



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE  
COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2021 AT 11:32AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 11.32AM

**1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIR**

**FLA2021-065 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Jill Doolan)**

**That the Finke Local Authority by unanimous vote, nominated Councillor Patrick Allen as Acting Chair of the Finke Local Authority meeting.**

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Councillor Patrick Allen

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Michelle Allen and Member Jill Doolan

Councillors:

Councillor Annie Young (dialled in from the Santa Teresa office), Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Lynette Ellis and Councillor Patrick Allen

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart (Director Service Centre Delivery), Keith Hassett (Area Manager Service Delivery), Ken Satour (Council Services Coordinator, Finke), Joe Rawson (Essential Services Officer, Finke) and June Crabb (Governance Officer)

Guests:

Eric Turner (Department Chief Minister & Cabinet),

John (Tony) Bohning (Aboriginal Liaison Officer of Member for Namatjira office) and

Damian Ryan (Country Liberal Party Candidate for Lingiari)

### **3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

#### Apologies:

Chairman Michael Ferguson, Member Rosemary Matasia, Member Charmaine Stuart and Member Richard Doolan and President Roxanne Kenny.

#### Absentees:

Nil

### **3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES**

#### **FLA2021-066 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Lisa Sharman)**

**That the Finke Local Authority noted the attendance and accepted the apologies given by the members to the meeting.**

### **3.3 Resignations**

Nil

### **3.4 Terminations**

Nil

### **3.5 Nominations**

#### **NOMINATIONS TO FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this paper is to note changes to the membership of the Finke Local Authority as a result of the Local Government election held in September 2021.

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

#### **FLA2021-067 RESOLVED (Michelle Allen/Lynette Ellis)**

**That the Finke Local Authority:**

- a) welcomed Patrick Allen as Councillor to Rodinga ward;**
- b) noted that the memberships of previous Councillors Susan Doolan and Greg Sharman was revoked;**
- c) invited Ms. Doolan to become a community member of the Authority;**
- d) noted that the President is no longer a member of the Authority;**
- e) noted that one vacancy was created due to the termination of membership at the meeting held 21 May 2020; and**
- f) accepted the nomination of Shawn Doolan to fill the vacancy on the Local Authority; and**
- g) recommended that Council approve the nominee Shawn Doolan to the Finke Local Authority.**

#### **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

##### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**FLA2021-068 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Lisa Sharman)**

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

#### **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

##### **5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**FLA2021-069 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Jill Doolan)**

**That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority ordinary meeting of 7 July 2021 was adopted as a resolution of the 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**

**FLA2021-070 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Michelle Allen)**

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

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

##### **6.2 NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**FLA2021-071 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Michelle Allen)**

**That the Finke Local Authority provided notification of no matters to be 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**

**FLA2021-072 RESOLVED (Jill Doolan/Michelle Allen)**

**That the Finke Local Authority provided notification and raised the following matter for discussion in General Non-Council Business.**

**1. Air-conditioners/Swampy's.**

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**FLA2021-073 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Patrick Allen)**

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

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**FLA2021-074 RESOLVED (Jill Doolan/Patrick Allen)**

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

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **LOCAL DECISION MAKING**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C) plays a vital role in the economic, social and environmental development of the Northern Territory (NT) to deliver outcomes for all Territorians.

It is responsible for overseeing or coordinating major government strategies as well as positioning the NT to achieve those priorities

**FLA2021-075 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Patrick Allen)**

**That the Finke Local Authority:**

- a) noted and accepted the presentation; and**
- b) provided feedback to developing Local Decision Making strategies and practices.**

## **9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet 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 Council
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities.
- Festivals or other events, but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

Funds from the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 Project fund have been fully allocated to Infrastructure projects within the Community.

**FLA2021-076 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Michelle Allen)**

**That the Finke Local Authority:**

- a) noted and accepted the progress of its projects;
- b) noted completion and closed project 2193, Bench Seats and return the underspend of \$647.73 back to the funds;
- c) noted completion and closed Project 2195, Fence around Titji Park, returning the underspend of \$369.55 back to the funds;
- d) kept open Project 2192, Shade structures at Oval, noting that the project was nearly completed;
- e) kept open Project 2194, Trees around Oval with Service Delivery to source additional quotes for trees as the quotes submitted were well over the allocation;
- f) Kept open Project 2196, Wood fire BBQ, committing an additional \$1,017.28 and deciding on two (2) BBQ's for near the Football oval and the Softball arena.

**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.

**FLA2021-077 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Michelle Allen)**

**That the Finke Local Authority noted and discussed the spending of its 2021/2022 Discretionary Funds.**

**10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

**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.

**FLA2021-078 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Michelle Allen)**

**That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report.**

## COMMUNITY SERVICE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

**FLA2021-079 RESOLVED (Michelle Allen/Jill Doolan)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Community Services report; and
- b) Requested that Community Safety hours be extended to include Saturday's.

## 11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

### EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 September 2021 in the Local Authority Community.

**FLA2021-080 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Michelle Allen)**

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 30 September 2021.

## 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.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority notes and discusses the General Business items raised at Item 6.2.

Note that no General Business items was raised for discussion at item 6.2

## 13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

### OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet was in attendance to provide 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.

**FLA2021-081 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Michelle Allen)**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted that the item 'Air-conditioners/Swampy's raised at item 6.3 was already listed on the action register for Non-Council to address
- b) noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;
- c) accepted the introduction of Damian Ryan, Country Liberal Party Candidate

for Lingiari;

- d) closed action 'Overdue four houses' Room to Breathe program and Road;
- e) kept open action 'Maintenance to Swampy's' requesting that NT Housing schedule regular servicing as a lot of units had loud noises coming from the systems, calcium build up and leaks.

The Local Authority advised that Housing had a slow response time in arranging contractors to fix the Swampys and some houses having put through a maintenance request some months ago were still waiting to be seen. The Local Authority informed the representative that it was an ongoing issue that NT Housing had failed to address.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 19 January 2022.**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 3.07 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Finke Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 20 October 2021 and were confirmed Wednesday, 19 January 2022.

CONFIRMED MINUTES