OCM2024-021 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Patrick Allen)
That Council notes and endorses the WaRM project recommended in this report with the balance of funding of \$40,840.91 to be used to acquire skip bins.

MINUTE NOTE – There was a break for lunch at 12.45pm with the meeting resuming at 1.45pm.

S.1 DETERMINATION OF REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Remuneration Tribunal's Report and Determination No. 1 of 2024 – Allowances for Members of Local Councils was deemed tabled in the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly Sittings on 14 February 2024 (Tabled Paper Number 1074). It is presented for the information of Members.

OCM2024-022 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

- 1. notes the Remuneration Tribunal's Report and Determination No. 1 of 2024 – Allowances for Members of Local Councils; and**
- 2. accepts that all allowances will be reviewed as part of the 2024-2025 budget deliberations.**

16 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.2

Nil discussion due to absence of NTG Departmental representative.

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.

OCM2024-023 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.

MINUTE NOTE – The open session of the meeting closed at 2.20pm.

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

OCM2024-028 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.

- ❖ **OCM2024-024 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Lisa Sharman)**
That Council confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the Confidential Session of the Ordinary Council meeting held 15 December 2023 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.
- ❖ **OCM2024-025 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)**
That Council:
 - a) adds the maximum budget for the 23/24 financial year to \$8,739,521.00 excluding GST;
 - b) appoints the additional tenderers as listed in the attached document to the Tender MRC 23.24 000-001 Trade Contractor & Supplier Panel;
 - c) moves the resolution to Open Council; and
 - d) adds the confidential report on the Tender submissions received onto the confidential matters register with a review date set as 30 years.
- ❖ **OCM2024-026 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Andrew Davis)**
That Council:
 - a) appoints the tenderer as listed in the attached document, to the MRC23.24 407-003 Areyonga Access Road Upgrade Contract for the value of the approved Budget of \$2,086,121.00 GST Exclusive;
 - b) moves the resolution into 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.
- ❖ **OCM2024-027 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Andrew Davis)**
That Council accepts the recommendation by the Finance & Risk Committee to appoint Belinda Urquhart as the Chief Executive Officer for the term of the contract.

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16 April 2024

20 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 2.35pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 23 February 2024 and are unconfirmed.

President

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