



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE MRC COUNCIL
CHAMBERS ON FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 10:00AM

1 MEETING OPENED at 10.02am

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2 WELCOME

Acting Chair Jeff MacLeod addressed the meeting and welcomed new and returning elected members. He welcomed the Hon Chanston Paech MLA and visitors to the meeting. Crs Abbott and Kenny were acknowledged for their service over the life of Council. Condolences were extended to Cr McDonald for the recent bereavement of a close family member.

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:

Cr Roxanne Kenny, Cr Marlene Abbott, Cr Mark Inkamala, Cr Lynette Ellis (arrived at 10.12am), Cr Dalton McDonald, Cr Annie Young, Cr Abraham Poulson, Cr Jason Minor, Cr Lisa Sharman, Cr Patrick Allen, Cr Peter Turner and Cr Bobby G Abbott.

Staff:

Jeff MacLeod – Chief Executive Officer, Belinda Urquhart – Director Service Delivery, Simon Murphy – Director Technical Services, Sabine Wedemeyer – Director Community Services, Bhan Pratap – Director Corporate Services, Thomas Coelli-Donaghy, Manager Human Resources, Buke Ali Tunne, Manager Finance, Sheree Sherry, Management Accountant, Peter Blythman, Manager Information Services, Barbara Newland – Manager Governance and Compliance and June Crabb – Governance Officer.

Guests:

The following guest 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, Manager Local Government, Department of Local Government and Regions.

Apologies:

There were no apologies.

3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

OCM2021-024 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Jason Minor) UNAM

That the Ordinary Council noted the attendance and apologies of the meeting.

Minute note: Cr Dalton asked to take leave of absence after lunch to attend to family business.

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

OCM2021-025 RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Bobby G. Abbott) UNAM

That the Ordinary Council noted that Jeff MacLeod, CEO, will be on leave from the 8th to the 15th October. In his absence Bhan Pratap will be acting in the position of CEO.

5 FIRST MEETING OF COUNCIL

5.1 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report outlines the conduct required of elected members of MacDonnell Regional Council and serves to reinforce the training and handout provided in the Elected Member Workshop conducted on Wednesday, 22 September 2021.

OCM2021-026 RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Mark Inkamala) UNAM

That Council notes and accepts the report.

5.2 NTEC - MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to formally present to Council the advice received from the Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC) regarding the result of the general election for the MacDonnell Regional Council held on 28 August 2021.

OCM2021-027 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Bobby Abbott) UNAM

That Council:

- 1. notes and accepts the notification by NTEC as to the result of the 2021 local government general election for MRC; and**
- 2. posts the result to the Councils website.**

5.3 DECLARATION BY ELECTED MEMBERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This Business Paper outlines the procedure for the signing of declarations by the newly elected members.

OCM2021-028 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Marlene Abbott)

UNAM

That each Elected Member cites their declaration and signs their individual Declaration Certificate.

Minute note: Hon Chanston Paech MLA addressed the meeting and welcomed all to country. He congratulated members on their election to Council and commented that they would be a big family for the next four years and that they would be a voice for their communities. He also commented on the exciting projects currently underway. He stressed the importance of members working with their Local Authorities and working together for their communities. He will endeavour to get to Council and Local Authority meetings.

The Minister then presented framed copies of Council's Code of Conduct and caps to each elected member as a memento of the occasion.

5.4.1 BALLOT FOR PRINCIPAL MEMBER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To undertake a secret ballot to determine the Principal Member of MacDonnell Regional Council.

OCM2021-029 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Peter Turner)

UNAM

That Council:

- 1. confirms that the Principal Member shall have the title of President;**
- 2. unanimously resolves, by a show of hands, to vote on the appointment of the Principal Member by secret ballot; and**
- 3. agrees to the rules established for the appointment of the Principal Member.**

5.4.2 APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL MEMBER

OCM2021-030 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Dalton McDonald)

UNAM

That Council appoints Cr Roxanne Kenny as the Principal Member of MacDonnell Regional Council

Minute note: The outcome of the appointment of President Roxanne Kenny was determined as a result of the following ballots:

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

NOMINEE	NOMINATED BY	SECONDED	VOTES
Cr Lisa Sharman	Cr Lisa Sharman	Cr Lynette Ellis	2
Cr Roxanne Kenny	Cr Dalton McDonald	Cr Annie Young	8
Cr Bobby Abbott	Cr Bobby Abbott	Cr Mark Inkamala	2

Minute note: President Kenny thanked the Councillors for her appointment.

5.4.3 ADVICE OF COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

OCM2021-031 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Peter Turner)

UNAM

That Council:

- 1. informs the following organisations of the result of the ballot for the Principal Member:**
 - The Northern Territory Electoral Commission;**
 - The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (Local Government Division);**
 - MacDonnell Regional Council staff;**
 - The Local Government Association of the Northern Territory; and**
 - The outcome of the ballot to be uploaded to Council's website along with the Principal Member's photograph; and**
- 2. at the conclusion of the declaration of the ballot, all ballot papers will be destroyed.**

5.5.1 BALLOT FOR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MEMBER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To undertake a secret ballot to determine the Deputy Principal Member of MacDonnell Regional Council.

OCM2021-032 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Peter Turner)

UNAM

That Council determines the term of Deputy Principal Member to be 4 years.

5.5.2 BALLOT FOR APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MEMBER

OCM2021-033 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Patrick Allen)

UNAM

That Council unanimously resolves, by a show of hands, to vote on the appointment of the Deputy Principal Member by secret ballot.

5.5.3 TITLE OF DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MEMBER

OCM2021-034 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Mark Inkamala)

UNAM

That Council confirms the title of the Deputy Principal Member shall be Deputy President.

5.5.4 RULES FOR APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MEMBER

OCM2021-035 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Jason Minor)

UNAM

That Council agrees to the rules established for the appointment of the Deputy Principal Member.

5.5.5 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MEMBER

OCM2021-036 RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Peter Turner)

UNAM

That Council appoints Cr Dalton McDonald as the Deputy Principal Member of MacDonnell Regional Council.

Minute note: The outcome of the appointment of Deputy President Dalton McDonald was determined as a result of the following ballots:

NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY PRESIDENT

NOMINEE	NOMINATED BY	SECONDED	VOTES
Cr Lisa Sharman	Cr Lynette Ellis	Cr Bobby Abbott	3
Cr Dalton McDonald	Cr Peter Turner	Cr Mark Inkamala	8
Cr Mark Inkamala	Cr Lynette Ellis	Cr Inkamala declined the nomination	
		Informal Votes	1

5.5.6 ADVICE OF COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

OCM2021-037 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Lynette Ellis)

UNAM

That Council:

- 1. informs the following organisations of the result of the ballot for the Deputy Principal Member:**
 - The Northern Territory Electoral Commission;**
 - The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (Local Government Division);**
 - MacDonnell Regional Council staff;**
 - The Local Government Association of the Northern Territory; and**
 - The outcome of the ballot to be uploaded to Council's website along with the Deputy Principal Member's photograph; and**
- 2. at the conclusion of the declaration of the ballot, all ballot papers will be destroyed.**

5.6 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council is to discuss the schedule of meetings held and to confirm dates for Ordinary Council, Finance and Risk Committee, Audit Committee and Local Authority meetings for the remainder of the 2021 calendar year.

OCM2021-038 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)

UNAM

That Council:

- 1. confirms the scheduling of ordinary meetings to be at least once in each successive period of 2 months commencing in February each year; and**
- 2. confirms the meeting dates established for the remainder of the 2021 calendar year.**

5.7 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report outlines the principles and procedures for elected members' attendance at MacDonnell Regional Council meetings; additionally, the reports outlines the penalty for absenteeism without notice.

OCM2021-039 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Jason Minor)

UNAM

That Council notes and accepts the report.

5.8 VOTING AT MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to inform Councillors of their obligations regarding voting at meetings and the policy to be adopted in the event that the vote is tied.

OCM2021-040 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Annie Young)

UNAM

That Council:

- 1. notes the report regarding Voting at Meetings: and**
- 2. approves that the Chairperson exercises a casting vote in situations where a vote is tied.**

5.9 ALLOWANCES, REIMBURSEMENTS AND PAYMENTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an understanding of their entitlements for acting in their capacity as Elected Members of MacDonnell Regional Council.

OCM2021-041 RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Lisa Sharman)

UNAM

That Council notes and accepts the report regarding Allowances, Reimbursements and Payments.

5.10 APPOINTMENT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council is requested to appoint elected member representation to the Audit Committee.

OCM2021-042 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Jason Minor)

UNAM

That Council appoints elected member representation as per the Audit Committees' Terms of Reference as follows:

- President Roxanne Kenny**
- Deputy President Dalton McDonald**
- Cr Bobby Abbott**
- Cr Lisa Sharman**

5.11 APPOINTMENT TO FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council is requested to appoint elected member representation to the Finance and Risk Committee.

OCM2021-043 RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Mark Inkamala)

UNAM

That Council appoints elected member representation to the Finance and Risk Committee as follows:

- President Roxanne Kenny**
- Deputy President Dalton McDonald**
- Cr Bobby Abbott**
- Cr Lisa Sharman**

Minute note: There was a break for morning tea at 11.23am. The meeting resumed at 11.45am.

5.12 APPOINTMENT TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council is requested to appoint elected member representation to the Local Authorities established by Council.

OCM2021-044 RESOLVED (Bobby G. Abbott/Lisa Sharman)

UNAM

That Council appoints all Ward Councillors to attend all Local Authorities located within their Wards as follows:

Community	Ward	Representation			
Areyonga (Utju)	IYARKKA	Marlene Abbott	Abraham Poulson		
Docker River (Kaltukatjara)	IYARKKA	Marlene Abbott	Abraham Poulson		
Imanpa	IYARKKA	Marlene Abbott	Abraham Poulson		
Hermannsburg (Ntaria)	LJIRAPINTA	Roxanne Kenny	Mark Inkamala	Bobby Abbott	
Wallace Rockhole	LJIRAPINTA	Roxanne Kenny	Mark Inkamala	Bobby Abbott	
Haasts Bluff (Ikuntji)	LURITJA PINTUBI	Dalton McDonald	Peter Turner	Jason Minor	
Kintore (Walungurru)	LURITJA PINTUBI	Dalton McDonald	Peter Turner	Jason Minor	
Mount Liebig (Watiyawanu)	LURITJA PINTUBI	Dalton McDonald	Peter Turner	Jason Minor	
Papunya (Warumpi)	LURITJA PINTUBI	Dalton McDonald	Peter Turner	Jason Minor	
Amoonguna	RODINGA	Lisa Sharman	Annie Young	Patrick Allen	Lynette Ellis
Finke (Aputula)	RODINGA	Lisa Sharman	Annie Young	Patrick Allen	Lynette Ellis
Santa Teresa (Ltyentye Apurte)	RODINGA	Lisa Sharman	Annie Young	Patrick Allen	Lynette Ellis
Titjikala	RODINGA	Lisa Sharman	Annie Young	Patrick Allen	Lynette Ellis

Minute note: Council considered the option of appointing only one Councillor to each Local Authority within their respective wards. In this situation ward Councillors would be encouraged to attend as guests but would not be included in quorum. The alternative considered was to appoint all ward Councillors to each Local Authority within their respective wards.

In weighing up the options Council recognised that s77(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2019* only requires that at least one member of Council be appointed to a local authority. However, the decision taken by Council was that all Councillors would be appointed to the local authorities located within their wards as per the above resolution.

As a result of this change Local Authority Meeting Procedure MC02-P2 will be reviewed to define the revised numbers for quorum and provisional meeting quorum.

At future meetings of the local authorities all previous Councillors will be given the opportunity to become appointed members or to resign.

5.13 APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCIL PANEL - BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

If a complaint is lodged regarding a possible breach of Council's Code of Conduct the matter may need to be referred to a Council Panel to decide the complaint. The purpose of this paper is to appoint the Principal Member and 3 Councillors to the Council Panel in accordance with s122 (3) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act). Should the complaint be related to one or more of the Panel Members, replacement members can be appointed by Council.

OCM2021-045 RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Mark Inkamala)

UNAM

That Council makes the following appointments to form the Council Panel to deal with possible breaches of Council's Code of Conduct:

- **President Roxanne Kenny**
- **Deputy President Dalton McDonald**
- **Cr Lisa Sharman**
- **Cr Lynette Ellis**
- **Cr Mark Imkamala**

5.14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is to provide the newly elected Council with information about the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT). Council is being asked to consider the appointment of nominees as Council's delegates to LGANT and the possible nomination of a Councillor to fill the vacant position of Executive Board Member – Regional and Shires with LGANT.

LGANT is the peak representative body for local governments in the Northern Territory.

OCM2021-046 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Lynette Ellis)

UNAM

That Council:

1. **notes the report titled the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory;**
2. **nominates the President and Deputy President as Council's delegates to LGANT; and**
3. **nominates Cr Bobby Abbott to fill the current vacancy which exists on the LGANT Board being the Executive Board Member – Regional and Shires.**

5.15 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report outlines the responsibility of an elected member with regard to conflicts of interest which may arise.

OCM2021-047 RESOLVED (Bobby G. Abbott/Lisa Sharman)

UNAM

That Council notes and accepts the report.

5.16 ANNUAL RETURN OF INTERESTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

It is a requirement under Council's "Conflict of Interest Policy – Members" that Council members are required to submit an Annual Return of Interests in the prescribed form to the CEO before 30 September each year, addressing the details prescribed in s116 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act).

OCM2021-048 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Dalton McDonald)

UNAM

That Council:

1. **notes the report on the "Annual Return of Interests"; and**
2. **requests each Councillor to complete Annual Return on Interests Form.**

5.17 RELATED PARTIES DISCLOSURE - POLICY AND FORM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this policy is to discuss Related Party Transactions and what Council needs do to be compliant with the Australian Accounting Standards – Standard AASB 124 - Related Party Disclosures (AASB).

OCM2021-049 RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Jason Minor) UNAM

That Council:

- 1. notes and accepts the report on Related Parties Disclosure; and**
- 2. asks Councillors to complete the Related Party Declaration form.**

Minute note: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm.

Minute note: Deputy President Dalton McDonald left the meeting at 12.37pm.

Minute note: The meeting resumed at 1.20pm.

Minute note: Cr Peter Turner asked permission for leave and left the meeting at 1.22pm.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

6.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 JUNE 2021

OCM2021-050 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Marlene Abbott) UNAM

That the minutes be taken as read and 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

OCM2021-051 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Abraham Poulson) UNAM

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

7.2 NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

OCM2021-052 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Lynette Ellis) UNAM

That members provided notification that no general business matters be raised and that no non-council business matters be raised in general business.

Minute note: It was noted that the Conflict of Interest had been discussed at Item 5.15 of the Agenda and that a separate item for the declarations of conflict had not been included.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

OCM2021-053 RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Mark Inkamala) UNAM

That members did not declare any conflicts of interest.

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY

11.1 NOMINATIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Wallace Rockhole Local Authority approved the nomination of Daniel Abbott and Colin Craig to the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority at its meeting held on 20 May 2021. The minutes from this meeting were presented at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 25 June 2021. However a motion to accept these nominations was not presented at the meeting. The purpose of this paper is to correct that omission.

Council is therefore being asked to consider the nominations to fill the vacancies of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority.

As recorded in the minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority meeting held on 1 September 2021 the Authority has recommended the appointment of Naphtali Scobie and Council is being asked to endorse this recommendation.

OCM2021-054 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Marlene Abbott)

UNAM

That Council:

- 1. notes and accepts the report;**
- 2. endorses the nominations of Daniel Abbott and Colin Craig to the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority; and**
- 3. endorses the nomination of Naphtali Scobie to the Areyonga Local Authority.**

11.2 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:

- Mt Liebig – 2 June 2021
- Papunya – 3 June 2021
- Kintore – 10 June 2021
- Areyonga – 16 June 2021
- Finke – 7 July 2021
- Titjikala – 14 July 2021
- Amoonguna – 21 July 2021
- Santa Teresa – 22 July 2021
- Kintore – 28 July 2021
- Areyonga – 1 September 2021

That Council:

1. notes the unconfirmed minutes of the Mt Liebig, Papunya, Kintore, Areyonga, Finke, Titjikala, Amoonguna and Santa Teresa Local Authority meetings;
2. reinstates \$2,426.52 from the 2020/2021 Finke Local Authority Discretionary funds as the Community Sports weekend scheduled for June 2021, did not take place due to Covid restrictions;
3. writes to the Department of Health on behalf of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority requesting an upgrade to the fence around the clinic;
4. endorses the commitment of \$3,000.00 from the 2020/2021 project fund of the Papunya Local Authority towards freight and installation for Project 2312, 'Roof for Stage' and note the approval given by the Director Technical Services to clear the overspend of \$2,861.50 on the project;
5. endorses the commitment of \$5,000.00 from the 2020/2021 project fund of the Areyonga Local Authority towards Project 2158 'Trees at the Football Oval';
6. endorses to credit \$618.35 back to the 2020/2021 project fund of the Titjikala Local Authority, note completion and close Project 2352, 'BBQ Trailer';
7. endorses the commitment of \$6,900.00 and \$618.35 being the balance of the 2020/2021 project fund of the Titjikala Local Authority and the creation of a new project named 'Mature Trees'; and
8. endorses the commitment of \$318.67 from the 2020/2021 project fund of the Areyonga Local Authority to cover the over spend on Project 2151, Toilet Block and close project.

11.3 TERMINATIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIPS**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

As noted in the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority meeting held 21 July 2021 it has been recommended to Council that the membership of Marina Alice be revoked for being absent from two (2) consecutive Local Authority meetings. Council is being asked to endorse the recommendation of the Authority.

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.

OCM2021-056 RESOLVED (Bobby G. Abbott/Lisa Sharman)

UNAM

That Council endorses the recommendation from the Amoonguna Local Authority to revoke the membership of Marina Alice from the Local Authority.

12 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

12.1 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.

OCM2021-057 RESOLVED (Bobby G. Abbott/Patrick Allen)

UNAM

That Council notes the progress on the actions in the register and determines to close all three items as follows:

- 1. OCM2021-028 – Nominations for Local Authorities**
- 2. OCM2021-082 – Briefing on MRC (Wallace Rockhole Community Government (Litter) By-laws) Repeal By-laws 2021**
- 3. OCM2021-085 – Submission to NTG Inquiry into Local Decision Making (LDM)**

12.2 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:

- Email from LGANT – LGANT General Meeting
- Letter from WARC CEO
- Email from LGANT – Elected Member Symposium

Correspondence sent:

- Letter to Minster re repeal of Wallace Rockhole By-law
- MRC Submission to LDM

OCM2021-058 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

UNAM

That Council:

- 1. notes the correspondence sent and received;**
- 2. authorizes the listed members to attend the “Elected Member Symposium” convened by LGANT to be held in Darwin on the 5th and 6th of October:**
 - **President Roxanne Kenny**
 - **Deputy President Dalton McDonald**
 - **Cr Annie Young**
 - **Cr Marlene Abbott**
 - **Cr Lynette Ellis**
 - **Cr Lisa Sharman**
 - **Cr Patrick Allen**
 - **Cr Peter Turner**
 - **Cr Bobby Abbott**
 - **Cr Jason Minor**

Action Item: The CEO was asked to send congratulatory letters to the other Councils on behalf of the President and Councillors.

13 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

13.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report lists the meetings and activities attended by President Roxanne Kenny for the months of July, August and September 2021.

OCM2021-059 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Lisa Sharman)

UNAM

That Council receives the President's report for the months of July, August and September 2021.

14 OFFICERS' REPORTS

14.1 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT JUNE - JULY 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the activities and the services of the Director of Corporate Services for the months of June – July 2021.

OCM2021-060 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lynette Ellis)

UNAM

That Council receives and notes the Corporate Services Report for the months of June – July 2021.

14.2 FRAUD AND CORRUPTION CONTROL AND PROTECTION POLICY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This policy RS02-CP, provides a framework to aid the protection of public money and property, and to facilitate the security and the reputation of Council to minimize the risk of fraud and corruption. This policy applies to all council members, employees, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, consultants, volunteers and any individual or groups undertaking activities or work for, or on behalf of, MRC.

OCM2021-061 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Jason Minor)

UNAM

That Council receives and notes the Fraud and Corruption Protection Policy RS02-CP.

14.3 USE OF COMMON SEAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Section 38(2) of the Local Government Act (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.

OCM2021-062 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Abraham Poulson)

UNAM

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

- **Deed of Variation 5 Municipal and Essential Services, Housing Maintenance Services and Homelands Jobs 2021/2023**
- **Schedule 1 Variation 3 MES Special Purpose Grant**
- **Schedule of Variation 20-21 Public Library**

14.4 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.

OCM2021-063 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Mark Inkamala)

UNAM

That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 31 August 2021.

14.5 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.

OCM2021-064 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Lisa Sharman)

UNAM

That Council receives and notes the minutes including any resolutions from the Finance & Risk Committee.

14.6 COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

OCM2021-065 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Lynette Ellis)

UNAM

That Council notes and accepts the Community Services report.

Minute note: There was a break for afternoon tea at 2.58pm. The meeting resumed at 3.12pm.

14.7 SERVICE DELIVERY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the Service Centre Delivery portfolio.

OCM2021-066 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Jason Minor)

UNAM

That Council notes and accepts the Service Centre Delivery report.

14.8 WASTE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (WARM) GRANT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OCM2021-067 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Patrick Allen)

UNAM

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

14.9 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details recent activities of the Technical Services directorate.

OCM2021-068 RESOLVED (Bobby G. Abbott/Jason Minor)

UNAM

That Council notes and accepts the Technical Services Report.

14.10 VARIATION TO TENDER MRC 105-018. KINTORE AND MT LIEBIG ACCESS ROAD SEAL WORKS.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A variation was required for this project that exceeded 10% of the contract sum so in accordance with LG Regs this report details the reasons for and the amount of the variation to Council.

OCM2021-069 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Lynette Ellis)

UNAM

That Council notes and accepts this report.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.2

Nil

16 CONFIDENTIAL MEETING

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

OCM2021-070 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

UNAM

That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 293(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2019* as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

16.1 Confirmation of Previous Confidential Minutes - *The report will be dealt with under Section 293(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulations 51(1)(a) and 51 (c)(iii) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

16.2 Trade Contractor Panel tender acceptance - *The report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Section 50(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

17 OPEN MEETING

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

OCM2021-073 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Mark Inkamala) UNAM

That the decisions of Closed Session be noted as follows:-

OCM2021-071 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Lynette Ellis) UNAM

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

OCM2021-072 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lisa Sharman) UNAM

That Council:

1. approves the new panel of trade contractors till 10 October 2024;
2. moves the result of the tender into open Council; and
3. posts the result of the tender on Council's website.

18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

19 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 4.05pm.

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