



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2020 AT 9:00AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 9:50am

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Sarah Gallagher

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members: Attended at the Areyonga Council Office via video link

Member Sarah Gallagher (Chair), Member Jonathan Doolan, Member Daphne Puntjina, Member Garnet Djana and Member Hilda Bert

Councillors: Attended at the Areyonga Council Office via video link

President Roxanne Kenny, Cr Selina Kulitja

Council Employees: Attended at the Areyonga Council Office via video link

Jeff McLeod (Chief Executive Officer), Kathy Abbott (Area Manager), Chris Broomhall (CSC), Min Roebuck (Community Engagement Officer) and Robert Rabotot (Governance Officer)

Guests: Attended at the Areyonga Council Office via video link

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**3.2 Apologies/Absentee**

Apologies:

Cr Marlene Abbott, Member Peggy Gallagher

Absentees:

Member Joy Kunia

**3.3 Resignations**

Nil

**3.4 Terminations**

Nil

### **3.5 Nominations**

Nil

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**ARLA2020-032 RESOLVED(Sarah Gallagher/Daphne Puntjina)**

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

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

**ARLA2020-033 RESOLVED(Selina Kulitja/Garnet Djana)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting noted and confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting.**

## **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**

**ARLA2020-034 RESOLVED(Selina Kulitja/Sarah Gallagher)**

**That the Areyonga 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**

**ARLA2020-035 RESOLVED(Selina Kulitja/Sarah Gallagher)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority provided notification that there were no matters to be raised in General Council Business.**

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

### **6.3 Notification of Non-Council Business Items**

**ARLA2020-036 RESOLVED(Selina Kulitja/Sarah Gallagher)**

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

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

#### **ARLA2020-037 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Hilda Bert)**

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

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

#### **ARLA2020-038 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Hilda Bert)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting declare any 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.

#### **ARLA2020-039 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority

- a) Noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received, and
- b) Closed Action Item 1

### **9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from the NT Government Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Services for investing in community projects.

There is a total un-allocated balance of \$1,875.10 for the Local Authority to consider for investment into their community. This amount is comprised from the following two funds: \$0.00 is from the 2018/19 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2020. \$1,875.10 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

#### **ARLA2020-040 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority

- a) Noted and accepted the progress of their projects and close completed projects,
- b) Allocated the underspend of \$506.81 from Project 2154 to project 2158
- c) Requested projects 2151, 2154, 2158, 2155, 2156 and 2157 remain open

### **9.3 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 decide how to spend this money to best benefit everybody. This money cannot be carried over from year to year and it must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

#### **ARLA2020-041 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Sarah Gallagher)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority**

- a) Discussed the spending of their 2019/20 Discretionary Fund, and**
- b) Allocated remaining funds of \$1,181.82 for power cards to be evenly distributed amongst the Territory Housing for the Areyonga Community**

### **9.4 COUNCIL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Toward the end of the Council term the NT Electoral Commission seeks comment on the effectiveness, or not, of the MacDonnell Regional Council boundary and the four ward boundaries within. The Local Authority is invited to record its comments to inform Council's response to the electoral commission about the current electoral structure and whether it provides the most effective possible representation for constituents.

#### **ARLA2020-042 RESOLVED(Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority**

- a) Noted and accepted the report and provide their comments to Council, and**
- b) Requested to stay in Iyarrka Ward**

### **9.5 COVID-19 UPDATE**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a new virus. Symptoms include fever, coughing, a sore throat and shortness of breath. The virus can spread from person to person, but good hygiene can prevent infection. MRC in response to the COVID-19 outbreak has identified and is managing various risk through guidelines and regular communication with staff to ensure compliance.

#### **ARLA2020-043 RESOLVED(Garnet Djana/Sarah Gallagher)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the report on COVID-19 update.**

## **10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

#### **ARLA2020-044 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Daphne Puntjina)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report prepared by Chris Broomhall, Council Services Coordinator, Areyonga.**

**11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

**11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2020**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2020 in the Local Authority's community.

**ARLA2020-045 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Daphne Puntjina)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure Report as at 31 March 2020.**

**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.

We are now discussing the matters raised as follow:

- 1:.....
- 2:.....
- 3:.....
- 4:.....
- 5:.....
- 6:.....
- 7:.....
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- 9:.....
- 10:.....

**ARLA2020-046 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Daphne Puntjina)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority noted there were no items 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 Local Government, Housing and Community Development provide any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

##### **ARLA2020-047 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Garnet Djana)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) Noted there were no items raised for Non-Council Business items at Item 6.3; and
- b) Noted and accepted any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

### **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST, 2020**

### **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:07pm.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 13 May 2020 and were confirmed Wednesday 19 August 2020.