



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
ALICE SPRINGS ON FRIDAY, 25 AUGUST 2023 AT 10:02AM

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**1 MEETING OPENED**

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**2 WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT ROXANNE KENNY**

**3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**Councillors:**

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Marlene Abbott, Councillor Mark Inkamala, Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Jason Minor, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Aloyscois Hayes and Councillor Tommy Conway

**Staff:**

Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, Keith Hassett – Director Service Delivery, Aaron Blacker – Director Technical Services, Brian Robinson – Acting Director Community Services, Sheree Sherry – Acting Executive Manager Finance and Governance, Rhiannon Pomery – Acting Executive Manager People and Capabilities and June Crabb – Governance Officer.

Liz Scott, Manager Community Safety and Library Services attended at 1:24pm.

**Guests:**

Bruce Fyfe – Regional Manager – Department Chief Minister and Cabinet.

**Apologies:**

Deputy President Dalton McDonald, Councillor Bobby Abbott, Councillor Lisa Sharman and Councillor Patrick Allen.

### **3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**OCM2023-112 RESOLVED (Aloyiscois Hayes/Jason Minor)**

That the Ordinary Council:

- a) noted the attendance and accepted the apologies received from Elected Members Dalton McDonald, Bobby Abbott, Lisa Sharman and Patrick Allen; and
- b) noted no recorded absences without notice.

## **4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **4.1 REQUESTS FOR FUTURE LEAVES OF ABSENCES**

**OCM2023-113 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Abraham Poulson)**

That the Ordinary Council:

- a) noted that elected members did not advise of any future leave of absence;
- b) noted that in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019, chapter 9; s171* – That the CEO informs each member of Council to the changes of staff.
  - Members were advised of the resignation received from the Director Community Services.  
The role of Director of Corporate Services was being made redundant and as a consequence, the Executive Manager of Finance and Governance position was established noting that Sheree Sherry will be acting in that role; and
- c) noted that Council was implementing a restructure within the organisation to better align with MRC's core mission, values and goals.

## **5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **5.1 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

**OCM2023-114 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Andrew Davis)**

That the Ordinary Council noted the Council Code of Conduct, acknowledging that the policy would be read at the third round of Local Authority meetings.

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **6.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30 JUNE 2023**

**OCM2023-115 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Andrew Davis)**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 30 June 2023 be taken as read with the following amendment as a true record of the Meeting.

- That guest speaker Adrian McAdam attended the Council Meeting as a representative for the Elders Visiting Program.

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

### **7.1 NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

**OCM2023-116 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)**

That members raised matters be discussed in General Council business as follows:

- Confirmation of Commemorative Awards
- Update on Alkamilya Women's' Football League
- Uniforms
- Locations for the October Council meeting

**OCM2023-117 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)**

That members raised matters to be discussed in General Non-Council business as follows:

- Outstations at Docker River

### **7.2 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**OCM2023-118 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Aloyiscois Hayes)**

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

## **8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **8.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**OCM2023-119 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Andrew Davis)**

- a) That the Ordinary Council noted the Conflict of Interest Policy, acknowledging that the policy will be read during the third round of Local Authority meetings.
- b) That members did not declare any conflict of interest.

## **9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

*Nil*

## **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 Ordinary Meeting or Provisional Meeting at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

Attached are draft (unconfirmed) minutes of the Local Authority meetings that have occurred since, or could not be prepared prior to the last Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Local Authority meetings covered in this report include:

- Amoonguna – 7 June 2023
- Hermannsburg – 8 June 2023
- Wallace Rockhole – 12 July 2023
- Docker River – 19 July 2023
- Finke – 26 July 2023
- Imanpa – 27 July 2023

#### **OCM2023-120 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Andrew Davis)**

**That Council:**

- a) noted and accepted the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority held in Amoonguna, Hermannsburg, Docker River, Finke and Imanpa.
- b) noted and accepted the minutes of the Provisional Local Authority meeting held in Wallace Rockhole.
- c) approved the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority's recommendation to close Project 2225 – Grade fire breaks.
- d) endorsed the allocation from the 2023/2024 Discretionary funds of \$100.00 towards All-Surface footy balls from Intersport.

## **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.

#### **OCM2023-121 RESOLVED (Aloyischois Hayes/Andrew Davis)**

**That Council:**

- a) noted the progress on the actions in the register and kept open the following actions:
  - **OCM2023-048 – Extending MacSafe's NP hours until a response from NIAA on whether the scope of their funding could be changed to enable an extension of Night Patrols hours in community.**

**In regards to the discussion on Night Patrol, concerns were raised around the Papunya Sports weekend and the Manager of Community Safety was tasked to speak with her staff to get clarity on the incident and return to Council with a response.**

- **OCM2023-051 – Fence clearing at Wallace Rockhole, noting that the invoice has been raised and received by the recipient.**
  - **OCM2023-052 – Pioneer Cemetery Rd, Hermannsburg, noting that the survey has been completed and currently waiting on the Surveyor General to update the land tenure before MRC can proceed with the placement of new boundaries, noting that once the boundaries are approved, a permanent fence can be installed.**
- b) **approves the removal of completed actions as follows:**
- **OCM2023-084 – Letter to Ms Ward.**
  - **OCM2023-108 – Letter to Federal & State Government re. floodways.**

## **13.2 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

### **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.

### **OCM2023-122 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Andrew Davis)**

**That Council noted the correspondence received and sent.**

## **14 PRESIDENT, COUNCILLORS' AND CEO'S REPORT**

### **14.1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report details the meeting attended by President Roxanne Kenny from 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to 3<sup>rd</sup> of August

### **OCM2023-123 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)**

**That Council received the President's report for the months of 30<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023.**

### **14.2 CEO REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report details organisational updates and the meetings attended by CEO Belinda Urquhart from 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

### **OCM2023-124 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Aloyischois Hayes)**

**That Council received the CEO report for the month of 24<sup>th</sup> July – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023.**

## **15 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **15.1 USE OF THE COMMON SEAL**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Section 38(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 (LGA) states that “the affixing of the Common Seal to a document must be authorised or ratified [endorsed] by resolution of the Council”. This report requests Council to ratify [endorse] the use of the Common Seal on the listed documents.

#### **OCM2023-125 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Mark Inkamala)**

**That Council ratified the use of the Common Seal on the following documents:**

- **DoV No.2 Project Agreement – ABA Capital works Projects.**
- **Public Library Agreement 2023-2028.**

### **15.2 POLICY REVIEWS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Changes are recommended to the following policies due to an increase of the vehicle kilometre rate set by the ATO and recently received advice from the Dept of Chief Minister and Cabinet in respect of the vehicle allowance level set by the NT Tribunal:

- **MC08-CP Travel and Accommodation – Members**
- **MC07-CP Allowances – Local Authority Appointed Members**

#### **OCM2023-126 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Mark Inkamala)**

**That Council:**

- a) approved the revised version of policy MC08-CP Travel and Accommodation – Members.**
- b) approved the revised version of policy MC07-CP Allowances – Local Authority Appointed Members.**

### **15.3 QUARTERLY KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REVIEW - REGIONAL PLAN**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report presents the progress on the 2022-23 Regional Plan key performance indicators (KPI's) as of June 2023.

Council is informed on a quarterly basis as to the progress of meeting the stated goals as outlined in the Regional Plan. The goals relate to:

- Goal 01: Developing Communities
- Goal 02: Healthy Communities
- Goal 03: Empowered Communities
- Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

This report gives Council an opportunity to assess the KPI's and request information from Directors on if / when the goals will be met and the progress being made in achieving them.

#### **OCM2023-127 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Jason Minor)**

**That Council noted and accepted the quarterly key performance indicator review report.**

Break for morning tea at 10:52am  
Meeting resumed at 11:17am

At this point, the Chair accepted the Declaration for Councillor – Luritja Pintubi Ward

## **2.1 DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR - LURITJA PINTUBI WARD**

### **OCM2023-128 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)**

**That Council:**

- a) noted and accepted the NTEC results for the 2023/2024 MacDonnell Regional Council by-election declaring Tommy Conway as Councillor for Luritja Pintubi Ward; and
- b) posts the declaration of the result to Council's website.

## **15.4 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This reports provides an update on the activities and services of the Director of Corporate Services for the months of June - July 2023.

### **OCM2023-129 RESOLVED (Aloyiscois Hayes/Andrew Davis)**

**That Council received and noted the Corporate Services Report.**

## **15.5 FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In accordance with Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 Section 19 a Council does not schedule an ordinary meeting at least once in each month, the Council must delegate to a Council Committee the necessary powers to carry out, on behalf of the Council, financial functions of the council in the months the council does not schedule an ordinary meeting.

### **OCM2023-130 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Jason Minor)**

**That Council noted and accepted the minutes of the Finance and Risk Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

## **15.6 FINANCE REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2023**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In accordance with Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Section 17:

(1) The CEO must, in each month, give the council a report setting out:

- a) The actual income and expenditure of the council for the period from the commencement of the financial year up to the end of the previous month; and
- b) The most recent adopted annual budget; and
- c) Details of any material variances between the most recent actual income and expenditure of the council and the most recently adopted annual budget.

### **OCM2023-131 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Jason Minor)**

**That Council:**

- a) noted and accepted the Finance Report as at 31 July 2023.
- b) noted that the October Finance Report will feature financial graphs in place of data tables as graphs simplifies the data into visual representations, making them easier to understand.

## 15.7 PEOPLE AND CAPABILITIES REPORT

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on activities and services with the People & Capabilities department for the months of June – July 2023.

### **OCM2023-132 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Tommy Conway)**

#### That Council:

- a) received the People & Capabilities Report.
- b) noted that the Human Resources Department was now embedded under the Office of the Chief Executive Officer.

## 15.8 COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL REPORT

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

### **OCM2023-133 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Abraham Poulson)**

#### That Council:

- a) noted and accepted the Community Services report.
- b) requested a visual demonstration on the MacSafe Reporting App at the October Council meeting.
- c) recommended that fencing around Childcare, Rec Hall, Aged Care facilities be installed below ground level to keep dangerous reptiles out.
- d) noted that the Acting Director Community Services will follow up with Youth Services regarding children that are not being taken home after the late programs finishes and the age range for activities that the young people can participate in.

## 15.9 TECHNICAL SERVICE COUNCIL REPORT

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details recent activities of the Technical Services Directorate.

### **OCM2023-134 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Abraham Poulson)**

#### That Council:

- a) noted and accepted the Technical Services report; and
- b) was advised of staff's negligent use of machinery and plant in community, noting that members were asked to provide photographic evidence to the CEO, should any future sightings of this behaviour occur by staff.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32pm

Meeting resumed at 1:22pm

**Note:** At this point, Council invited Liz Scott – Manager Community Safety and Library Services to join the meeting.



The narrative was moved to General Council Business.

## **15.10 DIRECTOR SERVICE CENTRE DELIVERY REPORT**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**OCM2023-135 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Aloyiscois Hayes)**

**That Council noted the report from the Director Service Centre Delivery.**

## **16 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.2**

### **16.1 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**OCM2023-136 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Abraham Poulson)**

**That Council:**

- a) **Continued the discussion with Liz Scott – Manager Community Safety and Library Services, regarding the incidents that occurred during the Papunya Sports weekend, noting the responses provided as follows:**
  - **After speaking with the MacSafe Coordinator, the Papunya team and the Police, Liz Scott was confident that her team had worked diligently and well within their scope of works.**
  - **In response to the incident alleging that MacSafe staff did not assist an injured football player, Ms Scott reinforced that the incident was part of the football game and the clinic are to respond to that.**
  - **Ms Scott recommended that as Community residents, Councillors and Employees of MRC, each person has a responsibility to help move children away from witnessing any aggressive behaviour.**

**In response to the question asked on ‘What does Community Safety do?, Ms Scott advised that Community Safety’s’ funding was primarily focussed at Young people under 18, as well as all of community.**

**Night Patrol was initially a community based set up, however moved towards quasi based policing, that suited the community and police, however it was not what Night Patrol was funded to do.**

**Ms Scott also mentioned the Work, Health Safety aspect advising that should a volatile situation arise, staff were trained to not put themselves at risk, and that their first priority was to remove young people from danger, with Ms Scott proceeding to provide an analogy to the safety talks given on airplanes.**

**Ms Scott advised that during Sports weekends, additional MacSafe teams are bought in to help mediate and to help sort through any issues should they arise, but not to the point that they put themselves in danger.**

**The CEO informed Council that along with her Leadership team (ELT), they will look at the role of Community Safety and how that contributes effectively to community; defining what they can and cannot do.**

**ELT will also seek to clarify on the separation of roles between Youth Services and Community Safety.**

**OCM2023-137 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Aloyischois Hayes)**

**That Council:**

- a) discussed the following matters that were raised at item 7.2:
  - Commemorative Awards for staff.  
Council will give out five awards at the 2023 Christmas Celebration to include:
    - Spirit of Council award in commemoration of Mr S Anderson
    - Leadership award in commemoration of Ms L Ellis
    - Team of the year award in commemoration of Mr P Wilyuka
    - Safety award in commemoration of Mr L Abbott
    - Employee of the year award in commemoration of Mr B Abbot
- b) noted that as the Councillor shirts had been discontinued, the Leadership team will discuss alternative options in keeping with Council's style guide and corporate colours.
- c) noted the videos on the Alkamilya Women's Football team that Council sponsored.
- d) noted that the October 2023 Council meeting will be held at Alice Springs within the Council Chambers.

**OCM2023-138 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Mark Inkamala)**

**That Council:**

- a) noted that some of the Outstations near Docker River had received Aboriginal Benefits Account funding from a federal grant.
- b) noted that the Representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet will follow up on whether funding is available for a School bus service in Hermannsburg.

**17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 27 OCTOBER 2023**

**18 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting concluded at 2:13 pm.

This page and the preceding 9 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 25 August 2023 and confirmed.



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President