



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
ALICE SPRINGS, ON FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023 AT 10:00AM

1 MEETING OPENED – 12.00 noon

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At 10.00am it was noted that quorum had not been achieved. Deputy President McDonald and Cr Inkamala had been given permission to attend funerals in the morning in anticipation of a quorum still being achieved however Cr Hayes was absent without approval.

The meeting achieved quorum with the return of Deputy President McDonald at 12.00 noon.

2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Dalton McDonald (12 noon), Councillor Mark Inkamala (12.20pm), Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis and Councillor Tommy Conway.

Staff:

Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, Keith Hassett – Director Service Delivery, Aaron Blacker – Director Technical Services, Brian Robinson – Acting Director Community Services, Sheree Sherry – Acting Executive Manager Finance and Governance, Barbara Newland – Executive Services Manager.

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe – Regional Manager – Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

Apologies:

Councillor Jason Minor.

3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

OCM2023-139 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That the Ordinary Council:

- a) noted the Elected Members attendance at this meeting;
- b) accepted the apology received from Cr Minor for this meeting; and
- c) recorded Cr's Bobby Abbott, Marlene Abbott and Aloyischois Hayes as being absent without notice for this meeting.

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 REQUESTS FOR FUTURE LEAVES OF ABSENCES

OCM2023-140 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)

That the Ordinary Council:

- a) received no requests for future leave of absence; and
- b) received notification from the CEO of her leave in November during which time the Director Service Delivery will be the acting CEO.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

OCM2023-141 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Abraham Poulson)

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 25 AUGUST 2023

OCM2023-142 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Tommy Conway)

That the Ordinary Council confirms the minutes of the previous Ordinary Council meeting held 25 August 2023 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

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

OCM2023-143 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Andrew Davis)

That members provided notification of the following matters to be raised in general business:

- a) Council Business – Bushfires
- b) Non-Council Business – Housing Fencing

Minute Note: During the period where quorum had not been achieved the CEO took the opportunity to discuss general operational matters with the Elected Members. This included consideration of the preferred colours of the new uniforms and the provision of fuel for Elected Members to attend all meetings including, Council, Finance and Risk Committee and Local Authorities.

7.2 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

OCM2023-144 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Abraham Poulson)

That the agenda papers for this Ordinary Council meeting as presented, be received for consideration at this meeting.

Minute Note: There was a break for morning tea at 11.10am with the meeting resuming at 11.35am.

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

OCM2023-145 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Andrew Davis)

That the Ordinary Council:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) noted that there were no declared 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.

The Papunya Local Authority is requesting that Council approve to reinstate Giselle Barku and Julie Dempsey, as their membership was revoked due to an administrative error that noted these members as being absent from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

OCM2023-146 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That Council:

- a) **accepts the nominations submitted for membership on the Local Authorities and endorses:**
 - **Ms Justine Stockman and Mr Sammy Pearce to the Papunya Local Authority;**
 - **Mr Joseph Zimran to the Kintore Local Authority; and**
- b) **reappoints Giselle Barku and Julie Dempsey as members to the Kintore 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 August and September 2023.

Due to an operational error, an omission to notify Haasts Bluff members at their April 2023 Local Authority meeting of their earlier spending to their 2022/2023 Discretionary funds gave rise to the Authority allocating and purchasing musical equipment that resulted in an overspend to the 2022/2023 Discretionary funds of \$2,541.54. This overspend was later deducted from the 2023/2024 Discretionary funds allocation. Members are seeking a resolution that Council not penalise the Authority and returns \$2,541.54 to their 2023/2024 Discretionary fund.

The Kintore Local Authority is requesting that Council approve the return of \$1,136.37 that was deducted from their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds due to invoices not being received for Purchase orders that were raised in March 2023.

Members ask that Council not penalise the Authority for the delay in invoices received and seek a resolution to reinstate the return of \$1,136.37 to their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds.

The Local Authority meetings covered in this report include:

- Santa Teresa – 2 August 2023
- Titjikala – 3 August 2023
- Areyonga – 10 August 2023
- Hermannsburg – 16 August 2023
- Mt Liebig – 30 August 2023
- Papunya – 31 August 2023
- Kintore – 6 September 2023
- Haasts Bluff – 13 September 2023

OCM2023-147 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That Council:

- a) notes and accepts the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority Meetings held in Santa Teresa, Titjikala, Areyonga, Mt Liebig, Papunya, Kintore and Haasts Bluff;
- b) notes and accepts the minutes of the Provisional Local Authority Meeting held in Hermannsburg;
- c) notes that in anticipation of receiving the 2023/2024 NTG Project funds, approves the recommendation of the Hermannsburg Local Authority to allocate \$40,000.00 towards a Scoreboard; and
- d) considers the request of the following Authority's and approves to return their 2023/2024 Discretionary funds as follows:
 - o \$2,541.54 to the Haasts Bluff Local Authority; and
 - o \$1,136.37 to the Kintore Local Authority.

12.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PLANNER 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 2024 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.

OCM2023-148 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Andrew Davis)

That Council:

- a) considers the proposed dates contained in the 2024 Local Authority Meeting Planner;
- b) discusses locations to hold the Ordinary Council and Local Authority meetings as follows:
 - o April LA Hermannsburg – to be held outdoors;
 - o April Council meeting to be held in Finke;
 - o All May and June meetings of the LA's are to be held outdoors;
 - o August Council meeting to be held in Santa Teresa;
- c) notes that the CEO has set the date for Naidoc Day to be observed on 8 July 2024; and
- d) notes that the December meeting of Council will be held 12/13 December 2024.

13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

13.1 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 August Council meeting.

OCM2023-149 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes the correspondence received and sent.

13.2 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.

OCM2023-150 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)

That Council:

- a) notes the progress on the actions in the register; and
- b) approves the removal of completed actions OCM2023-051, OCM2023-133 part 2 and OCM2023-136; and
- c) notes that OCM2023-133 part 1 will be carried forward to the December meeting of Council.

14 PRESIDENT, COUNCILLORS' AND CEO'S REPORT

14.1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details the meetings attended by President Roxanne Kenny from 7th August to the 12th of October.

OCM2023-151 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Dalton McDonald)

That Council receives the President's report for the period 7th August to 12th October 2023.

14.2 CEO REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details organisational updates and the meetings attended by CEO Belinda Urquhart from 25th August 2023 to 20 October 2023.

OCM2023-152 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes and receives the CEO report for the period 25th August 2023 – 20th October 2023.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

15.1 TECHNICAL SERVICES COUNCIL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details the recent activities of the Technical Services Directorate.

OCM2023-153 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Tommy Conway)

That Council notes and accepts the Technical Services report.

15.2 DIRECTOR SERVICE CENTRE DELIVERY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OCM2023-154 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Tommy Conway)

That Council notes and accepts the attached Service Centre Delivery Report.

15.3 COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

OCM2023-155 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes and accepts the Community Services report.

Minute Note – The CEO asked that an action item be raised to record that in addition to a demonstration of the MacSafe Reporting App the Youth Recruitment Video will be shown and there will be discussion relating to MacConnect Digital Stories.

Minute Note – Mr Fyfe left the meeting at 12.14pm.

Minute Note – there was a break for lunch at 12.30pm with the meeting resuming at 1.10pm.

15.4 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

OCM2023-156 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Lisa Sharman)

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

- **DoV No.1 NIAA – Community Safety Program**
- **DoV No.1 NIAA – School Nutrition Program**
- **DoV No.2 NIAA – OSHL & Youth Program**

15.5 2022-23 GRANT ACQUITTALS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached grant acquittal reports for NT Grants are required to be laid before Council for acceptance.

OCM2023-157 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway)

That Council notes and approves the following grant acquittals for the 2022/23 financial year.

- a) **Local Authority Project Funding**
- b) **SCALE Funding 2020-21**
- c) **One off Grant for playgrounds**
- d) **IPG – Areyonga, Kintore & Santa Teresa Pools**
- e) **WaRM Grant (Rounds 1,2 & 3)**
- f) **SPG – Install LED Solar Park Lighting**
- g) **SLGIF – Upgrade to staff housing and pool infrastructure**
- h) **SPG – Revegetation Program**

15.6 FINANCE REPORT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is tabled to provide Council with the Finance Report for the period ended 30 September 2023.

OCM2023-158 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Tommy Conway)

That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 30 September 2023.

15.7 REVISION OF 2021-22 WARM BUDGET

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to review and revise the previously adopted budget for the Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) Grant funding provided in 2021-2022.

OCM2023-159 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

1. **rescinds motion OCM2021-212 adopted at the December 2021 Ordinary Council meeting which read “*That Council notes and endorses the WaRM projects recommended in this report*”; and**
2. **approves of the revision of the 2021-2022 budget for the WaRM grant to include expenditure of \$252,100 towards the purchase of a new 20 tonne Waste Handling Loader.**

15.8 FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OCM2023-160 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Abraham Poulson)

That Council notes and accepts the minutes of the Finance and Risk Committee of 29 September 2023.

15.9 GOVERNANCE TEAM REPORT OCTOBER 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OCM2023-161 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Abraham Poulson)

That Council notes the Governance Team Report for October 2023.

15.10 REVIEW OF MC08-CP TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION POLICY - MEMEBERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's permission to update MC08-CP Travel and Accommodation Policy – Members, specifically the rate paid.

OCM2023-162 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)

That Council approves the review of MC08-CP Travel and Accommodation Policy - Members

16 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.1

16.1 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.1

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.

OCM2023-163 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)

That members discussed the following matters at length

- a) **Council Business – Bushfires – need more done on grass cutting to reduce risk;**
- b) **Cap on Elected Members’ Travel Allowance – in order to ensure Members are given the opportunity to attend all meetings, including Council, Committee and Local Authorities a procedure will be developed so that Members can be provided with fuel. In the meantime Members will be able to obtain fuel at Council’s cost through their local shops; and**
- c) **Non-Council Business – Housing Fencing – higher fences for new builds should be erected for privacy and security – there are issues with good fencing being replaced with inferior fencing – there was discussion on this matter prior to Mr Fyfe’s departure and he undertook to take this up with Housing.**

17 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

17.1 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

OCM2023-164 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Lisa Sharman)

That Council approves the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items were 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 likely prejudice the interests of the Council or some other person.

Minute note – The open session of the meeting was closed at 1.43pm.

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

OCM2023-168 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Andrew Davis)

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.

18.1 OCM2023-165 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

1. approves the 2022/23 Annual Report;
2. approves the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023;
3. moves the 2022/23 Annual Report including the Audited Financial Statements into Open Council with the Annual Report to be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government.

18.2 OCM2023-166 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Mark Inkamala)

That Council approves the write-off of Invoice #014811 raised against the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics in the amount of \$52,409.84 including GST.

18.3 OCM2023-167 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes the update of the organisational restructure as advised by the CEO.

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 15 December 2023

20 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1.55pm.

This page and the preceding 9 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 27 October 2023 and are unconfirmed.

President