



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL 2021 AT 10:47AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:47AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Michael Ferguson

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

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

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Greg Sharman and Cr Lynette Ellis

Council Employees:

Luke Everingham (Acting Director Community Services), Alex Knight (Manager Service Delivery) Ken Satour (Council Services Coordinator, Finke), Jeff Tan (Communications and Engagement Coordinator) and June Crabb (Governance Administration Officer).

Guests:

Robin Hall (Community Development, Chief Minister and Cabinet), John (Tony) Bohning (Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Office of Namatjira and Mathew Adams-Richardson (Office of Warren Snowden).

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Rosemary Matasia, Member Jill Doolan and Cr Susan Doolan.

Absentees:

Cr Annie Young

Attendance, Apologies and Absentees

FLA2021-022 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Richard Doolan)

That 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 at 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 Council Policy 111 Local Authorities.

Council appoints Local Authority Members under the Local Authority Act.

FLA2021-023 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Michelle Allen)

That the Finke Local Authority called for community nominations to remain open a further 28 days in order to fill the vacancy.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

FLA2021-024 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Richard Doolan)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

FLA2021-025 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Michelle Allen)

That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority meeting:

- a) 19 November 2020 be adopted as a resolution of the Finke Local Authority.

FLA2021-026 RESOLVED (Michelle Allen/Greg Sharman)

That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority Meeting:

- b) 3 February 2021 held as a Provisional Meeting 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 the Agenda

FLA2021-027 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Richard Doolan)

That of 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 Business Items

FLA2021-028 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Richard Doolan)

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note the following notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business:

1. Waste Management Facility.

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

6.3 Notifications of Non-Council Business Items

FLA2021-029 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Charmaine Stuart)

That the Finke Local Authority noted that no notification of matters were raised for Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

FLA2021-030 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

FLA2021-031 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)

That the Finke Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 LG ELECTIONS 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet's plan is to inform Council and Local Authorities that the Local Government general elections are taking place on 28 August 2021.

The Department will be talking with community members to raise awareness, encourage people to enrol on the electoral roll, encourage people to vote in the election, encourage people to nominate for office, and encourage people to vote in the election.

FLA2021-032 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the presentation.

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.

FLA2021-033 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Michelle Allen)

That the Finke Local Authority noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received and:

- a) Kept open Action - NT Treaty Commission until the date for a meeting is set;
- b) Kept open Action – Invite Minister Paech until a confirmation is received that the Minister will attend a Local Authority meeting in Finke; and
- c) Kept open Action – Scavenging Pigs and request that the CSC Finke and Manager Service Delivery liaise with the owner of the pigs to secure their animals.

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.

There is a total un-committed balance of \$1,687.36 to allocate in the community.
\$0.00 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.
\$1,687.36 is from the 2020/21 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2022.

FLA2021-034 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Michael Ferguson)

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

- a) Kept open Project 2192 – Shade Structures at Oval. Currently waiting to be freighted from Alice Springs to Finke;
- b) Kept open Project 2193 – Bench Seats as freight needs to be arranged;
- c) Kept open Project 2194 – Trees around Oval;
- d) Kept open Project 2195 – Fence around Titji Park until completed
- e) Create a new Project from the wishlist – Wood fire BBQ to be built near the football oval and commit the remaining unallocated funds of \$1,687.36 towards the project.

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.

FLA2021-035 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Michael Ferguson)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) **Noted and accepted the report; and**
- b) **Provided feedback towards the Community 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 decisions about how to spend this money must 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.

FLA2021-036 RESOLVED (Michelle Allen/Charmaine Stuart)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) **Noted the spending of their 2020/21 Discretionary Funds; and**
- b) **Agreed that the remaining Discretionary funds of \$2,430.74 be committed to the Community Sports Weekend held in 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.

FLA2021-037 RESOLVED (Michelle Allen/Greg Sharman)

That the Finke 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.**

Break for lunch at 12.39pm
Meeting resumed at 1.35pm

Quorum was lost as Councillor Ellis excused herself to attend a hospital appointment in Alice Springs. The rest of the meeting was then conducted as a Provisional Meeting.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Finke across the area of Local

Government Service Delivery.

FLA2021-038 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Richard Doolan)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note and accept the attached report prepared by Alex Knight, Manager Service Centre Delivery.

Alex Knight introduced the new CSC for Finke, Ken Satour. 'With Ken's knowledge and experience working with Communities in the Territory, Ken will be a great asset for the Community of Finke'.

FLA2021-039 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Richard Doolan)

During the CSC report, the Local Authority discussed the item 'Waste Management Facility'. It was advised that Central Land Council (CLC) had raised an issue with MRC stating that there is a restricted site very close to the Tip. CLC have requested that it be cleaned up as there is a lot of legacy waste scattered around. CSC Finke and the Manager Service Delivery will follow up to determine a feasible solution.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

FLA2021-040 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Michael Ferguson)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note and accept the Community Services report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 28 February 2021 in the Local Authority community.

FLA2021-041 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Michael Ferguson)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to note and accept the Expenditure Report as at 28 February 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.

FLA2021-042 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Richard Doolan)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority vote, made a

recommendation to Council to note that the General Business items raised at Item 6.2. had already been discussed.

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 attended 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.

FLA2021-043 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Greg Sharman)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to:

- a) Note that there was no Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3;
- b) Note and accept the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- c) Close 'Overdue 4 new houses';
- d) Keep open 'Room to Breathe Program' and the representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCMC) will seek further clarity on the date for a meeting with the Housing Reference Group;
- e) Keep open 'Maintenance to Swampy's'. The representative from DCMC advised that if the Swampy's that Housing had installed needed fixing, it was Housing's responsibility to have them repaired.
- f) Keep open 'Road'. The Grader was on the Kulgera/Finke Road doing touch ups and the driver usually assesses what further actions need to be taken and reports to Department Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL).

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 7 JULY, 2021

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 2:17 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Finke Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 14 April 2021 and were confirmed on Wednesday, 7 July 2021.