



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 7 JULY 2021 AT 11:17AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11:17am

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Michael Ferguson (Chair)

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members: attended at the Finke Council Office via telephone

Chair Michael Ferguson, Member Charmaine Stuart, Member Michelle Allen, Member Rosemary Matasia, Member Jill Doolan and Member Richard Doolan

Councillors: attended at their respective Council Offices via videolink

President Roxanne Kenny, Cr Susan Doolan, Cr Lynette Ellis and Cr Annie Young

Council Employees: attended from their respective Council Office via videolink

Simon Murphy (Director Technical Services), Ken Satour (CSC Finke), Annalisa Young (CSC Santa Teresa), Max Baliva (CSC Hermannsburg) and June Crabb (Governance Administration Officer)

Attended from the Finke Council Office via telephone

Kathleen Abbott (Area Manager Service Delivery)

Guests: attended from their respective office via videolink

Robin Hall (Department Chief Minister and Cabinet) and Matthew Adams-Richardson (Office of Warren Snowden)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Deputy President Greg Sharman

Absentees:

Nil

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

FLA2021-042 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Lynette Ellis)

That the meeting of the Finke 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 NOMINATIONS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the Finke Local Authority Meeting of 21 May 2020, a vacancy was created due to the termination of a member being absent from two consecutive meetings 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 MC02-P2 Local Authority Meeting Procedure.

Council appoints Local Authority Members under the Local Government Act.

FLA2021-043 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Michael Ferguson)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) Noted the vacancy; and
- b) Called for community nominations to remain open for a further 21 days.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

FLA2021-044 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Lynette Ellis)

That the Finke Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

FLA2021-045 RESOLVED (Michelle Allen/Charmaine Stuart)

That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority meeting of 14 April 2021 be adopted as a resolution of Finke 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 AGENDA

FLA2021-046 RESOLVED (Charmaine Stuart/Richard Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority noted that the papers circulated for consideration at the meeting were received.

6.2 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

FLA2021-047 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Richard Doolan)

That the Finke 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

FLA2021-048 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Richard Doolan)

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

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

FLA2021-049 RESOLVED (Rosemary Matasia/Susan Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

FLA2021-050 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Michael Ferguson)

That the Finke Local Authority 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 gives the Local Authority an opportunity to check that actions from previous meetings are being implemented.

FLA2021-051 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Jill Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) Noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received;
- b) Closed Action - Scavenging Pigs
- c) Closed Action – Invite Minister Paech; and
- d) Closed Action – Invite NT Treaty

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

Funds from the 2019/20 Project Fund has been fully expended before 30 June 2021.
Funds from the 2020/21 Project Fund has been fully expended before 30 June 2022.

FLA2021-052 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Charmaine Stuart)

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the progress of their projects.

FLA2021-053 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Michael Ferguson)

- a) Kept open Project 2192 – Shade structures at oval

FLA2021-054 RESOLVED (Rosemary Matasia/Jill Doolan)

- a) Kept open Project 2193 – Bench seats

FLA2021-055 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Charmaine Stuart)

- a) Kept open Project 2194 – Trees around oval

FLA2021-056 RESOLVED (Michelle Allen/Charmaine Stuart)

- a) Kept open Project 2195 – Fence around Titji Park

FLA2021-057 RESOLVED (Rosemary Matasia/Susan Doolan)

- a) Kept open Project 2196 – Wood fire BBQ

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 decisions about how to spend this money must benefit everybody. This money cannot be carried over from year to year and it must be spend (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

FLA2021-058 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Susan Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) Noted that the commitment made at the 14 April 2021 Meeting of \$2,426.52 towards the Community Sports weekend scheduled for June 2021 was omitted from the Discretionary funds report at the meeting held 7 July 2021;
- b) Requested that Council reinstate the \$2,426.52 being the balance of the 2020/2021 Discretionary Funds as the Community Sports weekend scheduled for June 2021 did not take place due to Covid restrictions; and
- c) From the 2021/2022 Discretionary Funds, commit \$100.00 per house towards Power Cards and the balance to go to the Community Sports weekend.

9.4 2021-22 MRC REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the Council meeting held on 25 June 2021, the 2021-22 MRC Regional Plan was approved. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission *to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services*. MRC will continue to strive towards the goals of Developing Communities, Healthy Communities, Empowered Communities and A Supportive Organisation, and the objectives that sit beneath these goals.

The Regional Plan has been sent to an Alice Springs printing company and will be brought out to all MRC communities once it is printed. It is available on the MRC website here: <https://www.macdonnell.nt.gov.au/uploads/misc/2021-22-MRC-Regional-Plan.pdf>

Please note that there has been transition in the Governance and Engagement Team, which has led to a temporary pause of work on Engagement Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

FLA2021-059 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Michael Ferguson)

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the report presenting the 2021-22 MRC Regional Plan.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of council delivered services in Finke across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

FLA2021-060 RESOLVED (Rosemary Matasia/Susan Doolan)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report prepared by Kathleen Abbott Manager Service Centre Delivery.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

FLA2021-061 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Michelle Allen)

That the Finke 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.

FLA2021-062 RESOLVED (Rosemary Matasia/Michelle Allen)

That the Finke 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.

FLA2021-063 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Michael Ferguson)

That the Finke 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 will be in attendance to provide any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members of the Finke Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

FLA2021-064 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Charmaine Stuart)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) Noted that no Non-Council Business items was raised at Item 6.3; and,
- b) Noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- c) Kept open 'Room to Breathe Program'. The Representative from DCMC advised that a meeting was scheduled in Finke for the 27 July 2021 and for the Community to raise any housing issues at that meeting;
- d) Kept open 'Maintenance to Swampy's'. The Representative reiterated for the Community to follow the standard procedure when submitting maintenance requests; and
- e) Kept open 'Roads' with the Representative advising that if he received any updates, he would send a report to MRC Governance to include in the next LA Agenda.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER, 2021

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:21 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Finke Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 7 July 2021 and were confirmed Wednesday, 20 October 2021.

CONFIRMED MINUTES