



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
ALICE SPRINGS ON FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 10:00AM

1 MEETING OPENED at 10:06am

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2 WELCOME from President Roxanne Kenny

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Dalton McDonald, Councillor Marlene Abbott, Councillor Jason Minor, Councillor Lisa Sharman and Councillor Patrick Allen
Councillor Abraham Poulson arrived at 10:43am
Councillors Mark Inkamala and Bobby Abbott arrived at 11:59am

Staff:

Jeff McLeod – Chief Executive Officer, Belinda Urquhart – Director Service Delivery, Aaron Blacker – Director Technical Services, Sabine Wedemeyer – Director Community Services, Chris Kendrick – Director Corporate Services, Michael Tomlinson – Manager Governance and Compliance, Keith Hassett – Manager Contracts and Projects, Sheree Sherry – Manager Finance and June Crabb – Governance Officer

Guests:

Nil

Apologies:

3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

OCM2023-001 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Patrick Allen)

That the Ordinary Council:

- a) noted the attendance and accepted the apologies received from Councillors Bobby Abbott and Mark Inkamala who were attending a funeral.**
- b) noted the absence of Councillor Abraham Poulson who arrived late to the**

meeting at 10:43am.

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 REQUESTS FOR FUTURE LEAVES OF ABSENCES

OCM2023-002 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Jason Minor)

That the Ordinary Council:

- a) noted the leave of absence from Councillor Patrick Allen for the April 2023 Ordinary Council meeting.
- b) noted the leave of absence from CEO, Jeff MacLeod for the 5th April 2023 to the 12th April 2023, noting that Aaron Blacker will hold full delegation as the Acting CEO.

Minute Note:

- Council observed a one minute silence to honour the memory of elected member of Council, Councillor Ellis.
- The CEO announced the departure of Belinda Urquhart, Director Service Centre Delivery, who is returning to be with her family in Brisbane. Belinda was thanked for her significant impact and substantial contribution to the Service Delivery Directorate. Keith Hassett is appointed to the Acting Director Service Centre Delivery position.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

OCM2023-003 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Patrick Allen)

That the Ordinary Council noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

6.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2022

OCM2023-004 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Lisa Sharman)

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting held 16 December 2022.

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

OCM2023-005 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Patrick Allen)

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

1. Notification from Department Health regarding transfer of Clinic services.
2. LGANT General Meeting and call for motions.
3. Propose changes to Local Authority meeting dates.
4. Alkamilya Women's Football League request for sponsorship.

7.2 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

OCM2023-006 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Lisa Sharman)

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

OCM2023-007 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Dalton McDonald)

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

9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

9.1 DEPUTATION - DORRELLE ANDERSON

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At its February 23 workshop Council received a deputation from the Northern Territory Government (NTG).

Dorrelle Anderson (Central Australian Regional Controller) addressed Council regarding the recently re-imposed alcohol restrictions in Alice Springs and the NTG plans to improve community safety and prevent crime in communities.

Ms. Anderson spoke on:

- Improving community safety
- Investing in families
- The causes of anti-social behaviour and possible solutions

OCM2023-008 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Lisa Sharman)

That Council received the deputation and noted the Central Australian Regional Controller's address to Council.

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 available Ordinary Council meeting.

Attached are the draft (unconfirmed) minutes of 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:

- Kintore – 1 December 2022
- Santa Teresa – 7 December 2022
- Imanpa – 18 January 2023
- Wallace Rockhole – 25 January 2023
- Docker River 1 February 2023

OCM2023-009 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Patrick Allen)

That Council

- **noted the unconfirmed minutes of the ordinary Local Authority meetings held in Kintore, Santa Teresa, Imanpa and Wallace Rockhole.**
- **noted the unconfirmed minutes of the provisional Local Authority meeting held in Docker River.**
- **approved the recommendation of the Docker River Local Authority and endorsed the commitment of \$2,495.00 to cover the overspend to Project 2122 – Scoreboard.**
- **approved the recommendation of the Docker River Local Authority to purchase an additional four (4) large Solar lights that will be placed within the community and endorsed the commitment of \$26,718.55 to Project 2127 – Solar light at Entrance.**

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.

OCM2023-010 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Patrick Allen)

That Council:

- a) **noted the progress on the actions in the register and kept open:**
 - **OCM2021-196 – Car Ramp.**
 - **OCM2022-156 – Signage for Cultural Areas.**

- b) approved the closure of the following completed actions:
- OCM2022-151 – Letter of Absence.
 - OCM2022-155 – Proposal for Strong and Resilient Communities.
 - OCM2022-162 – Appoint external Recruitment Consultant.
 - OCM2022-156 – Feral Horses.
 - OCM2022-162 – Cultural Training.
 - OCM2022-162 – Nominations for Local Authority Review Board.

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.

OCM2023-011 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Patrick Allen)

That Council noted the correspondence received and sent and records that:

1. Council submits the following proposals to the 2023 ALGA National General Assembly in Canberra.
 - Recurrent funding for Youth Services in Remote Communities.
 - Sealing of the main distribution-connection roads to Communities.
2. Council concurs with the Local Government Representation Review conducted and agrees that there is no requirement to change boundary's or increase Councillor numbers within the wards.
3. Council is in agreement of the by-election's opening dates for nominations being the 8 May 2023 to 19 May 2023, and the election run from 5 June to 16 June 2023.

14 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

14.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details the meetings attended by President Roxanne Kenny from December to February 2023

OCM2023-012 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Marlene Abbott)

That Council received the Presidents report for the months of December 2022, January and February 2023.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

15.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

OCM2023-013 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Patrick Allen)

That Council noted and accepted the Community Services report.

15.2 TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details recent activities of the Technical Services directorate.

OCM2023-014 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)

That Council noted and accepted the Technical Services report.

15.3 SERVICE CENTRE DELIVERY - FEBRUARY 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OCM2023-015 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Jason Minor)

That Council noted the Service Centre Delivery Report – February 2023.

15.4 POLICY REPORT - NEW POLICY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council's policies are under review. It has been determined that the following new policy is required in accordance with the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* (the Regulations):

1. MC14-CP Confidential Information and Business Policy.

OCM2023-016 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Abraham Poulson)

That Council adopted the MC14-CP Confidential Information and Business Policy as a policy of Council.

15.5 FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Council's Finance and Risk Committee met on 27th January 2023 in meeting room 1 at Bagot Street. The minutes of this meeting are attached for the Council's attention, these are still unconfirmed being due to be confirmed by the Committee at its next meeting in March.

OCM2023-017 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Dalton McDonald)

That Council noted and received the minutes of the Finance and Risk Committee of 27th January 2023.

15.6 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.

OCM2023-018 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Patrick Allen)

That Council ratifies the use of the Common Seal on the following documents:

- Deed of Variation No. 1 – NIAA ABA Homelands Infrastructure Projects
- Transfer of Lot – Register General’s Northern Territory Australia
- Existing Waste Facility Aputula – Section 19 ALRA Lease
- New Waste Management Facility Aputula – Section 19 ALRA Lease
- Deed of Variation – Residential and Flexible Care Program
- Schedule of Variation – Public Library Funding Grant Agreement
- Lots 67, 63 & 191 Amoonguna – Licence Agreement

15.7 FINANCE REPORT

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.

OCM2023-019 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Marlene Abbott)

That Council noted and accepted the Finance Report as at 31 January 2023.

15.8 2022-23 BUDGET REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

After review by Manager, Directors and the CEO, changes are recommended to Council’s budget contained within the Regional Plan.

The amendments are largely in the area of salary and wages, but operational income and expenditure has also been reviewed.

A review has also been undertaken in relation to the amount transferred to the Council’s Capital Reserve at the end of the last financial year and it is a recommendation of this report that there be a transfer from that reserve back to Accumulated surpluses and that the reserve be renamed in light of its use.

OCM2023-020 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Lisa Sharman)

That Council:

- a) **Adopted the amendments to the Budget for 2022-2023 pursuant to Section 203 (2) of the Local Government Act.**
- b) **Moves \$9,912,209 from Other Reserves into Accumulated Surpluses.**
- c) **Merges the remaining balances in the Vehicle, plant & equipment replacement and Building capital upgrade reserves into a single reserve called Future Works.**

15.9 2ND QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT - 2022-23 MRC REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report presents the progress of the 2022-23 Regional Plan as at 14 February 2023.

The 2nd quarter progress report includes the feedback received from extensive community consultation via Local Authorities, the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and MRC staff. The 1st quarter report was received by Council at Council's Ordinary Meeting in December 2022.

OCM2023-021 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Dalton McDonald)

That Council noted and accepted the report on the progress of the 2022-23 Regional Plan.

15.10 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the activities of the Corporate Services directorate for the months of December 2022 - February 2023.

OCM2023-022 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Abraham Poulson)

That Council received and noted the Corporate Services Report.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:05pm

Meeting resumed at 1:01pm

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.

We are now discussing the matters raised as follows:

1. Transfer of Health Services from Northern Territory Health to Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
2. LGANT General Meeting.
3. Propose to swap Local Authority meeting dates.
4. Sponsorship request from Alkamilya Women's Football League.

OCM2023-023 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Abraham Poulson)

That Council discussed the matters raised at Item 7.2 and resolved as follows:

1. **Noted the transition of the Northern Territory Health Services to Central Australian Aboriginal Congress for Imanpa and Mutitjulu from 1 March 2023 and Docker River from 1 July 2023.**
2. **Noted the LGANT General Meeting is to take place at the Doubletree by Hilton, Alice Springs on the 21 April 2023, starting at 1:45pm, noting to submit the following proposal by March 10 2023:**
 - **That all airstrips are developed into bitumen airstrips and the roads connecting the communities to the airstrips are bitumised to aid communities with recovery efforts, health and emergency services and supplies should a critical incident or accident occurs or the community is**

cut off due to severe weather.

3. Council approves the following changes to the Local Authority (LA) meeting dates due to a scheduling conflict of staff attending the Tidy Towns National Presentation:
 - Swap Mt Liebig's 17 May 2023 LA meeting with Santa Teresa 10 May 2023 LA meeting.
 - Swap Papunya's 18 May 2023 LA meeting with Titjikala's 11 May 2023 LA meeting.
4. Agreed to sponsor Alkamilya Women's Football Club \$1,000.00, requesting that after the season, the club provides a report to MRC on how the funds were disbursed.

17 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS.

17.1 DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

OCM2023-024 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Bobby Abbott)

That Council approves the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items are about to be discussed. The meeting is closed in accordance with clause 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matters to be discussed include information that, if publicly disclosed, would be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

18 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

18.2 CEO CONTRACT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At its October 28 2022 Ordinary Council meeting (confidential agenda) Council discussed the 'CEO Contract and Performance Review Panel' at Item 18.2. Council resolved that:

That Council:

- a) Received and noted the minutes from the CEO Contract and Performance Review Panel; and
- b) Noted that the Independent Chair, Enock Menge was a guest from the Department of Chief Minister and not a Councillor.

At the resumption of the Ordinary open meeting item 18.2 and the accompanying resolution was not introduced into the minutes. This report is tabled in order to correct the record regarding item 18.2 and request that the accompanying documentation associated with this item be classified as confidential information that should 'remain confidential for the maximum period'.

OCM2023-026 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Dalton McDonald)

That Council:

- a) Disclosed the motion for Item 18.2 from the Ordinary Council meeting of October 28 2022 in the minutes of the February 24 2023 ordinary minutes.

18.3 CONFIDENTIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES AND APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Council's Audit Committee met on the 23 February 2023 at Bagot Street. The minutes of this meeting were attached for Council's attention, these are still unconfirmed and due to be confirmed by the Committee at its next meeting in July 2023.

OCM2022-027 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council:

- a) **Noted and received the minutes of the Audit Committee of 23 February 2023**
- b) **Moved the resolution into open Council, noting the appointment of Merit Partners as the auditor for the 2022/2023, 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 financial years.**

18.4 HERMANNSBURG (NTARIA) FIELD OVAL LIGHTS TENDER AWARD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Council's Tender Committee met on 22 February 2023 to open the Tender, MRC2022.23.415.001, publicly advertised on Tenderlink and in the NT News. The Tender Assessment Panel met on 23 February 2023 to assess the tenders opened and endorsed by the Tender Committee.

The Tender Committee met again on the 23 February 2023 and endorsed the Tender Assessment Panels assessment.

OCM2022-028 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Marlene Abbott)

That Council:

- a) **Moved the resolution into Open Council, noting the appointment of MG Electrical Services as the Contractor to construct the Hermannsburg (Ntaria) Field Oval lights**

Minute Note: At this point, staff were excused and left the meeting.

18.6 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pursuant to section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and clauses 51 and 52 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, the meeting is to be opened to the public following the consideration of confidential matters. Resolutions will be transferred to the open meeting upon the determination of Council.

OCM2022-030 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Dalton McDonald)

That Council moved the above matters from the confidential section of this meeting into the open section of the meeting and opens the meeting to the public.

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 28 APRIL 2023

20 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 3:09 pm.

This page and the preceding 10 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 24 February 2023 and were confirmed on 28 April 2023.