



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 10:43AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:43AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Mr Dixon

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chair Mr Dixon, Member Henry Oliver, Member Caroline Peters, Member Donna Dixon, Member Natasha Stuart and Member Rhekita Stuart

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Greg Sharman, Cr Lynette Ellis, and Cr Annie Young

Council Employees:

Bhan Pratap (Director Corporate Services), Luke Everingham (Acting Director Community Services), Keith Hassett (Manager Service Delivery), Min Roebuck (Community Engagement Officer) and June Crabb (Governance Administration Officer).

Guests:

Enock Menge (Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet), Mathew Adams-Richardson (Office of Warren Snowden).

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Cr. Susan Doolan and Member Marina Alice

Absentees:

Nil

3.3 Resignations

Nil

Attendance, Apologies and Absentees

AML2021-001 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Donna Dixon)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the attendance, apologies and absentees of the meeting.

3.4 Terminations

Nil

3.5 Nominations

Nil

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

AML2021-002 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Caroline Peters)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

AML2021-003 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Caroline Peters)

That the Minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting of 7 October 2020 be adopted as a resolution of Amoonguna Local Authority.

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

AML2021-004 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna 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

AML2020-005 RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Mr Dixon)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority provided the following notification of matters to be raised in general business.

1. Street Lights

Street lights was discussed and the Local Authority advised that Contractors organised by DIPL oversees the maintenance of the street lights. At least 70% of the streetlights in community would have to be damaged or failing from outages before Contractors are called in.

6.3 That members provided no notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

6.3 Notifications of Non-Council Business Items

AMLA2021-006 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority provided no notification of matters to be raised in general Non-Council business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

AMLA2021-007 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Donna Dixon)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

AMLA2021-008 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Donna Dixon)

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

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE FROM MINISTER CHANSEY PAECH

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Honourable Chanston Paech MLA, is seeking an invitation to meet members of the Amoonguna Local Authority at a mutually convenient time.

AMLA2021-009 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Lynette Ellis)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) **Noted the correspondence; and**
- b) **Requested that MRC invite Minister Paech to attend the Amoonguna Local Authority meeting on 5 May 2021.**

9.2 NT TREATY COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The NT Treaty Commission presented information about their work to Council last year and consulted on the Treaty Discussion Paper. Council resolved to work on bringing Youth Boards together for a meeting with the NT Treaty Commissioner and to place the NT Treaty Commission Executive Summary on all future Local Authority agenda.

The Executive Summary of the Treaty Discussion Paper is attached to this report.

AMLA2021-010 RESOLVED (Mr Dixon/Henry Oliver)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) Noted and accepted the report; and**
- b) Provided the following feedback to the NT Treaty Commission;**
 - 1. Requested that the Treaty Commission organise a meeting and invite people from community to hear what a Treaty is and to discuss what the Treaty will symbolise to the First Nations people.**

9.3 ACTION REGISTER - AMOONGUNA LA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

AMLA2021-011 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Annie Young)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) Noted and accepted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of the previous meeting as received; and**
- b) Requested the CEO follow up with the Director of Technical Services to include an update for the next Local Authority Meeting.**

9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from the NT Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet for investing in local government community infrastructure projects.

There is a total un-committed balance of \$20,916.15 to allocate in their community. \$0.00 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021. \$20,916.15 is from the 2020/2021 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2022.

Note: this report has adjusted a miscalculation from the previous meeting 7 October 2020 LA Projects Report: 'Balance of underspend/overspend' was reported as \$57,117.23 but should have been \$54,373.23.

AMLA2021-012 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) Noted and accepted the progress of the Local Authority projects;**
- b) Kept open Project 2008 – Plants and Trees;**
- c) Kept open Project 2133 – Bus Shelter at Clinic;**
- d) Kept open Project 2136 – Scope of Works to refurbish Change rooms;**
- e) Kept open Project 2137 – Security options for the Rec Hall;**
- f) Kept open Project 2138 – Fence around Ross Park;**
- g) Kept open Project 2139 – Community Park/Sports Area; and**
- h) Noted completion and closed Project 2132 – Wood fire BBQ's for Stuart Park and Ross Park.**

9.5 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission *to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services*.

An important strategy in the Regional Plan asks each Local Authority to guide the input into their Community Infrastructure Plan to meet a 2020-21 Regional Plan objective that MRC's infrastructure meets community needs.

AMLA2021-013 RESOLVED (Donna Dixon/Rhekita Stuart)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) Noted and accepted the report; and**
- b) Provided feedback towards the Community Infrastructure Plan.**

9.6 LOCAL AUTHORITY 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 decisions about how to spend this money to best benefit everybody. This money does not carry over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

AMLA2021-014 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Lynette Ellis)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) Noted and discussed the spending of their 2020/21 Discretionary fund; and**
- b) Committed \$500.00 on receipt of invoice towards payment for the Band that played at the Basketball Court opening.**

9.7 LOCAL AUTHORITY ASSISTANCE WITH THE REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission *to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services*.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff to meet the objectives of the 2020-21 Regional Plan.

AMLA2021-015 RESOLVED (Mr Dixon/Donna Dixon)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) Noted and accepted the report; and**
- b) Provided guidance and support for MRC staff to meet the objectives of the MRC 2020-21 Regional Plan.**
- c) Provided input for the MRC 2021-22 MRC Regional Plan**

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

AMLA2021-016 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Rhekita Stuart)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report prepared by Simran Behl, Council Services Coordinator, Amoonguna.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

AMLA2021-017 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Mr Dixon)

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

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

AMLA2021-018 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure Report as at 31 December 2020.

Note: Director of Corporate Services to check if the two entries, 'Elected Members and Council Meetings' and 'Local Authority Administration' were entered in previous expenditure reports.

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 Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

AMLA2021-019 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and discuss the items raised at Item 6.2.

Note. Street Lights was raised and discussed at item 6.2.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A Representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, (DCMC) will be in attendance to present 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.

AML2021-020 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Henry Oliver)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) Noted and discussed the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3;**
- b) Kept open 'Kids riding Motorbikes in Council as the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet is still waiting on a response from the NT Police on when the next CSAP meeting will be;**
- c) Kept open 'NT Police' to assist Night Patrol on Thursday and Friday Nights in patrolling the Community;**
- d) Kept open Centre Line Marking; and**
- e) Noted completion and closed 'Houses'.**

1. Local Government Council Elections.

The Representative for Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet advised the Local Authority that the New Local Government Act comes into force July 1st 2021 and the Local Government Elections are scheduled for 28 August 2021.

2. Roads.

The Representative from DCMC recommended that the Local Authority invite May Taylor, Regional Director of Transport and Civil Services to the next meeting to respond to questions that the Local Authority may have on the road. The DCMC representative was happy to send the invitation to Ms Taylor on the Local Authority's behalf.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 5 MAY, 2021

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:26 pm.

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