MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 10:31AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.31AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY CHAIR

***AMLA2021-060* RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Caroline Peters)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority nominated Councillor Lynette Ellis as Chair of the 10 November 2021 Local Authority Meeting.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Councillor Lynette Ellis

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members attended the meeting via phone from the Amoonguna Council Office.
Member Henry Oliver, Member Caroline Peters, Member Donna Dixon, Member Natasha Stuart and Member Rhekita Stuart.

Councillors attended the meeting via video from their respective Council office.
Councillor Lisa Sharman (Titjikala) and Councillor Patrick Allen (Finke)

Councillor Annie Young telephoned into the meeting.

Council Employees:

Bhan Pratap (Director Corporate Services), Simran Behl (Council Services Coordinator) and June Crabb (Governance Officer)

Guests:

Marilyn Dixon (Amoonguna resident), Bruce Fyfe (A/Director Regional Development, Department Chief Minister & Cabinet) and Robin Hall (Regional Development Officer, Department Chief Minister & Cabinet)

3.1 ATTENDANCE TO THE MEETING

AMLA2021-061 **RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Rhekita Stuart)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the attendance to the meeting.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Henry Oliver, Member Donna Dixon and Member Natasha Stuart

Absentees:

Nil

3.2 APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES TO THE MEETING

AMLA2021-062 **RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Rhekita Stuart)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the apologies given by the Authority members.

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 note changes to the membership of the Amoonguna Local Authority as a result of the Local Government election held in September 2021.

Appointments to Local Authorities have also been affected by changes introduced in the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act) implemented on 2 July 2021 and this paper also reflects those changes.

A vacancy was created due to the passing of the Local Authority Chair and subsequently a second vacancy occurred when the membership of Marina Alice was revoked at the meeting held 21 July 2021.

AMLA2021-063 **RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Caroline Peters)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

a) **welcomed Patrick Allen and Councillor Lisa Sharman as Councillors to Rodinga ward;**
b) **noted that the memberships of previous Councillors Susan Doolan and Greg Sharman are revoked;**
c) **noted that the President is no longer a member of the Authority;**
d) **noted that two vacancies were available on the Local Authority; and**
e) **called for community nominations to remain open for 21 days to fill the vacancies.**

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

AMLA2021-064 **RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Caroline Peters)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

AMLA2021-065 **RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Rhekita Stuart)**
That the Minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority held on 17 February 2021 and 21 July 2021 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

AMLA2021-066 **RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Caroline Peters)**
That the Amoonguna 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 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

AMLA2021-067 **RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Rhekita Stuart)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority provided notification of the following matter to raise in General Council Business.
1. Street lights

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

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF NON COUNCIL GENERAL BUSINESS

AMLA2021-068 **RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Rhekita Stuart)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority provided notification of the following matters to raise in Non Council General Business.
1. Amoonguna Rd.
2. Housing.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

AMLA2021-069 **RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Annie Young)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

AMLA2021-070 **RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Annie Young)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 LOCAL DECISION MAKING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C) plays a vital role in the economic, social and environmental development of the Northern Territory (NT) to deliver outcomes for all Territorians.

It is responsible for overseeing or coordinating major government strategies as well as positioning the NT to achieve those priorities

AMLA2021-071 **RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Rhekita Stuart)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

a) **noted and accepted the presentation; and**
b) **provided feedback to developing Local Decision Making strategies and practices.**

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.

AMLA2021-072 **RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Caroline Peters)**
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) **closed action – Fixing the lights at Basketball Court and switch box.**

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

AMLA2021-073 **RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Rhekita Stuart)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

a) **noted the release of the partial allocation for the 2021/2022 Project funds;**
b) **noted the funds held by the DCM&C and discussed projects to commit these funds to;**
c) **noted and accepted that the 2020/2021 project funds were fully allocated;**
d) **noted and accepted the progress of the following projects.**

AMLA2021-074 **RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Caroline Peters)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted completion and closed project 2101 – Scope of works to refurbish the Change rooms, and to credit the underspend of $20,073.15 back to the funds.

AMLA2021-075 **RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Caroline Peters)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted completion and closed project 2105 – Bus Shelter at Clinic and to credit the underspend of $915.00 back to the funds.

AMLA2021-076 **RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Caroline Peters)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted completion and closed project 2106 – Plants and Trees and to credit $2,117.23 back to the funds.

AMLA2021-077 **RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Caroline Peters)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority kept open project 2102 – Security options for the Recreation Hall and invite Technical Services Director and the Manager MacYouth to the next Local Authority meeting to discuss the options.

Email from Kitty Comerford, Acting Director Technical Services advising the Local Authority to be aware that alarms are expensive and not effective unless they are monitored which comes with ongoing costs.
If a roller door and mesh are required, where would they be fitted as the Rec Hall doors are sufficiently secure.

AMLA2021-078 **RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Rhekita Stuart)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority kept open project 2103 – Fence around Ross Park advising that they still wanted the project to go ahead.

AMLA2021-079 **RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Rhekita Stuart)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority kept open project 2104 – Community Park/Sports Area.

AMLA2021-080 **RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Caroline Peters)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority opened a new project named Solar lights, committed $20,000.00 towards the purchase of five (5) Solar lights.
The Local Authority will discuss with the CSC Amoonguna on the locations.

AMLA2021-081 **RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Caroline Peters)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority opened a new project named Paint the Football Changing rooms, committing the funds of $7,079.00 from the 2018/2019 project grant and $2,921.00 from the 2020/2021 project grant towards Painting the Football Changing rooms blue and yellow.

AMLA2021-082 **RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Caroline Peters)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority opened a new project named Paint the Rec Hall toilets, committed $10,000.00 and requested that the toilets also be painted blue and yellow.

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.

AMLA2021-083 **RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Caroline Peters)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and discussed the spending of their 2021/2022 Discretionary fund.

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.

AMLA2021-084 **RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Caroline Peters)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report.

10.2 COMMUNTIY SERVICE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.
AMLA2021-085 **RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Caroline Peters)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Service report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The expenditure report shows spending until 30 September 2021 in the Local Authority Community.

AMLA2021-086 **RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Caroline Peters)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure Report as at 30 September 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.

AMLA2021-087 **RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Caroline Peters)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority discussed the items raised at Item 6.2.

1. Street lights.
The Local Authority advised that some of the street lights were not working and some lights were constantly flickering. Councillor Ellis requested that the lights be fixed.
The CSC advised that he will check the street lights and if the Community notices any other faults to either let him know or to contact the emergency number.

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.

AMLA2021-088 **RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Caroline Peters)**
That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

a) noted and accepted the progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;
b) closed action 'Kids riding motorbikes in Community' and
c) discussed the Non-Council Business item raised at item 6.3.

1. Amoonguna Road.
The Department of Chief Minister & Cabinet *(DCM&C)* representative suggested that the Local Authority check with Technical Services to see if there was a timeline given to widen and mark the road, as both the Department Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics *(DIPL)* and MacDonnell Regional Council *(MRC)* had agreed to the project.

2. Housing.
The Local Authority requested that they are advised on when the next Housing Reference Group meeting is.
DCM&C Representative will forward their request onto Housing to inform Councillor Ellis of the date.

3. Covid 19 Travel.
DCM&C Representative advised the Local Authority that a new mandate will be forthcoming that will be for everyone travelling into remote Communities, they must wear masks and be tested 72 hours before travel.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9 MARCH 2022

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:26 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 10 November 2021 and are CONFIRMED on 9 March 2022.