



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE ALICE SPRINGS ON
FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 10:15AM

1 MEETING OPENED – 10:15am

An audio recording of this meeting was made for minute taking purposes as authorised by Council Policy CP151 – Audio Recordings of Meetings. Councillors may request, via majority vote if required, that no audio recording be made where issues of legitimate cultural or spiritual significance are to be discussed.

2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND ABSENTEES

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Greg Sharman, Councillor Marlene Abbott, Cr Selina Kulitja, Cr Mark Inkamala, Cr Sarah Stockman, Cr Tommy Conway, Cr Susan Doolan, Cr Dalton McDonald

Staff:

Jeff McLeod – Chief Executive Officer, Ken Newman – Director Service Delivery, Simon Murphy – Director Technical Services (Video Conference), Bhan Pratap – Director Corporate Services, Luke Everingham – Acting Director Community Services - Darren Pfitzner – Manager Governance and Engagement, June Crabb – Governance Administration Officer, Marilyn Wright – Minute Taker

Guests:

Nil

Apologies:

Cr Braydon Williams, Cr Lynette Ellis, Cr Annie Young
Rohan Marks – Director Community Services (On leave)

3.1 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND ABSENTEES

OC2021-001 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Greg Sharman)

That the Ordinary Council noted attendance, apologies and absentees.

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

OC2021-002 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Dalton McDonald)

That the Ordinary Council:

- a) **Noted the leave of absence for Jeff McLeod CEO 6 April – 9 April 2021; and**
- b) **Request the CEO to notify Council by email who will be acting as CEO in his absence (New Action).**

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

OC2021-003 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Susan Doolan)

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 18 DECEMBER 2020

OC2021-004 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Marlene Abbott)

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

OC2021-005 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Mark Inkamala)

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

7.2 NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

OC2021-006 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Tommy Conway)

That members provided notification that matters be raised in general business as follow:

1. **Utju Health Service and response (Correspondence)**



10 February 2021

Ms Roxanne Kenny
President
MacDonnell Regional Council
PO Box 5267
Alice Springs NT 0871

Email: info@macdonnell.nt.gov.au

Dear Ms Kenny

The Utju Health Service Aboriginal Corporation (**Utju Health Service**) works with, and advises Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (**Congress**) on health related matters for the Areyonga community including in regards to the many factors that contribute to the social determinants of health of our community.

At recent Utju Health Service board meetings on 3 November 2020 and 4 February 2021, issues have been raised in regards to animal management in Areyonga community which we wish to bring to the attention of MacDonnell Regional Council (**MRC**):

- Dogs in and around the store which is a concern in terms of health and safety. They also pose a risk to Congress staff; there has been three incidents recently where Congress nurses have been bitten by dogs while on duty;
- Horses and donkeys roaming around the community knocking over rubbish bins, dying in the waterholes where children swim and causing damage to property when they come into community looking for water, including turning on the taps.

Our view is that there should be some controls for horses/ donkey to stop them entering the community and that individuals that keep pet horses should properly restrain them in an enclosure. In regards to the dogs, we note that there are Animal Management Guidelines for MacDonnell Regional Council 'Working Towards Best Practice 2020 – 2023' and request an update about the implementation of these guidelines in Areyonga, specifically when there will be a visit by a vet. We also encourage MRC to write to the owners to ensure all animals are properly managed.

There is also concern that there is nobody currently working at the reception at the MRC office in Areyonga. We strongly encourage this position to be filled by a local Areyonga person and that the recruitment process should include a member from the Local Authority. Alternatively we are also happy to offer the services of one of the Utju Health Service directors to sit on the panel to assist.

We look forward to hearing from you in relation to these matters.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Gallagher
Utju Health Service Chairperson

2. ALGA – Canberra June 2021 (General Business)

3. Recommendation to withdraw 17.3 Tender Recommendations from Confidential Report

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

OC2021-007 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Sarah Stockman)

- a) That the Ordinary Council noted the Conflict of Interest Policy.

OC2021-008 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Sarah Stockman)

- b) That members did not declare any conflict of interest.

9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

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 before, the last Ordinary Council meeting.

The Local Authority meetings covered on this report include:

- Titjikala – 21 January 2021
- Finke – 3 February 2021
- Imanpa – 4 February 2021
- Kintore – 10 February 2021

OC2021-009 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Dalton McDonald)

That Council noted the unconfirmed minutes of the Titjikala, Finke, Imanpa and Kintore Local Authority meetings.

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.

OC2021-010 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Marlene Abbott)

That Council:

- a) **Noted the progress on the actions OCM2020-029, OCM2020-13, OCM2020-107 and OCM2020-114 in the register;**
- b) **(Action OCM2020-139) Donate \$1,000.00 to the Travis Long Scholarship at Utju, request that MRC are provided a report at end of year as to how the funds are being used and consider supporting the scholarship annually in the 2021-2022 financial year;**
- c) **Request the CEO look into creating a Scholarship Sub-Committee with one (1) member of each ward on the board and report back to the Ordinary Council Meeting in April or June (New Action);**
- d) **(Action OCM2020-151) Recognise the services of Cr. S. Anderson, C. L. Abbott, Cr. B. Abbott and Cr. P. Wilyuka, at the opening of the new Council Building in May 2021 and request MRC to invite three (3) family members of each Councillor.**

13.2 CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OC2021-011 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

- a) **Noted the correspondence received;**
- b) **Will support the 2021 Aboriginal Leadership and Governance Forum at Bronze level and commit \$2,500.00 towards the sponsorship (New Action);**
- c) **Put on hold, consulting Cr. Braydon Williams on whether he still wishes to be considered for nomination on the Place Names Committee;**
- d) **Noted the communication from Utju Health Service regarding feral animals at Areyonga; and**
- e) **Noted the signed letter from President Kenny in response to animals in Areyonga.**

OC2021-012 RESOLVED (Susan Stockman/Tommy Conway)

That Council:

- a) **Closed the Compliance Audit 2017.**

14 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

14.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The President attended the following meetings from January to February 2021:

1. 21 January: Titjikala LA Meeting
2. 29 January: Finance and Risk Meeting
3. 3 February: Finke LA Meeting
4. 4 February: Imanpa LA Meeting
5. 17 February: Amoonguna LA Meeting
6. 18 February: Santa Teresa LA Meeting

Other Engagements/Functions

1. Discussions and meetings with the CEO
2. Consultation with Executive Assistant and Communications and Engagement Coordinator
3. Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony (added)

OC2021-013 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That Council received and noted the President's Report.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

15.1 POLICY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report recommends the endorsement of the following policy documents:

- a) FA02-CP Credit Card Policy
- b) FA07-CP Sufficient Interest in the Record Policy
- c) GS04-CP The National Redress Scheme Policy and corresponding GS04-P1 The National Redress Scheme Procedure
- d) GS05-CP Caretaker Period Policy
- e) GS06-CP Filling Casual Council Vacancies Policy

OC2021-014 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

- a) **Approved the reviewed FA02-CP Credit Card Policy**
- b) **Approved the reviewed FA07-CP Sufficient Interest in the Record Policy;**
- c) **Approved the new GS04-CP The National Redress Scheme Policy and corresponding GS04-P1 The National Redress Scheme Procedure;**
- d) **Approved the revised GS05-CP Caretaker Period Policy and decided on the recommendation option to set a value of 'one per cent (1%) of the annual budgeted revenue in the relevant financial year' for section 5.2.3.a; and**
- e) **Approved the new GS06-CP Filling Casual Council Vacancies Policy and accepted the recommendation of '28 days' applications period for section 5.3.4.**

15.2 POLICY CONSULTATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In preparation for the *Local Government Act 2019* coming into effect on 1 July 2021, MRC will be reviewing and developing new and existing policies that impact Councillors directly. This report is to inform Councillors and have them offer their thoughts about a proposed Professional Development Allowance Policy.

OC2021-015 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

That Council:

- a) **Noted and accepted the Sample Professional Development Allowance policy prepared by the Northern Territory Government; and**
- b) **Provided insight and advice regarding the proposed MRC Professional Development Allowance Policy - Policy to be presented at next Council meeting.**

Break at 11:15am

Meeting resume 11:32am

15.3 2021-22 REGIONAL PLAN CONSULTATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As MacDonnell Regional Council prepares for the development of the 2021-22 Regional Plan, Councillors are asked to provide strategic direction for the MRC.

OC2021-016 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Selina Kulitja)

That Council provided guidance on the strategic direction of the MacDonnell Regional Council in preparation for the 2021-22 MRC Regional Plan.

15.4 2ND QUARTER PROGRESS ON THE 2020/21 MRC REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report presents the 2nd quarter (October-December) progress on the 2020-21 Regional Plan to ensure that Council is aware of the organisation's progress and any issues that arise.

OC2021-017 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Mark Inkamala)

That Council noted and accepted the report on progress against the 2020-21 Regional Plan.

15.5 FINANCE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

- financial year-to-date income and expenditure to the end of the previous month;
- forecast income and expenditure for the whole of the financial year;

- details of all cash and investments held (including money held in trust);
- statement of debts owed to council including aggregated amount by category and general age of debt; and
- other information required by council.

The attached report is the finance report as at 31 January 2021.

OC2021-018 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Selina Kulitja)

That Council noted and accepted the Finance Report as at 31 January 2021.

15.6 FEBRUARY 2021 BUDGET REVISION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

After review by Managers, Directors and the CEO, changes are recommended to Council's budget contained within the Regional Plan. Budget Revision to be tabled at the meeting.

OC2021-019 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Dalton McDonald)

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

15.7 FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Council have delegate to the Finance and Risk committee the necessary powers to carry out, on behalf of council, council financial functions in the months the council does not hold an ordinary meeting.

OC2021-020 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Tommy Conway)

That Council noted and received the minutes including any resolutions from Finance & Risk Committee.

15.8 CONCESSIONAL RATES CERTIFICATION REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Commercial rate replenishment program is one-off 2020/21 grant funding which is managed by the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet. The purpose of the program is allocate funding to Councils where they have provided a one-off rate concession to a commercial rate payer. Councils will be paid retrospectively once the department received and review the Certifications. Reports.

OC2021-021 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Tommy Conway)

That Council approved certification of rate concession provided to eligible Commercial rate payers with a three month relief for Financial Year 2020-21.

15.9 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT DECEMBER 2020 - JANUARY 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the activities and the services of the Director of Corporate Services for the months of December 2020 to January 2021.

OC2021-022 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That Council noted and received the Corporate Services Report for the months of December 2020 and January 2021.

Break for lunch - 12:50pm
Resume meeting – 1:40pm

15.10 DIRECTOR SERVICE CENTRE DELIVERY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OC2021-023 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Mark Inkamala)

That Council noted and accepted the attached report prepared by Ken Newman, Director Service Centre Delivery.

15.11 COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

OC2021-024 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Dalton McDonald)

That Council:

- a) **Noted and accepted the Community Services report; and**
- b) **Request the CEO write to invite senior staff of NIAA to liaise with Council regarding night patrol and invite the Manager of Community Safety for the Ordinary Council meeting in April (New Action).**

15.12 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details recent activities within the Technical Services directorate

OC2021-025 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Mark Inkamala)

That Council noted and accepted this report.

15.13 FLEET PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The MRC fleet plan has not been updated since the 2010-12 version was adopted by Council. This plan was the original version that was developed by the then Fleet Manager and our current CEO, Jeff Macleod when the Council was in its formative years. The plan has served Council well with many elements still forming the backbone of how we continue to manage the fleet. The updated plan takes into account the changes that have taken place since our early days and is a simplified version that condenses how and why we manage our fleet from acquisition to disposal.

OC2021-026 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Mark Inkamala)

That Council noted and adopted the proposed 2021-2025 Fleet Plan.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.2

16.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 7.2, the Elected Members of the MacDonnell Regional Council have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

OC2021-027 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That Council:

- a) **Noted and discussed the items raised at Item 7.2.**
- b) **Noted the nomination of President Roxanne Kenny and Deputy President Greg Sharman to attend the ALGA in Canberra (June 2021); and**
- c) **Request that the CEO consult with Council Members who have not previously attended ALGA (New Action).**

Resolved to move into Confidential

OC2021-028 Resolved (Dalton McDonald/Susan Doolan)

Resolved to move out of Confidential into Open

OC2021-031 Resolved (Greg Sharman/Dalton McDonald)

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 30 April 2021

18 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 3:41pm.

This page and the preceding 9 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday, 26 February 2021 and are unconfirmed.

President