



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD IN THE AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2023 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.37am.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chairperson Caroline Peters

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Caroline Peters, Member Lawrence Webb, Member Samantha Stuart, Member Sharon Alice and Member Henry Oliver.

Councillors:

Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Andrew Davis and Councillor Patrick Allen.

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Barbara Newland – Executive Services Manager, Ken Satour, Service Delivery Area Manager, Damian Ryan – Council Service Coordinator, Finke, Emily McBride – Manager Aged & Disability Service,

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe, Regional Manager DCM&C

Shane Franey, Office of Bill Yan MLA - Member for Namatjira

Greg Sharman – private visitor

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Nil apologies.

Absentees:

Absentees and Leave of Absences

AMLA2023-063 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Aloyiscois Hayes)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the absence, without notice, of Member Audrey Miller and Councillor Aloyiscois Hayes.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the membership of the Amoonguna Local Authority and to note any vacancies available to community residents.

One vacancy remains on the Local Authority and it is recommended that Community nominations remain open to fill the vacancy.

As per Council policy MC01-CP, ref: 8.1:1(b) – Council will appoint any suitable nominations.

AMLA2023-064 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Lisa Sharman)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) notes that there is one vacancy remaining on the Local Authority; and**
- b) calls for community nominations to remain open for 28 days to fill the vacancy.**

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

AMLA2023-065 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lisa Sharman)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

AMLA2023-066 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lawrence Webb)

That the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority ordinary meeting held on 20 September 2023 be adopted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

AMLA2023-067 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Sharon Alice)

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

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

AMLA2023-068 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Sharon Alice)

The Amoonguna Local Authority noted the following matter to be raised in General Council Business:

- a) Trees around power lines.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

AMLA2023-069 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Sharon Alice)

The Amoonguna Local Authority noted the following matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business:

- a) Follow on from new power meters having been installed – Ken Satour spoke to this matter and advised that arrangements were being made to install a terminal in the office for the recharging of cards. Staff will be trained in how to put a credit on a card – there are many locations in Alice Springs where this can be done.
- b) Water leaking in house – Lot163 – general discussion regarding the reporting of maintenance issues – Belinda Urquhart undertook to approach PWC as this problem has been going on for some time.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

AMLA2023-070 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

AMLA2023-071 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority declared no conflicts of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 ACTION REGISTER - AMOONGUNA LA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

AML2023-072 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Patrick Allen)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the progress reports on the actions from the minutes of the previous meeting as received; and
- b) approves the closure of completed actions AML2023-057 and AML2023-060..

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 \$37,360.32 of unallocated funds to allocate and spend on Community projects.

It is important to note that \$52,729.96 are funds that are at risk of being returned to NTG. This amount is from funds committed to current Projects but remains unspent as well as unallocated funds.

AML2023-073 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Andrew Davis)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) notes the progress of their projects; and
- b) recommends to note completion and close the following projects:
 - Project 2106 – Install Water Bubbler, returning the underspent funds to unallocated funds
 - Project 2232 – Softball Oval Cracker Dust and Fencing, returning the underspent funds to unallocated funds

- notes progress regarding the following projects:
 - Project 2107 – Solar Lights – the solar lights and cement are in community with installation yet to be completed.
 - Project 2230 – Fence for the Football Oval – MRC is working with the CLC on this project and a proposal has been prepared to collaborate with the CLC on the oval fencing and lighting – the CLC will be urged to move on this project.
 - Project 2231 – Shade Shelters for the Sorry Camp – the quote were reviewed and it was determined that an additional \$10,000 is to be allocated to this project.
- c) Establishes a new project to complete work on the softball diamond, including fencing, and allocates \$15,000 to this project – Ken Satour is to obtain quotes. MRC is directed to proceed with this project if the quotes are within +/- 10% of the funding allocation.

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.

AML2023-074 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the spending of its 2023/2024 Discretionary Funds; and
- b) allocates the balance available be provided for youth travel to sporting events – the balance at this time being \$1,528.80.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 SCD - LA REPORT AMOONGUNA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Amoonguna across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

AML2023-075 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority notes and accepts the Service Centre Delivery report.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

AML2023-076 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31/10/2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

AMLA2023-077 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Caroline Peters)

That the Local Authority That the Amoonguna Local Authority notes and accepts the expenditure report as at 31 October 2023.

Minute note: Upon his departure from the meeting.....advised that Bill Yan MLA - Member for Namatjira, has donated pushbike to presented at schools within his electorate.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to give members the opportunity to discuss any General Council Business matters raised at item 6.2.

*At the meeting held 20 September 2023 – members requested the following:
Res.060 – A review of the streetlights be conducted.*

AMLA2023-078 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Andrew Davis)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the issue of tress around power lines raised at Item 6.2; and**
- b) notes that the Area Manager Service Delivery will conduct an assessment of the situation within the 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.

Note: That Technical Services also requested quotes from MG Electrical for the new LED light on the existing power pole and the installation of a new street light at the intersection (drawing attached)

AMLA2023-079 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Sharon Alice)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) notes that the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3 have been discussed and resolved;**
- b) notes and accepts the progress reported on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet as follows:**
 - Police presence – the Authority was urged to invite the Police**

Commander to the next meeting. Police have advised that they are not getting too many calls about problems and community members are urged to advise of issues.

- **Street lights at turnoff – there was considerable discussion regarding this matter including the fact that some road signage had been knocked over. Erection of a “Look out for people” sign was suggested. This matter will be raised with the Minister for Local Government – the matter is on DIPL’s radar.**
- **“Summer in Central Australia” – Regional Councils will be running great programmes to engage youth of the holiday period – everyone is urged to crack down on youth doing the wrong thing.**
- **Members were urged to report housing maintenance issue which should be fixed quickly but the timeframe can be too long.**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2024

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12.26pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2023 and were confirmed Wednesday, 27 March 2024.