



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS -
BAGOT STREET, ALICE SPRINGS ON FRIDAY 30 APRIL 2021 AT 10:04AM

1 MEETING OPENED - 10:04AM

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2 WELCOME - PRESIDENT ROXANNE KENNY

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Greg Sharman, Cr Marlene Abbott, Cr Selina Kulitja, Cr Mark Inkamala, Cr Sarah Stockman (arrived at 12:03PM), Cr Tommy Conway, Cr Susan Doolan (via Videolink from 11:15AM), Cr Braydon Williams (arrived at 10:15AM), Cr Dalton McDonald

Staff:

Jeff McLeod – Chief Executive Officer, Ken Newman – Director Service Delivery, Simon Murphy – Director Technical Services, , Bhan Pratap – Director Corporate Services, Luke Everingham – Acting Director Community Services), Darren Pfitzner – Manager Governance and Planning, Liz Scott - Manager Community Safety, Jeff Tan - Coordinator Communications and Engagement, Robert Rabotot – Governance Officer

Guests:

Byron Matthews – Regional Manager NIAA, Ian Dickson – Adviser Central Australia Region NIAA, Enock Menge – Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet

Apologies:

Cr Lynette Ellis, Rohan Marks – Director Community Services (on leave)

Apologies:

Cr Annie Young

3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

OCM2021-034 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Mark Inkamala) - Unanimously

That the Ordinary Council noted the attendance, apologies and absentees of the meeting.

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

OCM2021-035 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Tommy Conway) - Unanimously

That the Ordinary Council noted the leave of absence of President Roxanne Kenny from Monday, 3 May 2021 for two (2) weeks.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

OCM2021-036 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Mark Inkamala) - Unanimously

That the Ordinary Council note the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

6.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2021

OCM2021-037 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Tommy Conway) - Unanimously

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting provided the amendment of the name of the mover to read Cr. Susan Doolan at item 13.2 on page14.

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

7.1 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

OCM2021-038 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Tommy Conway) - Unanimously

That the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

7.2 NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

OCM2021-039 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Greg Sharman) - Unanimously

That members provided notification of matters be raised in general business as:

1. Request from Tourism NT to have one (1) Traditional Owner to travel to Western Australia.

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

OCM2021-040 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Marlene Abbott) - Unanimously

- a) That the Ordinary Council note the Conflict of Interest Policy.
- b) That members did not declare any conflict of interest.

Cr. Braydon Williams arrives at the meeting at 10:15AM

Cr. Susan Doolan joins the meeting via video link at 11:15AM

9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Item - 9.1 LG Elections 2021 - Deferred – Representative of Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet not present

9.2 INFORMATION ON MACSAFE PROGRAM FOR COUNCILLORS.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Briefing on MacSafe program for Councillors.

OCM2021-041 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Marlene Abbott) - Unanimously

That Council note and accept the report.

NIAA Representatives leave the meeting at 11:20AM

9.1 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 election is 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, and encourage people to nominate for office.

OCM2021-042 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Braydon Williams) - Unanimously

That the Local Authority note and accept the presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45AM

Meeting resumed at 11:57AM

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 LOCAL AUTHORITY

12.1 DRAFT MINUTES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council considers the minutes of each Local Authority meeting or provisional meeting at the next available Ordinary Council meeting. Attached are the draft (unconfirmed) minutes of Local Authority meetings that have occurred since, or could not be prepared before, the last Ordinary Council meeting.

The Local Authority meetings covered on this report include:

- Amoonguna – 17 February 2021
- Santa Teresa – 18 February 2021
- Docker River – 17 March 2021
- Wallace Rockhole – 18 March 2021
- Haasts Bluff – 24 March 2021
- Hermannsburg – 25 March 2021
- Areyonga – 31 March 2021
- Mount Liebig – 7 April 2021
- Papunya – 8 April 2021

OCM2021-043 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Tommy Conway) - Unanimously

That Council:

- a) **Note the unconfirmed minutes of the Amoonguna, Santa Teresa, Docker River, Wallace Rockhole, Haasts Bluff, Hermannsburg, Areyonga, Mount Liebig and Papunya Local Authority meetings; and**
- b) **Reinstate \$3,181.82 towards power cards to be equally distributed amongst all Territory Houses of the Wallace Rockhole community from the 2019/2020 Discretionary funds owing to an MRC operational error.**

13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

13.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council reviews the attached actions that have been raised at previous Ordinary Council meetings and provides the status and/or updates of each action.

OCM2021-044 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Marlene Abbott) – Unanimously

That Council:

- a) **Note the progress on the actions in the register;**
- b) **Keep open action items:**
 - OCM2020-029 - Meeting between MRC and NPYWC Board members**
 - OCM2020-013 - SLAP Map Updates to LGANT Meeting**
 - OCM2020-114 - Youth Boards meet NT Treaty Commissioner**
 - OCM2021-010/c - Scholarship Sub-Committee; and**
- c) **Close action items:**
 - OCM2020-107 - Inter-community activities NPY - MRC Youth Services**
 - OCM2020-114 - NT Treaty Commission Exec Summary on LA agendas**
 - OCM2020-139 - CEO report on sponsorships**

OCM2020-151 - Memorial event for past Councillors
OCM2021-010/b - Travis Long Scholarship
OCM2021-011/b - 2021 Aboriginal Leadership and Governance Forum
Sponsorship
OCM2021-024 - Invite senior staff of NIAA
OCM2021-010/d - Invite family members of Councillors
OCM2021-002 - CEO absence

13.2 CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides Councilors with an update on correspondence received and sent by the Council/President in the period following the past Council meeting.

Correspondence received:

- Congratulation Letter from the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water Security
- Call for Nominations at LGANT Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group
- Northern Territory Treaty Commissioner's Update
- Voting at Council Meetings from the Department of Chief Minister & Cabinet

Correspondence sent:

- MRC Local Authority Meeting Dates and Invitation to Hon. Chansey Paech
- Invitation to attend MRC Council Meeting of 30 April 2021 to Byron Matthews – Regional Manager, NIAA

OCM2021-045 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Dalton McDonald) – Unanimously

That Council:

- a) Note the correspondence received and sent; and**
- b) Note NIL nomination of Councillors to join a LGANT Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group.**

Cr. Sarah Stockman arrives at the meeting at 12:03PM

14 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

14.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The report details the activities and meetings attended by President Roxanne Kenny for the months of March and April 2021.

OCM2021-046 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Marlene Abbott) – Unanimously

That Council receive the President's report for the months of March and April 2021.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

15.1 POLICY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This Policy report presents the following policies and procedures to which the Council may approve by resolution and additionally decide by resolution the particulars within these policies and procedures as identified in the recommendation section below.

That Council:

- a) Approves MC01-CP Members Policy;
- b) Approves MC01-P2 Travel Expenses Procedure and the following:
 - Item (5.1) it is recommended that the Council follow the ATO Taxation Determination
 - Item (5.5 and 5.6) to encourage safe travel, it is recommended these changes are accepted by Council
 - Item (6.5) it is recommended that the Council follow the ATO Taxation Determination for meal reimbursement.
 - Item (7.1.6) remains the same as the previous policy, it is recommended council accept the continuation of this item.
 - Item (9.1) Council accept the addition that payment will be made a day before the meeting;
- c) Approves the MC01-P3 Professional Development Procedure;
- d) Approves the MC01-P4 Equipment and Resources Procedure – elected members and the following:
 - Item (4.1.2) in addition to support of carrying out official council business.
 - Item (4.2.1.a) to reflect the Presidents current entitlements
 - Item (4.2.1.c) to reflect the Presidents current entitlements
- e) Approves MC02-CP Meetings Policy;
- f) Approves MC02-P1 Council Meetings Policy and the following:
 - Item (4.11.3) to reflect the role of the chairperson when a casting vote is exercised
 - Item (4.14.2) 2 days allows MRC to prepare for an audio visual meeting
- g) Approves MC02-P2 Local Authority Meeting Procedure:
 - Item (4.14.1c and d) is recommended to support membership of LA to achieve quorum
 - Item (4.15.1.c) to reflect current practice, but can be changed with Council resolution
- h) Approves MC02-P3 Committee Meetings Procedure:
 - This procedure follows the structure of council meetings, however if Council decides this is too formal they can simplify this with details inserted into the use of terms of reference instead
- i) Approves MC02-P4 First Council Meeting Procedure and recommends the following:
 - Item (4.2.3) to ensure meetings still remain efficient and candidates are fairly heard.
 - Item (4.3.2.a.b.c) this is to encourage more members to have further experience as deputy principal member
 - Item (4.3.4) as above for item number 4.2.3
 - Item (4.4) to bring this to Councillors attention that this should be happening in meetings
- j) Approves the reviewed FA08-CP Borrowing Policy and to bring to the Council's attention the borrowing limit in item (5.3.1.a.b);
- k) Approves the reviewed FA09-CP Rates Concession Policy; and
- l) Approves the reviewed FA10-CP Investment Policy.

15.2 2021-22 REGIONAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As MacDonnell Regional Council prepares the 2021-22 Regional Plan, Councillors will receive draft Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and a proposed budget to achieve these KPIs.

OCM2021-048 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Mark Inkamala) – Unanimously

That Council accept the draft KPIs and proposed budget of the 2021-22 MRC Regional Plan.

15.3 3RD QUARTER PROGRESS ON THE 2020/21 MRC REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report presents the 3rd quarter (January-March) progress on the 2020-21 Regional Plan to ensure that Council is aware of the organisation's progress and any issues that arise.

OCM2021-049 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Tommy Conway) – Unanimously

That Council note and accept the report on progress against the 2020-21 Regional Plan.

Item - 15.4 Finance Report - Deferred – Chair approved

15.8 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

OCM2021-050 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Selina Kulitja) – Unanimously

That Council note and accept the Community Services report.

15.4 FINANCE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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Regulation 18 of the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations (LGA Regs), states that a finance report must be laid before Council or a Committee tasked with reviewing the finance report each month. The report set out:

- financial year-to-date income and expenditure to the end of the previous month;
- forecast income and expenditure for the whole of the financial year;
- details of all cash and investments held (including money held in trust);
- statement of debts owed to council including aggregated amount by category and general age of debt; and
- other information required by council.

The attached report is the finance report as at 31 March 2021.

OCM2021-051 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Braydon Williams) – Unanimously

That Council note and accept the Finance Report as at 31 March 2021.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:50PM
Meeting resumed at 1:33PM

Note: Councillor Susan Doolan did not return to the meeting after lunch due to technical problem with her video link.

15.5 FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Council have delegate to the Finance and Risk committee the necessary powers to carry out, on behalf of council, council financial functions in the months the council does not hold an ordinary meeting.

OCM2021-052 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Tommy Conway) – Unanimously

That Council note and receive the minutes including any resolutions from Finance & Risk Committee.

15.6 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT FEBRUARY - MARCH 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the activities and the services of the Director of Corporate Services for the months of February - March 2021

OCM2021-053 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Dalton McDonald) – Unanimously

That Council note and receive the Corporate Services Report for the months of February - March 2021.

15.7 DIRECTOR SERVICE CENTRE DELIVERY'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update of Council delivered services provided across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

OCM2021-054 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Sarah Stockman) – Unanimously

That Council note and accept the attached report prepared by Ken Newman, Director Service Centre Delivery.

Item - 15.8 Community Services Report – Deferred – Chair approved

15.9 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details recent activities within the Technical Services directorate

OCM2021-055 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Dalton McDonald) – Unanimously

That Council note and accept this report.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.2

16.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 7.2, the Elected Members of the MacDonnell Regional Council have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

OCM2021-056 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Sarah Stockman) – Unanimously

That Council:

- a) **Note and discuss the items raised at Item 7.2; and**
- b) **Note that Councillors from Hermannsburg will inform the CEO of their nominated Councillor(s).**

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

OCM2021-057 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Marlene Abbott) - Unanimously

That the Ordinary Council moved the meeting into a closed Confidential meeting.

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 2008 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

- 17.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes - Confidential** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) (ci) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*
- 17.2 Action Register - Confidential** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*
- 17.3 Request for rates concession - Confidential** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*
- 17.4 Elected Members Allowance - Confidential** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*
- 17.5 Tender recommendation - Kintore and Mt Liebig seal work - Confidential** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

17.5 TENDER RECOMMENDATION - KINTORE AND MT LIEBIG SEAL WORK

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report will detail a recent tender submission and make a recommendation. The project is Tender MRC105-018 Kintore and Mt Liebig access road upgrade and seal.

OCCM2021-062 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mark Inkamala) – Unanimously

That Council approve awarding the tender to D & C Dehne Constructions based on information provided to this meeting.

OCCM2021-063 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Marlene Abbott)

That Council move the result of the tender process into the open Council meeting and publically declare the successful tenderer.

17.6 Proposal from YMCA to manage MRC swimming pools - Confidential -*The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

17.7 Withdrawal of VDRC from CouncilBiz - Confidential -*The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

DECISION TO MOVE TO OPEN SESSION

OCCM2021-066 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Mark Inkamala) - Unanimously

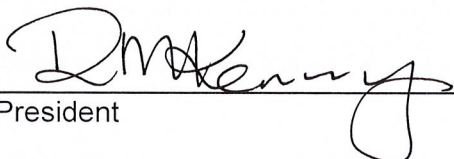
That the Ordinary Council move the meeting back to an open meeting.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 28 MAY 2021

18 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 3:07PM.

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President