



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING HELD IN
THE TITJI PARK ON THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 9:45AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 9:45 AM

FLA2020-079 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Charmaine Stuart)

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to nominate Councillor Susan Doolan as Chair for the Finke Local Authority meeting of 17 September 2020.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Cr. Susan Doolan

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Charmaine Stuart, Rosemary Matasia

Councillors:

Deputy President Greg Sharman, Cr Susan Doolan, Cr Lynette Ellis (via phone)

Council Employees:

Jeff MacLeod (CEO), Lou Bloom (EA to CEO), CT Fraser (Area Manager), Heather Smith (CSC Finke), Jeff Tan (Coordinator Communications and Engagement), Min Roebuck (Community Engagement Officer), June Crabb (Governance Administration Officer) and Robert Rabotot (Governance Officer)

Guests:

Robin Hall (Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny, Chair Michael Ferguson, Michelle Allen, Jill Doolan, Richard Doolan

Absentees:

Nil

Attendance, Apologies and Absentees

FLA2020-080 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to note the attendance, apologies and absentees of the meeting.

Note: Quorum not met, this meeting was conducted as a Provisional Meeting.

3.3 Resignations

Nil

3.4 Terminations

Nil

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Following the termination of a member at this meeting, one vacancy in the Finke Local Authority opens and as a consequence a call for nominations is recommended.

FLA2020-081 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Charmaine Stuart)

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to keep the call for community nominations in order to fill the vacancy open.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

FLA2020-082 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council that the Council Code of Conduct was noted.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority meeting of 21 May 2020 be adopted as a resolution of Finke Local Authority.

This item was not discussed as this meeting was conducted as a Provisional Meeting.

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

FLA2020-083 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)

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

FLA2020-084 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note that notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business were provided as follow:

1. Taps at Sorry Camp and Cemetary

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

6.3 Notifications of Non-Council Business Items

FLA2020-085 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note that no notification of matters for Non-Council Business were provided.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

FLA2020-086 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note that the Conflict of Interest policy was noted.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

FLA2020-087 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note that no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda were declared.

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.

FLA2020-088 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

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

- a) Note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received; and
- b) Close Action Item 1 – Open Space Meeting.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

There is a total un-committed balance of \$26,980.00 to allocate in their community. \$80.00 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021. \$26,900.00 is from the 2020/21 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2022.

FLA2020-089 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Charmaine Stuart)

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

- a) Note and accept the progress of their projects;**
- b) Keep all projects open;**
- c) Create a new project named 'Fence around Titji Park';**
- d) Seek quotation for 1.8 metre high fence for approval at the Finke Local Authority of 18 November 2020.**

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.

FLA2020-090 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

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

- a) Note and accept the report, and**
- b) Provide feedback towards the Finke 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 spend (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) Note the spending of their 2019/20 Discretionary Funds; and**
- b) Note and discuss the spending of their 2020/21 Discretionary Funds.**

Note: This item was not discussed as this meeting was conducted as a Provisional Meeting.

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.

FLA2020-091 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Charmaine Stuart)

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

- a) Note and accept the report, and
- b) Provide guidance and support for MRC staff to meet the objectives of the MRC 2020-21 Regional Plan.

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

FLA2020-092 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

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

- a) Note and accept the attached report prepared by Heather Smith, Council Services Coordinator, Finke; and
- b) Request to have the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) contacted in order to attend to the scavenging pigs in the community.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

FLA2020-093 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Susan Doolan)

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

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 June 2020 in the Local Authority's community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority note and accept the Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2020.

Note: This item was not discussed as this meeting was conducted as a Provisional Meeting.

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.

FLA2020-094 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Greg Sharman)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note that the Local Authority discussed the General Business items raised at Item 6.2 as follow:

1. Tap at Sorry Camp and Cemetary

The Local Authority advised that the taps at the Sorry Camp and the Cemetary are placed low on the ground and a leak was found at the Sorry Camp.

The Local Authority requested to have the tap at the Sorry Camp installed at the sink that is already in place.

The Local Authority requested to have the water to be re-instated at the cemetary.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of the 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 Santa Teresa Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

FLA2020-095 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Charmaine Stuart)

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

- a) Note that no items to be discussed the Non-Council Business were raised at Item 6.3; and,
- b) Note and accept the updates and progress from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet on actions, Overdue 4 new houses, and, Room to Breathe Program, that a team from Darren Johnson's office (Senior Director Land Tenure) will be in Finke next week and these matters can be discussed then.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER, 2020

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:28 pm.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Finke Local Authority Provisional Meeting held on Thursday, 17 September 2020 and were confirmed Thursday, 19 November 2020.