



MINUTES OF THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD  
IN THE WALLACE ROCKHOLE COUNCIL OFFICE ON  
WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2023 AT 10:30AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was conducted as a provisional meeting and declared open at 10:49am.

**1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON**

**WLA2023-020 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority, by majority vote nominated Councillor Mark Inkamala as Chairperson of the meeting held 5 April 2023.**

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Councillor Mark Inkamala

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Pamela Abbott, Member Terry Abbott and Member Colin Craig

Councillors:

Councillor Mark Inkamala,

Council Employees:

Chris Kendrick – Director Corporate Services and June Crabb – Governance Officer attended the meeting via video link and James Walsh – Area Manager Service Delivery and Ada Williams – CSC Wallace Rockhole were present at the Community Council office and

Guests:

Grant Bowley – Community Engagement Officer, NT Health

### **3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

#### Apologies:

Chairperson Billy Porter, Member Howard Abbott, Member Amanda Abbott, President Roxanne Kenny and Councillor Bobby Abbott

#### Absentees:

Nil

### **3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES**

#### **WLA2023-021 RESOLVED (Pamela/Terry Abbott)**

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that:

- a) the attendance to the meeting was noted; and
- b) the apologies received from Chairperson Billy Abbott, Member Amanda Abbott, Member Howard Abbott, Councillor Bobby Abbott and President Roxanne Kenny were accepted.

It was noted at this point that members were not happy that a Local Authority meeting occurred during Sorry Business and have asked Council to defer all future Local Authority meetings should there be Sorry Business in Community.

### **3.3 Resignations**

NIL

### **3.4 Terminations**

NIL

### **3.5 Nominations**

NIL

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **WLA2023-022 RESOLVED (Pamela Abbott/Colin Craig)**

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note that the Council Code of Conduct was accepted

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

#### **WLA2023-023 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Pamela Abbott)**

That the provisional meeting of the Minutes of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority meeting held 25 January 2023, were not confirmed as the meeting held on the 5 April 2023 was a provisional meeting.

Deputations / Guest Speakers was moved from between item 7.2 and item 9

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **8.1 TRACHOMA PROGRAM**

**WLA2023-023 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Billy Porter)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted that the Representatives from the Trachoma team were an apology to the meeting.**

The Chairperson accepted the impromptu deputation from Grant Bowley, Community Engagement Office from the Department of Health.

### **8.2 LOCAL HEALTH ADVISORY GROUPS**

**WLA2023-024 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Billy Porter)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted the information shared by the NT Health Representative.**

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

### **6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED**

**WLA2023-025 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.**

### **6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**WLA2023-026 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted that no Council Business matters was raised for discussion.**

### **6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**WLA2023-027 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted:**

- a) that no Council Business matters was raised for discussion; and**
- b) that a Representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet was not in attendance to the meeting.**

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

#### **WLA2023-028 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Terry Abbott)**

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note that the Conflict of Interest Policy was accepted.

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

#### **WLA2023-029 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Terry Abbott)**

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council that no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda was declared.

Deputations / Guest Speakers was moved to between item 5.1 and item 6.

## **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.

#### **WLA2023-030 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)**

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted to keep the action – Community Development Consultant open.

### **9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) and invested in projects to benefit and improve the community.

Examples of *acceptable* purposes for expenditure include:

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

**There is currently \$1,921.80 of unallocated funds from the 2021/2022 project funds grant that must be expended (*with goods received*) by 30 June 2023.**

**WLA2023-031 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council that the progress of their projects was noted and kept open as follows:

- a) Project 2221 – Boundary Fence, noting that the Grader was currently clearing the fence line;
- b) Project 2223 – Upgrade to Gordon Ida Park, noting that the CSC is to seek quotes for different types of fencing;
- c) Project Community Hall – noting that Service Delivery will investigate on who owns the Hall/Lot; and
- d) Project 2225 – Grade the Fire breaks, noting that the breaks will be attended to once the Grader has completed the fence line.

### **9.3 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

**WLA2023-032 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)**

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council:

- a) that the spending of their 2022 / 2023 Discretionary funds be deferred to a later date; and
- b) acknowledged that the funds had to be spent by June 30 2023.

## **10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATORS REPORT**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Wallace Rockhole across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

**WLA2023-033 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council that the Council Service Delivery report was accepted.

## **11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

### **11.1 WALLACE ROCKHOLE LOCAL AUTHORITY**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2023 in the Local Authority community.

#### **WLA2023-034 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Colin Craig)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council that the expenditure report as at 31 March 2023 was noted.**

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

### **12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Under item 6.2, members have the opportunity to raise matters of General Business that are discussed at this report.

#### **WLA2023-035 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council that:**

- a) no General Business matters was raised at Item 6.2; and**
- b) reiterated that Local Authority meetings be deferred if Sorry Business is happening in Community.**

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

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this paper is to note and discuss the matters raised at item 6.3 and to be informed of any updates to the actions relating to services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

#### **WLA2023-036 RESOLVED (Terry Abbott/Mark Inkamala)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council that no non-Council Business matters was raised at item 6.3.**

## **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 12 JULY, 2023**

## **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 11:29 pm.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 5 April 2023 and were confirmed Wednesday, 12 July 2023.

