



**MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2022 AT 10:30AM**

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11.03AM

Note: Meeting was conducted as a provisional meeting due to quorum not being met.

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR

AML2022-023 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Patrick Allen)

That the Provisional meeting of Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and nominated Councillor Lisa Sharman as Acting Chair of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held 1 June 2022.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Councillor Lisa Sharman (Acting Chair)

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Henry Oliver

Councillors:

Councillor Annie Young via telephone, Councillor Lisa Sharman and Councillor Patrick Allen

Council Employees:

Jeff MacLeod, CEO, Keith Hassett, (Area Manager Service Delivery), Simran Behl, (Council Services Coordinator, Amoonguna), Ted Lawrence, (Coordinator Youth Service joined at 11:30am), Samantha Stuart, (Senior Officer Youth Services joined at 11:30am) and Gaurab Ghimire, (Governance Administration Officer)

Guests:

Robin Hall (Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet)

Andrew Ross (Department of education)

Daniel Measures (Liaison Officer for Bill Yan, Member for Namatjira)

Noel Naidoo (Operations Manager, Desert Funerals)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Councillor Lynette Ellis

Absentees:

Member Caroline Peters and Member Rhekita Stuart

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGY AND ABSENTEES

AML2022-024 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Henry Oliver)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority of vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted the attendance and absentees to the meeting;**
- b) accepted the apology given by Councillor Lynette Ellis**
- c) requested that letters be written to Members Caroline Peters and Rhekita Stuart regarding their absence from the meeting, and to confirm that they no longer reside in Community;**
- d) requested that Council endorse the resignation if confirmation is received from Caroline Peters and Rhekita Stuart**

3.3 Resignations

RESIGNATION LA MEMBERSHIP

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is to provide the Local Authority member with a notification on a resignation received from a member to resign from the Local Authority Membership. There will be a vacancy in the local authority following the resignation.

AML2022-025 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Henry Oliver)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority of vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted and accepted the resignation provided by Member Donna Dixon**
- b) noted and accepted the second resignation submitted by member Natasha Stuart**
- c) noted that the resignations received from Donna Dixon and Natasha Stuart be endorsed at the June 2022 Ordinary Council meeting.**

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NOMINATIONS TO AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

It is to be noted that two vacancies were available and a nomination was received from community resident Marilyn Dixon. Due to an administrative oversight, Marilyn's nomination will be put forward to Council at the June 2022 meeting.

Second vacancy was created following the resignation of member Donna Dixon. Two vacancy remains on the Local Authority and it is recommended that Community nominations remain open to fill the vacancy.

During the meeting, one more resignation was received from member Natasha Stuart which created third vacancy. It is to be noted that all three nomination was received during the meeting.

AML2022-026 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Lisa Sharman)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority of vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted that Marilyn Dixon's nomination is yet to be ratified by Council;**
- b) noted that there are three vacancies currently available on the Authority;**
- c) noted that nominations have been received from community residents, Lawrence Webb, Travis Williams and Samantha Stuart**
- d) noted that all four nominations will be ratified at the June Ordinary Council Meeting.**

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

AML2022-027 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)

That the Provisional meeting of Titjikala Local Authority by majority of vote, made a recommendation to council and noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the Provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority of vote, made a recommendation to council:

- a) that the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority meeting held on the 9 March 2022 be adopted as a resolution of the Amoonguna Local Authority.**

Note: That the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority ordinary meeting of 9 March 2022 was not discussed because a provisional meeting cannot confirm a meeting held with a full quorum.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

AML2022-028 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Lisa Sharman)

That the Provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority of vote, made a recommendation to council and noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

AMLA2022-029 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Annie Young)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority of vote, made a recommendation to council that the members have provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

- ATM at Amoonguna
- Basic Card facility
- Employee at the store from the community

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

AMLA2022-030 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Henry Oliver)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority of vote, made a recommendation to council that the members have provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business as follows:

- Alcohol restriction and dry communities
- Community leadership group and Aboriginal Justice committee

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

AMLA2022-031 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Patrick Allen)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority of vote, made a recommendation to council and noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

AMLA2022-032 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Patrick Allen)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority of vote, made a recommendation to council and declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

DESERT FUNERALS SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Desert funerals provides services in the region and they are a non for profit organisation. They would like to take an opportunity to speak to the community members and answer any questions on their services. They are consulting with the community on how they can meet the needs of a community as a not for profit organisation.

AMLA2022-033 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Henry Oliver)

That the provisional meeting of Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the presentation by Desert Funerals Representative.

8.1 DEPUTATIONS/ GUEST SPEAKERS

AMLA2022-034 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Henry Oliver)

That the provisional meeting of Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the presentation by Andrew Ross, Department of Education on Local Engagement and Decision Making.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ACTION REGISTER - AMOONGUNA LA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

AMLA2022-035 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Patrick Allen)

That the provisional meeting of Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council to;

- a) note and accept the progress reports on the actions from the minutes of the previous meeting as received;**
- b) accept the apology from MacCare Manager for not being present due to a prior appointment;**
- c) keeps the action open for site clearance from CLC and provide update on the next meeting regarding what project could be done at the site.**

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.

Examples of *acceptable* purposes for expenditure include:

- 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.

Amoonguna currently has \$3,500.00 to spend on Community projects.

As a result of invoices being received after the underspend had been credited back to un-allocated funds, The Local Authority is being asked to rescind the resolution made at the meeting held 10 November 2021, to Project 2105 – Bus shelter at Clinic and Project 2106 – Plants & Trees.

And be informed that there will be surplus of \$1,813.89 to add in the fund after amendment.

AML2022-036 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Patrick Allen)

That the Provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and rescinds the resolution made at the meeting held 10 November 2021 and:

- returned the funds of \$915.00 back to Project 2105 – Bus Shelter at Clinic and**
- returned the funds of \$2,117.23 back to Project 2106 - Plants and Trees.**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) noted the invoice for \$89.65 received for Project 2105, credits the underspend of \$825.35 to un-allocated funds and closes project;**
- b) noted the invoice for \$1,961.27 received for Project 2106, credits the underspend of \$200.87 to un-allocated funds and closes project;**
- c) accepted that t underspend to Project 2101 – Scope of works for Change rooms is \$787.67, credits the underspend to un-allocated funds and closes project;**
- d) noted a return of \$1,813.89 to un-allocated funds after the amendments;**
- e) noted the update to their current projects and kept open;**
 - Project 2102 – Security option for the rec hall –until project completed;**
 - Project 2103 – Fence around Ross Park;**
 - Project 2104 – Community park/Sports area – This project is on discussion and noted on the action register;**
 - Project 2107 – Solar lights – request CSC and LA members works together with Councilor Lynette to provide options for a suitable location;**
 - Project 2108 – Painting football changing room – Ted Lawrence, Youth coordinator advised that the project would cost less that allocated funds and will get the quotes;**
 - Project 2109 – Paint the Rec hall toilets – supplies has been received and the work will be completed within a week or two.**

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.

AMLA2022-037 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Henry Oliver)

That the Provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and;

- a) noted and discussed the spending of their 2021/2022 Discretionary fund.
- b) noted that the funds can be used by circular letter with majority members
- c) notes and discusses the remaining balance to spend before the end of 30 June 2022.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

AMLA2022-038 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Henry Oliver)

That the Provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the attached report.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

AMLA2022-039 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That the Provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the Community Services report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING GRANT ACQUITTAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached certificate for NT Local Authority Project Funding is required to be laid before the Authority for noting.

AMLA2022-040 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Patrick Allen)

That the Provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted the certification for use of the 2018-19 expired funds for the Local Authority Project funding.

EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 April 2022 in the Local Authority Community.

AMLA2022-041 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Henry Oliver)

That the Provisional meeting of Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the Expenditure Report as at 30 April 2022.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

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.

AMLA2022-042 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Annie Young)

That the Provisional meeting of Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and discussed the items raised at Item 6.2. as below;

- ATM at Amoonguna – Member Henry asked if it was possible to get the ATM keep operating. It was advised by the CEO that due to its minimum use, operating cost and security arrangement are not economically viable to keep ATM operating. No further action required.

- Basic card facility – Member requested that the basic card reader be accessible to allow access balance and it was advised that the CSC will follow up with services Australia and provide update in the next meeting. This item is suggested to be on the action register.

- Employee at the community store from the community – member asked if the community store could employ a resident from the community. It was advised that the store has put up advertisement for community resident to come forward for employment for a very long time and but no one has submitted their resume and no one has shown their interest.
The employment is still available for interested community resident and request to come forward. The store is looking to fill in the role as soon as possible.
No further action required.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

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.

AMLA2022-043 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Henry Oliver)

That the Provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and;

- a) **noted and discussed the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3 as below;**
- **Alcohol restrictions and dry communities**
It was advised that alcohol restrictions will remain in place for all MRC Communities that were classified as dry communities. The exception would be Amoonguna, noted as being a 'wet' community and will remain so as previously classified due to alcohol restrictions not applying.

Restrictions being eased in previously dry communities comes into effect from midnight, 16th July 2022.

It is noted that the Amoonguna community has 6 weeks to submit a request to the agency if they wish to reverse the classification and restrict alcohol from their community.

No further action required.

- **Aboriginal leadership group and aboriginal justice committee**
It was advised that the community could form leadership group and justice committee to discuss their matter of concern.
No further action required.

- b) notes and accepts any progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet as below;
 - **Housing – by Robin Hall**
In response to the question from the LA regarding the next HRG meeting, Housing informs me that Gene Martin is away at the moment and the next meeting is still in the planning stage. Advice will be provided once the date has been set.
 - **DCMC – Department of education representative has attended and provided presentation as noted in the deputation and closed this action.**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST, 2022

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:30pm.

This page and the preceding 8 pages are the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 1 June 2022 and were CONFIRMED on 31 August 2022.

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Chairperson

Date: