



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2022 AT
10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:30AM

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

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR

AML2022-069 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Caroline Peters)

That the Provisional meeting of Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and nominated Councillor Ellis as Acting Chair of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held 2 Nov 2022.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Members and guest present at the meeting were welcomed by Acting Chair Cr Ellis.

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Caroline Peters and Lawrence Webb

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Ellis and Councillor Patrick Allen

Council Employees:

Michael Tomlinson, Acting Operation Director, Simran Behl, CSC Amoonguna, Kaisa Suumann, Coordinator Community Engagement Project Coordinator and Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Administration Officer

Guests:

Enoch Menge, Depart of Chief Minister and Cabinet
Daniel Measures, Liaison Officer Non Elect

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Councillor Lisa Sharman and Member Samantha Stuart

Absentees:

Member Henry Oliver and Travis Williams

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGY AND ABSENTEES

AML2022-070 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Caroline Peters)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority of vote, made a recommendation to council and noted absentees, apologies and attendance to the meeting.

3.3 RESIGNATIONS

AML2022-071 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Caroline Peters)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted the verbal resignation given by member Marilyn Dixon due to being unwell.

3.4 TERMINATIONS

AML2022-072 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Caroline Peters)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted that the member Travis Williams has been terminated from the Amoonguna Authority membership as being absent without approval for two consecutive Amoonguna Local Authority meetings.

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

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 noted that at the 31 August 2022 meeting, the Authority resolved that the membership of Rhekita Stuart be revoked for being absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings. Council endorsed the resolution at the 28 October 2022 Council meeting.

It is recommended that the Authority consider appointing a Chairperson.

AML2022-073 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Caroline Peters)

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

- a) that there have been three new vacancies on the Local Authority Membership;**
- b) calls for community nominations to open to fill the vacancies; and**
- c) discussed to appoint a Chairperson but no appointment was made.**

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

AMLA2022-074 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Caroline Peters)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority ordinary meeting held on 31 August 2022 be adopted as a resolution of the Amoonguna Local Authority.

Minutes note: although the previous minutes at item 5.1 was discussed, it is to be noted that the provisional meeting cannot confirm the minutes held with a full quorum. Hence, previous minutes of 31st August 2022 will be presented to the authority for confirmation at the next meeting with full quorum.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

AMLA2022-075 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Patrick Allen)

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

AMLA2022-076 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Patrick Allen)

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

- a) Basketball court and kids damaging the assets within
- b) Painting the changing rooms
- c) Slicer, one that fits on the bob cat
- d) Projector at the rec hall to showcase movies
- e) LA to attend Youth board and Night Patrol upcoming meetings
- f) Abandon cars in the community

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

AMLA2022-077 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Patrick Allen)

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

- a) Housing and fencing

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

AMLA2022-078 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lawrence Webb)

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

AMLA2022-079 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lawrence Webb)

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

Nil

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.

AMLA2022-080 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Caroline Peters)

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

- a) noted and accepted the progress reports on the actions from the minutes of the previous meeting as received; and
- b) kept both actions open for update at the next meeting.

9.2 YOUTH BOARD PROJECT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Youth Boards can be a great way for young people to engage in the decision making process for their community. Involving young people benefits their Community by building their skills and knowledge to grow, learn, develop and lead.

Young people can develop these strengths when they are connected to programs that have effective youth engagement strategies.

AMLA2022-081 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lawrence Webb)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, noted that quoted submitted were received & discussed and made a recommendation to council that the Local Authority would like to see the quote resubmitted once a new allocation to LA fund is received.

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.

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 \$20,670.58 of unallocated funds to spend on Community projects.

AMLA2022-082 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Lawrence Webb)

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

- a) noted the update to their current projects as follows;**
 - **Project 2107 – Solar Lights, lights hasn’t been received yet, kept project open;**
- b) discussed and created new project from the wish list with the balance of \$5,000.00 ‘Fence for the footy oval’ and requested Service Delivery to provide cost estimation;**
- c) created a new project ‘Shade shelter & water tank for the sorry camp’ and allocated \$10,000.00; and**
- d) created a new project ‘Softball oval cracker dust & fencing’ and allocated \$5,000.00 to the project.**

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.

The Authority is reminded that there is an outstanding purchase order for \$90.91 and invoice hasn't been received. This will be paid off against the discretionary fund for the year 2022/23 if invoice is received.

AML2022-083 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Caroline Peters)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and discussed the spending of its 2022/2023 Discretionary Funds to be used for Christmas and New Year celebration with a discretionary fund letter.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 CSC LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

AML2022-084 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Cr Ellis)

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

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides and update on Community Services program delivery.

AML2022-085 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lawrence Webb)

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

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

AML2022-086 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Cr Ellis)

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

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to give members the opportunity to discuss any General Council Business matters raised at item 6.2.

AMLA2022-087 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Cr Ellis)

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

- a) Basketball court and kids damaging the assets within
Cr Ellis raised that the kids and youth at the court are damaging properties such as entry gate, changing room door and power meter box. This matter will be provided to MacSafe for their attention.
- b) Painting the changing rooms
Cr Ellis raised if the remaining painting could be used for the rec hall. This will be addressed by Youth team and coordinator who was present at the meeting.
- c) Slicer, one that fits on the bob cat
Cr Ellis wanted to check if there was possibility of getting a bigger slicer and in response, Simran CSC updated that there are already two slicer in use for the council and it's a council business. No further action.
- d) Projector at the rec hall to show movies
Cr Ellis requested if the projector at the rec hall could be made operational to show movies in the community and Coordinator Kaisa responded that she will liaise with Ted who will provide an update at the next meeting. Registered for action item.
- e) LA to attend Youth board and Night Patrol upcoming meetings
Cr Ellis expressed that she and the Authority members are keen to take part in youth board and night patrol meetings and be informed prior to the meeting.
- f) Abandon cars in the community
Cr Ellis raised that there are abandoned cars near the school and community houses that needs to be sent to dumping, and CSC Simran responded the cars are dumped when reported and will follow up on this. No further action.
- g) Amoonguna Store to remain open on Saturday
It was requested to check on the possibility of opening the store on Saturday as well even if it for few hours from 9am to 12pm. This item will be followed on the action register for follow up.
- h) Rubbish dump at Amoonguna turn off
It has been discussed that the people are bringing in rubbish from outside the community and dumping at the Amoonguna turn off and although the camera was installed to monitor the situations but the camera itself has been stolen.
Members requested the possibility to fence the entire area from the turn off to Community and asked that Technical Services provide advice on if this option may work.
- i) Recording of LA meetings
Michael Tomlinson, Manager Governance and Compliance opened the topic to gather

the opinion of Local Authority regarding the possibility of recording audio of the LA meetings given that it would assist for writing accurate minutes and Authority expressed that they are in favour of doing so.

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.

AMLA2022-088 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Cr Ellis)

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

- a) noted and discusses the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3 as follows:**
 - Housing and fencing – Gini Martin is back and more update in the exiting action register will be made available regarding community housing and fencing at the next meeting.
- b) noted and accepted progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:34 am.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 2 November 2022 and were CONFIRMED on 29 March 2023.