



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE 2021 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11.00AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chairperson Sarah Gallagher

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chair Sarah Gallagher, Member Jonathan Doolan, Member Joy Kunia and Member Daphne Puntjina

Councillors:

Cr Selina Kulitja and Councillor Marlene Abbott

Council Employees:

Bhan Pratap (Director Corporate Services), Donelle Fraser (Manager Service Delivery) and June Crabb (Governance Administration Officer)

Note: Yananai Mangwi (Youth Engagement Officer arrived at 1.10pm)

Guests:

Maria Viegas (Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Garnet Djana, Hilda Bert and President Roxanne Kenny

Absentees:

Nil

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

ARLA2021-024 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Joy Kunia)

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

3.3 Resignations

Nil

3.4 Terminations

Nil

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATION FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

There is currently one vacant position on the Areyonga Local Authority and as a consequence a call for nominations was recommended.

In the event of a vacancy, a new member will be nominated and appointed in accordance with the Local Government Act, Ministerial Guidelines and (Council Policy) CP111 Local Authorities.

Upon the recommendation of the Local Authority, Council appoints Local Authority members under the Local Government Act.

ARLA2021-025 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Marlene Abbott)

That the Local Authority noted the one vacancy and call for community nominations to remain open for 28 days.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

ARLA2021-026 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/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

ARLA2021-027 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Daphne Puntjina)

That the Minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority of 31 March 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

ARLA2021-028 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Jonathan Doolan)

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 ITEMS

ARLA2021-029 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority provided notification that no matters were 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 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

ARLA2021-030 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority provided no notification that no matters were raised in General Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

ARLA2021-031 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Daphne Puntjina)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

ARLA2021-032 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Daphne Puntjina)

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 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

ARLA2021-033 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) **Noted the progress report on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received; and**
- b) **Kept action 'Grade the main road into Community' and due to the large rocks and potholes as well as being worn down on some sections of the road, the Local Authority has requested that the Director Technical Services bring in machinery to build the road up before grading.**

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

There is a total un-committed balance of \$12,575.10 to allocate in their community. The Project Funds from 2019/2020 have been fully expended. \$12,575.10 is from the 2020/21 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2022.

ARLA2021-034 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) **Noted and accepted the progress of their projects;**
- b) **Kept open Project 2151 – Toilet Block;**
- c) **Kept open Project 2154 – Shade Shelter and water tank at men's area;**
- d) **Kept open Project 2155 – Install shade shelter and water tank at the Football Oval and requested that the CSC Areyonga purchase scaffolding to assist the team with installing the shade shelter;**
- e) **Kept open Project 2156 – Shade Shelter over Playground;**
- f) **Kept open Project 2157 – Youth Board Projects;**
- g) **Kept open Project 2158 – Trees at Football Oval, commit an additional \$5,000.00 and request that the CSC Areyonga purchase the trees;**
- h) **Kept open Project 2159 – Solar lights; and**
- i) **Noted that the parts have been ordered for the Damaged Stairs as listed in proposed projects.**

9.3 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.

ARLA2021-035 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Daphne Puntjina)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

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

9.4 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.

Consequently there is a balance of \$363.64 that will be forfeited if not expended by 30 June 2021.

ARLA2021-036 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) Noted the spending of their 2020/21 Discretionary Funds; and**
- b) Requested that the MacYouth team expend the \$363.64 being the balance 2020/2021 Discretionary funds before the 30th June 2021**

9.5 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.

ARLA2021-037 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Daphne Puntjina)

That the Areyonga 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.**

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.

ARLA2021-038 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Marlene Abbott)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report prepared by Dan Rees, Council Services Coordinator, Areyonga.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides and update on Community Services program delivery.

ARLA2021-039 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Joy Kunia)

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

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 May 2021 in the Local Authority Community.

ARLA2021-040 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Jonathan Doolan)

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

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.

ARLA2021-041 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted that no General Business 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 provide 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.

ARLA2021-042 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) Noted that no Non-Council Business items was raised at Item 6.3;**
- b) Noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;**
- c) Kept open 'Air-Conditioners';**
- d) Kept open 'NT Housing';**
- e) Kept open 'Move Sorry Camp' with a recommendation from the Representative that MRC write to CLC on behalf of the Local Authority to invite a CLC Representative to the next LA Meeting to discuss requirements in moving the Sorry Camp.**

The Representative from the Department of Chief Minister advised that they will seek the assistance of Parks and Wildlife NT to gain support in approaching Central Land Council regarding the wild horses.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 2021

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 2:03 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 16 June 2021 and were confirmed Wednesday, 8 December 2021.

CONFIRMED MINUTES