



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN THE ALICE SPRINGS COUNCIL OFFICE
ON FRIDAY, 25 MAY 2018 AT 10:00AM

MEETING OPENED – 10:12am

ATTENDANCE

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Greg Sharman, Cllr Marlene Abbott, Cllr Selina Kulitja, Cllr Barry Abbott, Cllr Sid Anderson, Cllr Lynette Ellis, Cllr Tommy Conway, Cllr Susan Doolan, Cllr Braydon Williams (arrived 10.32am), Cllr Phillip Wilyuka

APOLOGIES

Cllr Dalton McDonald

STAFF ATTENDANCE

Jeff MacLeod (CEO), Bhan Pratap (Director Corporate Services), Simon Murphy (Director of Technical Services), Graham Murnik (Director of Service Centre Delivery), Erich Brown (Manager Governance and Planning), Barry Lysaght (Manager Finance), Jacinta Barbour (Policy and Governance Officer), Kirsten Baliva (Administration Officer)

GUESTS

MLA Gerry McCarthy (Minister for Housing and Community Development), MLA Scott McConnell (Member for Stuart), Mayor Damien Ryan (President LGANT), Len Griffiths and Bruce Fyfe (Department of Housing and Community Development), Peter Holt (Minister McCarthy's Office)

President Roxanne Kenny opened the meeting by thanking Cllr Sid Anderson for his service to Council and the community.

The CEO Jeff MacLeod went on to say that no words could express the thanks due for amount of work that Cllr Anderson has put in for MacDonnell Regional Council and the value of his contribution to the community. Mr MacLeod went on to say that this was indeed a sad day for us all, but that we understood the motivation behind the resignation of Cllr Anderson and wished him well.

COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report contains all of the details about the MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct to ensure that the Council exercises strong and accountable governance.

1RESOLVED (Cllr T Conway/Cllr G Sharman)

That the Council not the MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

5.1 MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL - CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROCEDURE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report outlines the minimum standard of behavior expected of elected members of Council and Council employees in relation to declaring personal or family financial interests that may impact on the performance of their roles and ability to make objective decisions.

1 RESOLVED (Cllr G Sharman/Cllr B Abbott)

The Council note the Disclosure of Financial Interests and Conflict of Interest procedure and declare that there were no conflict of interests.

9.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides the minutes of the previous Ordinary Council meeting held on 27 April 2018 for approval by Council.

2 RESOLVED (Cllr G Sharman/Cllr B Abbott)

That Council confirm the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Ordinary Council meeting as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

10.1 DRAFT MINUTES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Attached are the draft minutes of Local Authority meetings that have occurred since the last Ordinary Council meeting, or were not prepared in time for the last Ordinary Council meeting. Any actions that arise from these minutes are raised at the following Ordinary Council meeting. Actions extracted from these minutes are summarised in this report.

3 RESOLVED (Cllr T Conway/Cllr G Sharman)

That Council note the tabled draft minutes of Local Authority meetings.

11.1 CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides Councillors with an update on correspondence to and from the Council/President, sent and received between Council meetings.

4 RESOLVED (Cllr G Sharman/Cllr B Abbott)

That Council note the correspondence sent and received.

11.2 USE OF COMMON SEAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Section 26(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 Council".

This report requests Council to ratify [endorse] the use of the common seal on the listed documents.

5 RESOLVED (Cllr G Sharman/Cllr T Conway)

That Council ratify the use of the common seal on the following documents:

- 1) Variation 2 of 2017-18 Municipal and Essential Services, Housing Maintenance Services and Homeland Jobs Program; and**
- 2) Natural Disaster Resilience Program.**

13.1 PROCUREMENT EXEMPTION - CONSTRUCTION OF PAPUNYA SDC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

MRC received a grant from NTG to construct a new SDC at Papunya. We are seeking Council endorsement to apply for procurement exemption to avoid high costs of 'built on site' and extended time frames if we further develop documentation and go to tender.

6 RESOLVED (Cllr L Ellis/Cllr B Abbott)

That Council endorse the application for procurement exemption to DHCD for the construction of Papunya SDC.

Meeting break at 11:05am

Meeting resumed at 11:21am

The CEO started the meeting again by acknowledging Cllr Sid Anderson, MLA Gerry McCarthy (Minister for Housing and Community Development), MLA Scott McConnell (Member for Stuart) and Mayor Damien Ryan (President LGANT).

Mr MacLeod then asked the following visitors to say a few words and make the presentations:

Minister McCarthy started by acknowledging the Arrernte people, Councillors and others present.

Cllr Anderson then expressed his thanks for being nominated to work on what was then the Shire Council, where he learnt the tricks. His aim he said, was to bring young people on board to be leaders, and he himself was inspired to be a leader by community leaders such as Kumanjayi Williams.

Cllr Anderson thanked all the CEO's he had worked with, and expressed the opinion that it was good to have language to speak to the Local Authorities, and that young people are encouraged to step up.

He encouraged President Roxanne to be strong and speak up and get young people on board. He continued by saying that staff and community need to listen to each other and learn together, and that she needed to look after the other Councillors.

Minister McCarthy asked Cllr Anderson how things were now, and Cllr Anderson responded that out in the bush they were real good, to which Minister McCarthy responded that this was real good, but that there was still along way to go.

The Minister stated that Cllr Anderson understood both sides and that he was exposed to older people, and learned a lot at the Central Land Council and in contact with other government departments.

On his question to what Cllr Anderson would do on his retirement, Cllr Anderson replied that he was going hunting, and Minister McCarthy wished him well and an enjoyable time doing so.

In his capacity as President of LGANT Mayor Damien Ryan award Cllr Anderson a 25 year service award on behalf of LGANT, remarking that Cllr Anderson was a good coach, and that he had used these skills in his role. Mayor Ryan awarded Cllr Marlene Abbot a 10 year service award on behalf on LGANT.

MLA Scott McConnell acknowledged that he had known Cllr Anderson for many years, and that Cllr Anderson would keep working for the community and players. Mr McConnell shared his experience with Cllr Anderson in the 90's and that this was where he realised the link that exists between people and country.

The CEO agreed that young people were important and needed to be given opportunities to develop and concluded that Cllr Anderson would always be a role model for us all.

In conclusion President Roxanne Kenny presented a gift to Cllr Anderson on behalf of Council.

The President then invited Minister McCarthy to take questions from the floor, and the following were raised:

- Cllr B Abbott raised the concern that not all Hermannsburg outstations are receiving improvement and upgrade works even though each outstation is allocated \$6,600 per house through the Homelands Extra Allowance (HEA). Minister McCarthy advised that this all comes down to the service providers as they are the ones who receive the HEA and deliver the services.
- Minister McCarthy informed the Council that there is a 10 year plan to grow a business model in communities to developed enterprise. This means that where possible service delivery, including outstations will be performed by local people. Rather than contracting businesses from Alice Springs.
- Cllr Ellis asked why do small communities get less money. Minister McCarthy informed that funding is based on land tenure. It was also advised that outstations are included, therefore the more outstations a community has more funding is allocated.
- The CEO expressed his concern about the price blow out incurred when making allowance for the training of apprentices in tenders and that there should be a separate provision made for the development of people in this way.
- Minister McCarthy concluded by encouraging Council to put a bid in for the housing contracts as we had a presence and local knowledge. He added that he wanted people to think "out of the box" in regard to the design of housing.

Mr McConnell was also in attendance to present the National Aboriginal Art Gallery Ntaria site proposal and discussed the following with Council:

- The Mayor and local MLA of Katherine have recently proposed Katherine as a site to consider for the National Aboriginal Art Gallery (gallery). As a response, Mr McConnell that Hermannsburg should also be considered a strong site choice for the new gallery. This is for the following reasons:
 - 1) Hermannsburg is a significant place where Aboriginal people and European people came together and formed a working community.
 - 2) It is well-placed to support the development, construction and operation of the gallery.
 - 3) The community is an essential part of the current tourism route which includes the West MacDonnell National Park.

- 4) Choosing Hermannsburg for the site of the gallery would ensure that the project has the greatest Aboriginal participation at all levels – planning, construction, operations, communities and marking.
- Mr McConnell informed that if the community agrees, he will enter the public debate to have Hermannsburg as the gallery site.
 - The Council had 'in principle" supported the idea, but that it needed to be put to the Community to determine whether this was their wish. Cllr Williams said that he will take the proposal to the community.

13.2 FINANCE REPORT AS AT 30TH APRIL 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Regulation 18 of the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations (LGA Regulation), states that a finance report must be laid before Council or a Committee tasked with reviewing the finance report each month.

The attached report is the finance report for Council as at 30th April 2018.

7 RESOLVED (Cllr B Abbott/Cllr S Kulitja)

That Council accept and note the Finance Report as at 30th April 2018.

13.3 2017/18 BUDGET REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

After review by Managers, Directors and the CEO, changes are recommended to Council's budget contained within the Regional Plan.

The amendments reflect changes in funding levels highlighted by recent changes/finalisation of funding agreements, recognition of new funding and savings realised during the year to date.

The changes will be tabled at the meeting.

8 RESOLVED (Cllr G Sharman/Cllr L Ellis)

That Council adopts the amendments to the Budget as tabled and pursuant to section 128(2) of the Local Government Act.

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

9 RESOLVED (Cllr P Wilyuka/Cllr S Doolan)

That Council move into closed session.

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 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 2008 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

14.1 Move into Confidential and confirmation of Previous Confidential Minutes - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

14.2 Draft Regional Plan - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

MOVE BACK INTO OPEN SESSION

10 RESOLVED (Cllr G Sharman/Cllr L Ellis)
That Council moves back into open session.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 29th JUNE 2018

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 2:56 pm.

This page and the preceding 3 pages are the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Friday, 25 May 2018 and are CONFIRMED.