



MINUTES OF THE SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2020 AT 09:00AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 9:53am

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Kumantjay Alice

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS**

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members: attended at the Santa Teresa Council office via videolink

Kumantjay Alice (Chair), Agnes Alice and Annie Young

Councillors: attended at their respective community Council offices via videolink

President Cr Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Greg Sharman and Cr Susan Doolan

Council Employees: attended at the Alice Springs Council and Santa Teresa office via videolink

Jeff McLeod (CEO)(ASP), Keith Hassett (Area Manager)(ST), James Walsh (CSC)(ST), Cristiano Castro (Coordinator Community Safety)(ASP), Darren Pfitzner (Manager Governance and Engagement)(ASP) and Robert Rabotot (Governance Officer)(ASP)

Guests: attended at their respective offices via videolink

Enoch Menge (Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development), Sgt Trent Berry (NT Police)(ST Council Office)

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Graham Hayes, Louise Cavanagh and Cr Lynette Ellis

Absentees:

Charlie Lynch

**Attendance, Apologies and Absentee**

**STLA2020-001 RESOLVED (Kumantjay Alice/Agnes Alice)**

**That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted the attendance, apologies and absentees of the meeting.**

### **3.3 Resignations**

Nil

### **3.4 Terminations**

Nil

### **3.5 Nominations**

#### **3.5.1 NOMINATIONS**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

At the Santa Teresa Local Authority of 23 October 2019, it was noted that there was one (1) vacancies in the Local Authority membership and as a consequence a call for nominations was recommended.

As no nominations to the Local Authority have been received a call for community nomination remains open.

##### **STLA2020-002 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Kumantjay Alice)**

**That the Santa Teresa Local Authority call for community nominations to remain open in order to fill the remaining vacancy.**

#### **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

##### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

##### **STLA2020-003 RESOLVED (Kumantjay Alice/Agnes Alice)**

**That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.**

#### **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

##### **5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

##### **STLA2020-004 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Kumantjay Alice)**

**That the Santa Teresa Local Authority meeting of 23 October 2019 be adopted as a resolution of the Santa Teresa Local Authority**

Note: The Chairperson of the Local Authority accepted Sergeant Trent Berry from the NT Police to address to the Local Authority at this point of the meeting to facilitate with his duties.

Sergeant Trent Berry reminded the Local Authority the travel restrictions in place due to COVID-19, reminding that people should not travel unless they have received an exemption (authorisation to travel) and requesting MRC to pass on the message to all community members and assist in applying restrictions.

#### **6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

6.1 That the papers circulated are received for consideration at the meeting.

##### **6.1 Acceptance of the Agenda**

##### **STLA2020-005 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Agnes Alice)**

**That the Santa Teresa Local Authority received the papers circulated for consideration at the meeting.**

6.2 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

## **6.2 Notification of General Business Items**

### **STLA2020-006 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Agnes Alice)**

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority provided notification that matters to be raised in General Council Business are as follows:

#### **1. Old Tip**

6.3 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

## **6.3 Notifications of Non-Council Business Items**

### **STLA2020-007 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Phillip Alice)**

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority members provided notification that there were no matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business:

#### **1. Sgt Trent Berry - NT Police: Reminder on the travel restrictions in place.**

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

#### **STLA2020-008 RESOLVED (Kumantjay Alice/Agnes Alice)**

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

#### **STLA2020-009 RESOLVED (Kumantjay Alice/Agnes Alice)**

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

*Nil*

## **9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 ACTION REGISTER**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

#### **STLA2020-010 RESOLVED (Kumantjay Alice/Agnes Alice)**

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) Noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received;
- b) Closed – Action Item 1 and reopen after 1 July 2021 when the new Local Government Act is in effect;
- c) Kept open – Action Item 2 until next meeting;
- d) Kept open – Action Item 3; and
- e) Closed – Action Items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

## **9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from the NT Government Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Services for investing in local government community infrastructure projects.

There is a **total un-committed balance of \$117,501.75** to allocate in the community. \$37,131.75 is from the 2018/19 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2020. \$80,370.00 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

### **STLA2020-011 RESOLVED (Kumantjay Alice/Annie Young)**

**That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:**

- a) **Noted and accepted the progress of their Local Authority projects and allocated all remaining funding;**
- b) **Closed the Project 2108 – 7 x Signs Advising of Restricted Areas on Community and credited \$4,285.55 back to the Funds;**
- c) **Credited \$100.00 back to the Funds from Project 2334 – Seating at the Pool;**
- d) **Allocated \$20,000.00 and opened a new Project - Upgrades for Cemetery;**
- e) **Allocated \$10,000.00 and opened a new Project – BBQ Trailer;**
- f) **Allocated an additional \$50,000.00 to the Project 2342 – Front Entrance;**
- g) **Allocated an additional \$15,000.00 to the Project 2109 – Fencing at Rec Hall;**
- h) **Allocated the remaining funds of \$26,887.30 and opened a new Project – Footpath Up to the Cross;**
- i) **Noted that Keith Hassett (Area Manager) will bring one water tank from Kintore to assist with the Wish List item Priority 4 - Water Tank at the Race Course; and**
- j) **Added a new Wish List item – Upgrade at Rec Hall to replace the broken outside seating.**

## **9.3 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decide how to spend this money to best benefit everybody. This money cannot be carried over from year to year and it must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

### **STLA2020-012 RESOLVED (Kumantjay Alice/Agnes Alice)**

**That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:**

- a) **Discussed the spending of their 2019/2020 Discretionary Fund;**
- b) **Reallocated the remaining funds of \$2,439.36 to the community BBQ for reopening the Recreational Hall.**

## **9.4 COVID-19 UPDATE**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a new virus. Symptoms include fever, coughing, a sore throat and shortness of breath. The virus can spread from person to person, but good hygiene can prevent infection. MRC in response to the COVID-19 outbreak has identified and is managing various risk through guidelines and regular communication with staff to ensure compliance.

**STLA2020-013 RESOLVED (Kumantjay Alice/Agnes Alice)**

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted and accepted the report on COVID-19 update.

**9.5 LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING MEMBERS AND NT ELECTIONS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On 20 December 2019 the Acting Executive Director of Local Government and Community Development wrote to President Roxanne Kenny to remind the MacDonnell Regional Council of important matters contained in recent communications.

The letter's two main points outline the need for Councillors and Local Authority members to:

1. Disclose any conflict of interest that may arise from a matter before any Council or Local Authority discussion; and
2. Stand down before nominating as a candidate in the NT Elections

**STLA2020-014 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Kumantjay Alice)**

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted and accepted the correspondence from the department.

**10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

**10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is an update of Council delivered Services in Santa Teresa across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

**STLA2020-015 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Agnes Alice)**

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted and accepted the report prepared by Santa Teresa CSC James Walsh.

**10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is an update on Community Services in Santa Teresa.

**STLA2020-016 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Kumantjay Alice)**

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

**11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

**11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2020**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2020 in the Local Authority community.

**STLA2020-017 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Annie Young)**

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure Report as at 31 March 2020.

## **11.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PROCESS AND TIMING**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The order of agenda items for Local Authority meetings was changed recently to align with changes made to the order of agenda items for Council meetings. While this was an adjustment made across all its meeting agendas, MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) is interested to know if this affects the running of Local Authority meetings and hear suggestions from members about other improvements that could be made to the meeting format and content.

MRC also asks the Local Authority to consider the impacts and benefits if it were to hold meetings at different times of the day. Particular consideration is asked of meetings being held after work hours and whether this would then appeal to a broader range of people becoming Local Authority members.

### **STLA2020-018 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Agnes Alice)**

**That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:**

- a) Noted and accepted this report;**
- b) And provided feedback requesting to start meetings at 11:00am.**

## **12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2**

### **12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.2, members of the Santa Teresa Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

We are now discussing the matters raised as follow:

### **STLA2020-019 RESOLVED (Phillip Alice/Annie Young)**

**That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:**

- a) Noted and discussed the items raised at Item 6.2.;**
- b) Requested MRC to install bollards and chains to stop people using the Old Tip; and**
- c) Requested MRC to install signs informing people of the proximity of cultural area at the Old Tip.**

## **11 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3**

### **13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development provide any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members of the Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business. We are now discussing the matters raised as listed below:

## **STLA2020-020 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Annie Young)**

**That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:**

- a) Noted and discussed the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3 as below;**
- b) Noted and accepted any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development;**
- c) Reported that contractors working on houses were taking parts from cars of the community despite the residents telling them not to do so.**

### **1. Police**

Sergeant Trent Berry – NT Police presented to the Local Authority at an earlier stage of the meeting.

Note: The NTG Representative informed the Local Authority as below:

Due to COVID-19, Housing meetings were suspended but will resume once the travel restrictions are lifted.

A Northern Territory Electoral Commission team will be coming to Santa Teresa on 25 July 2020 to enrol people to the electoral roll.

The 2019 LG Act will now take effect on 1 July 2021.

## **12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER, 2020**

## **13 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:42pm.

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