



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT THE ERLDUNDA
ROADHOUSE ON FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 10:00AM

1 MEETING OPENED at 10.02am

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2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Dalton McDonald, Councillor Bobby Abbott, Councillor Marlene Abbott, Councillor Mark Inkamala, Councillor Lynette Ellis, Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Jason Minor, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Peter Turner and Councillor Annie Young (via zoom)

Staff:

Jeff McLeod – Chief Executive Officer, Belinda Urquhart – Director Service Delivery, Kitty Comerford – Acting Director Technical Services, Sabine Wedemeyer – Director Community Services, Bhan Pratap – Director Corporate Services, Barbara Newland – Manager Governance and Compliance, June Crabb, Governance Officer, Corey Sinclair – Coordinator Communications, Engagement and Planning.

Guests:

Nil.

Apologies:

Councillor Lisa Sharman.

3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

OCM2022-001 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Abraham Poulson)

That the Ordinary Council noted the attendance and accepted the apology received from Cr Sharman for the meeting.

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

OCM2022-002 RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Patrick Allen)

That the Ordinary Council noted that there were no requests for leave of absence.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

OCM2022-003 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

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 17 DECEMBER 2021

OCM2022-004 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Dalton McDonald)

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted, with the following amendment, as a true record of the Meeting:

- Cr Annie Young had offered an apology of which the meeting was not aware. This apology has been accepted and the minutes are therefore to be corrected to record her as being absent with the apology accepted.

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

7.1 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

OCM2022-005 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Peter Turner)

That the agenda papers for the Ordinary Council Meeting held 25 February 2022 as presented be received for consideration at the meeting.

7.2 NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

OCM2022-006 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Dalton McDonald)

That members provided notification that the following matters be raised as general business:

1. Invitation to attend Australian Institute of Company Directors course to be held by Alice Springs Town Council; and
2. Issue relating to Docker River Outstations.

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

OCM2022-007 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Marlene Abbott)

That the Ordinary Council:

1. notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
2. notes that there were no conflicts of interest declared for the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 25 February 2022.

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 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:

- o Areyonga – 8 December 2021
- o Docker River – 9 December 2021
- o Papunya – 10 December 2021
- o Finke – 19 January 2022
- o Imanpa – 20 January 2022
- o Wallace Rockhole – 9 February 2022

OCM2022-008 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Abraham Poulson)

That Council notes the unconfirmed minutes of the Areyonga, Docker River, Papunya, Finke, Imanpa and Wallace Rockhole Local Authority meetings, including the correction to the Wallace Rockhole Minutes which incorrectly recorded the apology received from Cr Mark Inkamala as Cr Mark Abbott.

12.2 NOMINATIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As recorded in the minutes of the Local Authority meeting, the recommendation put forth to Council is to accept and endorse the nomination.

OCM2022-009 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Jason Minor)

That Council accepts the nomination and endorses Howard Abbott's appointment to the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority.

12.3 TERMINATIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIPS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As recorded in the minutes of the Papunya Local Authority (*the Authority*) meeting held 10 December 2021, it has been recommended to Council that the membership of Isobel Gorey be revoked for being absent from two (2) consecutive Local Authority meetings.

The appointment of Local Authority members is terminated in accordance with para.4.15.1 of Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedures (MC02-P2) which reads:

"It is important that Local Authority members attend meetings wherever possible. Appointment of a local authority member may be revoked or otherwise cease if the person:

- c. Is absent for 2 consecutive meetings without the permission of the Local Authority."*

New members are nominated and appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), Ministerial Guidelines and Council Procedure MC02-P2 Local Authority Meeting Procedure.

OCM2022-010 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Peter Turner)

That Council endorses the recommendation to revoke the membership of Isobel Gorey from the Papunya Local Authority for being absent from two (2) consecutive Local Authority meetings without an apology.

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.

OCM2022-011 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Jason Minor)

That Council:

- 1. notes the progress on the actions in the register;**
- 2. notes that, in relation to Action OCM2021-055, Cr Bobby Abbott is to ascertain ownership/control of the lot on which the clinic is located; and**
- 3. that action will be subsequently considered at the next meeting of Council.**

Minute note: Cr Annie Young joined the meeting via Zoom at 10.24am.

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:

- Letters from Vicki O'Halloran AO, Administrator of the Northern Territory – Congratulations on Tidy Towns Awards.
- Email from Maree De Lacey, ED LG&RD - Local Government's Stakeholder Newsletter.

Nil Correspondence sent.

OCM2022-012 RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes the correspondence received.

Minute note: The original letters received from the Administrator of the Northern Territory are to be forwarded to the respective communities.

14 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

14.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The report lists the meetings attended by President Roxanne Kenny in January and February 2022.

OCM2022-013 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Dalton McDonald)

That Council receives the President's report.

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

15.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

OCM2022-014 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Marlene Abbott)

That Council notes and accepts the Community Services report.

15.2 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details recent activities for the Technical Services Directorate.

OCM2022-015 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Peter Turner)

That Council notes and accepts the Technical Services Report.

15.3 SERVICE CENTRE DELIVERY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OCM2022-016 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

That Council notes and accepts the Service Delivery Report.

Minute note: The meeting took a break at 11.15am and resumed at 11.25am. Cr Marlene Abbott re-joined at 11.26am and Cr Poulson re-joined at 11.27am.

15.4 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT DECEMBER 2021 TO JANUARY 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the activities and services of the Director of Corporate Services for the months of December 2021 – January 2022.

OCM2022-017 RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Patrick Allen)

That Council receives and notes the Corporate Services Report for the months of December 2021 – January 2022.

15.5 GRANT ACQUITTAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached grant acquittal report for NT Grants are required to be laid before Council for acceptance.

OCM2022-018 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Abraham Poulson)

That Council notes and approves the following grant acquittal for the 2021-22 financial year:

- PIF – Installation of security window screen and external security screen door to staff housing at various communities**

15.6 FINANCE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In accordance with Local Government (General) Regulations 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 recently 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.

OCM2022-019 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Peter Turner)

That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 31 January 2022.

15.7 BUDGET REVISION OCTOBER 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

The amendments reflect changes in funding levels highlighted by recent changes/finalisation of funding agreements, prior year funding brought forward balances and recognition of savings realised within expenditure to date.

OCM2022-020 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That Council adopts the amendments to the budget as tabled, pursuant to Section 203 (2) of the Local Government Act.

15.8 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.

OCM2022-021 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Jason Minor)

That Council notes and receives the minutes, including any resolutions, from the Finance & Risk Committee meeting held 28 January 2022.

Minute note: The meeting broke for lunch at 12.16pm and resumed at 1.02pm.

15.9 USE OF 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.

OCM2022-022 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Peter Turner)

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

- Capital works for outstation – funded by ABA**
- S19 lease 63, 67, and 191 – Amoonguna**
- Green valley water mains**
- Mt Peach Septic upgrade**
- Wataru Septic upgrade**

15.10 GS12-CP - MANDATORY REPORTING POLICY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this policy is to inform MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) members, employees, contractors and volunteers of MRC's mandatory reporting obligations pertaining to child abuse and domestic and family violence.

OCM2022-023 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Mark Inkamala)

That Council adopts the GS12-CP Mandatory Reporting Policy as a policy of Council.

15.11 LGANT GENERAL MEETING - CALL FOR MOTIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Advice has been received from LGANT of the dates for its meetings to be held in 2022. MRC has been asked to consider motions it may wish to raise at the General Meeting to be held on 7 April 2022.

OCM2022-024 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Patrick Allen)

That Council:

- 1. notes the LGANT meeting dates for 2022; and**
- 2. wishes to raise a motion at the LGANT General Meeting to be held on 7 April 2022 regarding the staffing of remote Northern Territory Government services in communities with particular reference to clinics and police stations.**

15.12 DISCUSSION PAPER: 2022-2023 REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At a special workshop day held on Wednesday, 23 February, members of MRC's Executive Leadership Team and the elected members of council engaged in lengthy discussion regarding the development of the 2022-2023 regional plan. Council is being asked to consider the matters discussed.

OCM2022-025 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Jason Minor)

That Council:

- 1. thanks the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) for its input and consideration of the Regional Plan 2022-23;**
- 2. accepts the proposition that 2022-23 represents a year of consolidation for MRC; and**
- 3. directs the ELT to conduct a review of the current Goals, Objectives, Strategies and KPI's as contained within the Regional Plan 2021-22 on the basis of the input received from Council with a draft to be presented at the April meeting of Council.**

15.13 COVID-19 UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On 13 October 2021 the Chief Health Officer (CHO) issued COVID-19 Directions (No.55) 2021 (the Direction) in which it was announced that it was mandatory for certain workers in the Northern Territory to have received COVID-19 vaccine to be able to continue working in the same role. This Direction also applied to the Elected Members of MRC and the Appointed Members of MRC's Local Authorities.

Further advice has been received that booster shots will also be mandatory.

OCM2022-026 RESOLVED (Bobby Abbott/Peter Turner)

That Council:

- 1. notes the report COVID-19 Update; and**
- 2. requests Elected Members provide evidence of their full, 3rd dose vaccination status as soon as possible and before 22 April 2022.**

16 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.2

16.1 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.2

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.

OCM2022-027 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Jason Minor)

That Council:

- 1. approves the nomination of Cr Bobby Abbott to attend an AICD course being organised by the Alice Springs Town Council; and**
- 2. directs that the CLC/NIAA (as appropriate) be contacted to address the serious concerns raised by Councillor Marlene Abbott regarding the 3 outstations at Docker River and requests that CLC convene a meeting at Docker River to discuss these matters.**

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 29 April 2022

18 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 2.00pm.

This page and the preceding 8 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 25 February 2022 and were unconfirmed Friday, 29 April 2022.