



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2021 AT 10:45AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was held via zoom and declared open at 10:45AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR

ARLA2021-062 RESOLVED(Daphne Puntjina/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority unanimously agreed to nominate Hilda Bert as Chair of the Meeting of 8 December 2021.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Member Hilda Bert opened the meeting

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members attended from their Community office:

Chairperson Sarah Gallagher, Member Daphne Puntjina, Member Hilda Bert, Member Jonathan Doolan and Member Joy Kunia

Councillor:

Councillor Abraham Poulson

Council Employees and Guests attended from MRC Head office:

Simon Murphy (Director Technical Services) and June Crabb (Governance Officer)

Guests:

Eric Turner (Department Chief Minister and Cabinet)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Garnet Djana, Member Naphtali Scobie and Councillor Marlene Abbott

Absentees:

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3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

ARLA2021-063 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Abraham Poulson)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the attendance, apologies and absentees 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

ARLA2021-064 RESOLVED(Sarah Gallagher/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ARLA2021-065 RESOLVED(Sarah Gallagher/Joy Kunia)

That the Minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority of 16 June 2021 and 1 September 2021 be adopted as a resolution of Areyonga 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

ARLA2021-066 RESOLVED(Sarah Gallagher/Daphne Puntjina)

That the Areyonga Local Authority received the papers for consideration at the meeting.

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

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

ARLA2021-067 RESOLVED(Daphne Puntjina/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority provided notification of no matters to be raised for discussion in General Council Business.

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

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL NON COUNCIL BUSINESS

ARLA2021-068 RESOLVED(Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)

That the Areyonga Local Authority provided notification of the following matters to be discussed for Non-Council Business.

1. Housing
2. Room to Breathe program

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

ARLA2021-069 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

ARLA2021-070 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Joy Kunia)

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

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 AREYONGA YOUTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Goal 3 of the Regional Plan is for young people to be engaged representatives in their communities.

The Regional Plan outlines strategies to achieve this goal.

Specific Council strategies include:

- Provide support for Youth Boards across the MRC region
- Develop and maintain Youth Boards in the nine MacYouth Communities
- Provide Governance training for the Youth Boards.
- Partner with service providers to support the development of Youth Boards in Finke, Imanpa and Docker River.

ARLA2021-071 RESOLVED(Abraham Poulson/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the minutes of the Youth Board meetings held 1 September 2021 and 25 November 2021;
- b) noted the commitment of \$4,140.00 towards Youth Board projects; and
- c) agreed to the suggestions to spend the allocation bush trips, music equipment, outdoor play equipment, blankets, towels, Kungka nights and electronics.

9.2 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached register provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

ARLA2021-072 RESOLVED(Sarah Gallagher/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) noted the progress report on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received;**
- b) kept open action – Bring in machinery to build the road up before grading’; and**
- c) closed actions – Invite CLC Representative and Grade the main road from Larapinta Drive into Community.**

9.3 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. • 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.

ARLA2021-073 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the release of the allocation for the 2021/2022 project grant;**
- b) made a correction to project 2111 – Toilet Block noting that the overspend was an error and the project was finalised with a \$0.00 balance;**
- c) noted and accepted the progress of their projects;**
- d) kept open Project 2115 - Youth Board Projects;**
- e) kept open Project 2112 – Solar lights;**
- f) kept open Project 2113 – Install shade shelter and water tank at football oval;**
- g) kept open Project 2116 – Trees around football oval;**
- h) kept open Project 2114 – Shade shelter over playground noting that Technical Services will follow up to see if funding is available for structures over playgrounds; and**
- i) noted completion and closed Project 2154 – Shade shelter and water tank at men’s area.**

9.4 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.

ARLA2021-074 RESOLVED(Abraham Poulson/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of their 2020/21 Discretionary Funds;
- b) noted and discussed the spending of their 2021/2022 Discretionary funds;
- d) committed \$2,000.00 towards a Community Christmas celebration; and
- e) committed \$2,000.00 towards a Community New Year's celebration.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 CSC REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

ARLA2021-075 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Joy Kunia)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Council Service Delivery report.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

ARLA2021-076 RESOLVED(Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)

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

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure reports shows spending until 31 October 2021 in the Local Authority Community.

ARLA2021-077 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 October 2021.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to give Members the opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss at item 12.1 - General Council Business.

ARLA2021-078 RESOLVED(Daphne Puntjina/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted that no discussion items was raised at Item 6.2.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet provides any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members of the Areyonga Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

ARLA2021-079 RESOLVED(Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- b) closed action – Requirements to move the Sorry Camp;

1. Housing/Empty housing.

The Local Authority asked about future housing, current availability and what can be done to have a tenants removed from their house because they no longer stay in it.

Representative from the Department Chief Minister advised that there are two (2) new builds planned. Tenders have closed and a contractor will be appointed soon with construction expected to start in the first quarter of 2022. As there is a shortage of serviced land, this limits options for transitional housing and currently there is only one in community.

There is a scoping project underway on future serviced sites in the current town area. DIPL recommends a community meeting early to mid-February 2022 to provide updates on the program after the contract is awarded so real progress on information is provided.

DIPL has also developed a new range of communication tools including visual prompts for communities that includes a map showing different housing types, planned houses and other land use types.

DIPL will also provide CM&C a coloured photographic site map of Areyonga identifying the different projects underway or planned

The representative also advised that if residents have left their houses and moved elsewhere, but continue to pay rent, to raise this at the next Housing Reference Group meeting.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 23 MARCH 2022.

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:38 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 8 December 2021 and are CONFIRMED on 14 September 2022.

CONFIRMED MINUTES