



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD OUTSIDE IN THE
FINKE COMMUNITY PARK ON WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:48AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Michael Ferguson

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Michael Ferguson, Member Michelle Allen, Member Jill Doolan and Member Richard Doolan

Councillors:

Councillor Lisa Sharman

Council Employees:

Aaron Blacker, Director Technical Services and Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Admin Officer

Guests:

Darren Masters – Remote Sergeant, NT Police
and Finke community residents

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny and Cr Patrick Allen

Absentees:

Members Charmaine Stuart, Rosemary Matasia and Geoffrey Stuart

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND ABSENTEES

FLA2023-021 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Richard Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted the attendance to the meeting;
- b) accepted the apologies received; and
- c) noted the members absent to the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NIL

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

FLA2023-022 RESOLVED (Jill Doolan/Lisa Sharman)

That the Finke Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF LA PREVIOUS MINUTES

FLA2023-023 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Lisa Sharman)

That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority of 9 March 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Finke Local Authority.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

FLA2023-024 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Jill Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

FLA2023-025 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Jill Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority noted that the members have not provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

FLA2023-026 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Jill Doolan)

Noted that the members have provided notification of matters and discussed in General Non-Council Business as follows for information purpose:

- a) Kumanjayi Hoosan, Memorial Sign

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

FLA2023-027 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Jill Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

FLA2023-028 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Jill Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority declared no 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.

FLA2023-029 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Richard Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted the progress reports on action from the minutes of previous meetings as received; and
- b) approved the closure of completed action, write to NPY regarding repairs of Rec Hall noting that the response was received.

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.

The Local Authority has committed all available funds to projects and there is nil balance remaining to allocate.

FLA2023-030 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Michael Ferguson)

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the progress of its projects as follows:

- **Project 2135, Wood fire BBQ – Local authority are yet to decide where would they like this BBQ station be at and the materials have been received. Kept project open.**
- **Project 2136, Fence around Cemetery – water to fill up the tank & sourcing the water meter trailer & powering it, to where it would be installed has been a challenge. Area Manager Service Delivery has been requested to find out how it is going to be set up.
LA requested for 1.8m high black pinch-top fence for the Cemetery or alternatively, 1.5m high black pinch-top fence if costs can’t be covered by the allocated funds for this project.**

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 2022 and 30 June 2023.

FLA2023-031 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Richard Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted and discusses the spending of its 2022/2023 Discretionary funds;**
- b) noted that the funds will be forfeited if not spent by the due date 30 June 2023;**
- c) noted that no commitment has been made at this meeting; and**
- b) noted that the funds would be spent with a discretionary fund release request letter by majority LA members.**

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Service program delivery.

FLA2023-032 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Lisa Sharman)

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

10.2 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

FLA2023-033 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Lisa Sharman)

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the Council Service Delivery Report, Finke.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 April 2023 in the Local Authority community.

FLA2023-034 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Richard Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure Report as at 30 April 2023.

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.

FLA2023-035 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Richard Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) **noted and discussed that no General Business items raised at Item 6.2;**
- b) **noted the nomination date for upcoming By-election, Rodinga Ward is 8th of May to 19 of May;**
- c) **received the 'Key information for Candidates' handouts and nomination form; and**
- d) **noted that the additional information, forms and handouts can be obtained from the council office both at Finke and or Alice Springs.**

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 the services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

FLA2023-036 RESOLVED (Jill Doolan/Michelle Allen)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted that the DCM&C representative was not in attendance;
- b) kept all register action items open for follow up at the next meeting;
- c) Kumanjayi Hoosan Memorial Sign, 2.4m x 3.5m Archway memorial sign to be erected as proposed by CLC and convened that LA agrees with the sign. Archway is an existing MRC structure and CLC have funded a new sign to go on it. LA have provided notification to council that they support the intention of CLC.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 26 JULY, 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:53 am.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Finke Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 3 May 2023 and were confirmed 26 July 2023.