



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ALICE SPRINGS ON FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2020 AT 10:02AM

1 MEETING OPENED 10:02am

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Council observed one minutes silence paying respect to an MRC staff member from Haasts Bluff who recently passed away

2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES – Deputy President Greg Sharman - Chair

Councillors:

Deputy President Greg Sharman, Cr Marlene Abbott, Cr Mark Inkamala, Cr Sarah Stockman, Cr Tommy Conway, Cr Braydon Williams and Cr Dalton McDonald

Staff:

Jeff McLeod – Chief Executive Officer, Ken Newman – Director Service Delivery, Simon Murphy – Director Technical Services, Rohan Marks – Director Community Services, Bhan Pratap – Director Corporate Services, Darren Pfitzner – Manager Governance and Planning

Guests:

Nil

Apologies

President Roxanne Kenny
Cr Selina Kulitja
Cr Susan Doolan
Cr Lynette Ellis (10:25am, emailed with apology)

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Tommy Conway – Leave of absence 3rd September to 18th September 2020
CEO - Jeff McLeod - Leave of Absence 31st August to 11th September 2020
Acting CEO – Rohan Marks from 31st August to 11th September 2020

4.1 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

OC2020-078 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Tommy Conway)

That the Ordinary Council

- A) Noted the attendance and apologies of the meeting
- B) Approved absence for Cr Lynette Ellis

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

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OC2020-079 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Sarah Stockman)

That the Ordinary Council note the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 June 2020

OC2020-080 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/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

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OC2020-081 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway / Mark Inkamala)

- 7.1 That the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.
- 7.2 That members provided notification that no matters will be raised in general business.

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8.1 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

OC2020-082 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Mark Inkamala)

That the Ordinary Council

- a) Noted the Council Code of Conduct
- 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:

Santa Teresa – 27 May 2020
Mount Liebig – 10 June 2020
Papunya – 11 June 2020
Haasts Bluff – 17 June 2020
Kintore – 15 July 2020
Amoonguna – 22 July 2020
Docker River – 5 August 2020

OC2020-083 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Mark Inkamala)

That Council noted the unconfirmed minutes of the Santa Teresa, Mount Liebig, Papunya, Haasts Bluff, Kintore, Amoonguna, Docker River Local Authority meetings.

13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

13.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Council regularly reviews this report which summarises actions that have been raised at previous Ordinary Council meetings and provides the status and/or updates of each action.

OC2020-084 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Dalton McDonald)

That Council

- a) Noted the progress on the actions in the register**
- b) Close Item # 3 – Desert Funerals Limited**

13.2 CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OC2020-085 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That Council

- a) Noted the correspondence received.**
- b) Cr Braydon Williams will attend meeting (Alcohol Management in Remote and Regional Communities)**

14 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

15.1 COUNCIL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

One year prior to the end of the Council term, the NT Electoral Commission seeks comment on the effectiveness, or not, of the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) boundary and the four ward boundaries within. Consultation with communities through our Local Authorities has recorded resolutions to inform Council's response to the electoral commission about the current electoral structure and whether it provides the most effective representation possible for constituents.

OC2020-086 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Mark Inkamala)

That Council resolved to approve the report with no changes recommended to the constitutional arrangements for council electoral representation.

15.2 POLICY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report recommends the endorsement of the following policies:

- HR05-CP Whistleblower Policy
- RS01-CP Work Health and Safety Policy

This report recommends amendments to the Council Policy:

- IR03-CP Privacy and Freedom of Information Policy
- FA06-CP Related Parties Disclosure Policy

OC2020-087 RESOLVED (Braydon Williams/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

- a) Approved the new HR05-CP Whistleblower Policy**
- b) Approved the reviewed RS01-CP Work Health and Safety Policy**
- c) Approved the amended IR03-CP Privacy and Freedom of Information Policy**
- d) Approved the amended FA06-CP Related Parties Disclosure Policy**

15.3 END-OF-YEAR PROGRESS ON THE 2019/20 REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report presents the end-of-year progress on the 2019-20 Regional Plan to ensure that Council is aware of the organisation's progress and any issues that arise.

OC2020-088 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Dalton McDonald)

That Council noted and accepted the report on progress against the 2019-20 Regional Plan.

15.4 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT JUNE/JULY 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the activities and the services of the Directorate of Corporate Services for the months of April to May 2020.

OC2020-089 RESOLVED (Braydon Williams/Dalton McDonald)

That Council noted and received the Corporate Services Report for the months of June and July 2020.

15.5 2020/2021 BUDGET REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

After review by Managers, Directors and the CEO, changes are recommended to Council's 2020/21 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 within various functions during the year to date.

OC2020-090 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Mark Inkamala)

That Council, pursuant to section 128(2) of the Local Government Act adopts the amendments to the 2020/21 Budget as tabled.

15.6 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 for Council as at 31 July 2020.

OC2020-091 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Sarah Stockman)

That Council noted and accepted the Finance Report as at 31 July 2020.

11:00AM MORNING TEA BREAK

11:14AM RETURN FROM BREAK

15.7 AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pursuant to the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations (the Regulations) councils are required to establish an audit committee as part of their internal control framework.

Specifically the Regulations provide that an audit committee is to monitor compliance by the council to:

- proper standards of financial management; and
- regulations and the Accounting Standards.

OC2020-092 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Braydon Williams)

That Council noted and accepted the Audit Report as at 31 July 2020.

15.8 FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Council have delegated 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.

OC2020-093 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Marlene Abbott)

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

15.9 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

OC2020-094 RESOLVED (Braydon Williams/Mark Inkamala)

That Council noted and accepted the Community Services Report.

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.

OC2020-095 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Mark Inkamala)

That Council noted and accepted the Service Centre Delivery report.

15.11 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details recent activities in the Technical Services Directorate

OC2020-096 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Mark Inkamala)

That Council noted and accepted the Technical Services Report

16 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.2

16.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 8, the Elected Members of the MacDonnell Regional Council have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

OC2020-097 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Mark Inkamala)

That Council noted there were no items raised at Item 8.

12:15pm Break for lunch

12:49pm Return from lunch break

President Roxanne Kenny entered meeting 12:55pm

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

OC2020-098 RESOLVED (Braydon Williams/Tommy Conway)

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:

17 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

17.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes - Confidential

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) (ci) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. 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 cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

17.2 Approved Panel of Contractors - Professional Veterinary Service to 13 MRC Communities and funded Out Stations

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 security of the council, its members or staff.

17.3 Procurement exemption for Kintore internal roads

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) 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 cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

17.4 Renewing NDIS Registration

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) 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 cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

DECISION TO MOVE TO OPEN SESSION

OC2020-018 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Greg Sharman)

That the Ordinary Council moved the meeting back to an open meeting.

18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 30 October 2020

19 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:26pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday, 28 August 2020 and unconfirmed.

President