MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE IMANPA COUNCIL OFFICE ON FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST 2016 AT 10.00AM

MEETING OPENING
10.07am

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES
Attendance:
President Roxanne Kenny in the Chair, Deputy President Braydon Williams and Councillors Barry Abbott, Richard Doolan, Marlene Abbott, Selina Kulitja, Greg Sharman, Lance Abbott and Sid Anderson.

Apologies:
Councillors Louise Cavanagh and Irene Nangala

Absentees:
Councillor Jacob Hoosan

Council Officers:
Jeff MacLeod (CEO), Chris Kendrick (DCS), John Thomas (Acting DSCD), Rohan Marks (DComs), Simon Murphy (DTS), Felicity Howell (Sen. Gov. Off.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Cllr Sharman: 29 Aug – 26 Sept
CEO Jeff MacLeod: 16 – 20 Sept / 10 Oct – 4 Nov
Cllr Kulitja: 26 Sept – 1 Oct

COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report contains all of the details about the MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct to ensure that the Council exercises strong and accountable governance.

29 RESOLVED (Cllr Sharman/Cllr Anderson)
That Council note the MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

5.1 MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL - CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROCEDURE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report outlines the minimum standard of behavior expected of elected members of
Council and Council employees in relation to declaring personal or family financial interests that may impact on the performance of their roles and ability to make objective decisions.

30 RESOLVED (Cllr Sharman/Cllr B Abbott)
That Council note the Disclosure of Financial Interests and Conflict of Interest procedure and declare any conflicts of interests.

DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 INFRASTRUCTURE - RURAL AND REMOTE REGIONS: MAYOR LOTTHAR SIEBERT
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor, Lothar Siebert has expressed frustration at the lack of infrastructure and funding available to regional councils delivering services in remote communities.

31 RESOLVED (Cllr L Abbott/Cllr Sharman)
That Council note the correspondence and deputation from Mayor Siebert of West Arnhem Regional Council, and respond with a letter stating the following:

- MRC supports the formation of a group of bush people to act on behalf of all communities and lobby the State/Territory and Federal Governments about the inadequacy of services to their people and call on all other NT Regional/ Shire Councils to join this cause.
- Council nominates Cllr B Abbott and Cllr Sharman to represent MRC in this group.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

9.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report provides Council with the minutes of the last Ordinary Council meeting for approval by Council.

32 RESOLVED (Cllr Sharman/Cllr Anderson)
That Council confirm the unconfirmed open and confidential minutes of previous meetings as a true and correct record of the proceedings for the 24 June, 2016 Ordinary Council meeting, with a correction to item 13.2 to state the 2016/17 financial year.

Cllr Anderson left the meeting at 10.53am, returned at 10.58am.

MINUTES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

10.1 DRAFT MINUTES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Attached are the draft minutes of local authority meetings that have occurred since the last Ordinary Council meeting. Any actions that arise from these minutes are raised at the following Ordinary Council meeting.

33 RESOLVED (Cllr Doolan/Cllr B Abbott)
That Council note the tabled draft minutes of local authority meetings.

10.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY ADVICE TO COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Local Authorities in the Council region make recommendations to the Council during their meetings throughout the year to seek Council assistance in improving community life.

34 RESOLVED (Cllr Doolan/DP Williams)
That Council note the advice from Local Authorities and:
1. Appoint Tanya Luckey to the Imanpa Local Authority;
2. Investigate options to combat the gambling problems in Kintore.
3. Remove Jeffrey Stuart from the Finke Local Authority due to non-attendance.
4. Write a letter to the Northern Territory Government and Bush Bus requesting Bush Bus services to the Imanpa community.

10.2.1 INVITE WALTJA TO KINTORE LAM
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Council discussed options to help combat the gambling problems in Kintore, and decided the best way forward would be to invite Waltja to the next Local Authority Meeting in Kintore to discuss potential solutions and support.

35 RESOLVED (Cllr Doolan/DP Williams)
That Council invite Waltja to attend the next Local Authority Meeting in Kintore, scheduled to take place on 28 September 2016, to discuss possible initiatives to help combat gambling in the community.

10.2.2 BUSH BUS AT IMANPA
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Council discussed the fact that the Bush Bus currently collects Imanpa Community members from the Mt Ebenezer Roadhouse and they would like to write to both the Bush Bus and the Northern Territory Government who fund the Bush Bus to request that it instead comes in to the community to pick up community members.

36 RESOLVED (Cllr Doolan/DP Williams)
That Council write to Bush Bus and the Northern Territory Government to request that the Bush Bus redirect its route to come in to the Imanpa community to collect the residents, rather that picking residents up from Mt Ebenezer Roadhouse as it does at present.

Meeting suspended 11.10am
Meeting resumed 11.30am

STANDING ITEMS REPORT

11.1 CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report provides Councillors with an update on correspondence to the Council President sent and received between Council meetings.

37 RESOLVED (Cllr Anderson/Cllr Kulitja)
That Council note the correspondence sent and received.

Cllr B Abbott left the meeting at 12.16pm, returned at 12.25pm.

11.2 ACTIONS REGISTER
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Council regularly reviews a report which is a summary of actions that have been raised
at previous Ordinary Council meetings and provides updates and/or status of each action raised.

38 RESOLVED  (Cllr L Abbott/Cllr Doolan)
That Council note that there are no outstanding actions.

11.3 USE OF COMMON SEAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Section 26(2) of the Local Government Act (LGA) states that “The affixing of the common seal to a document must be authorised or ratified [endorsed] by resolution of Council”.

This report requests Council to ratify [endorse] the use of the common seal on the listed documents.

39 RESOLVED  (Cllr B Abbott/Cllr Anderson)
That Council ratify the use of the common seal on the following documents:
1. NT Department of Sport & Recreation: Remote Sport Voucher Scheme 2015/16
2. NT Department of Local Government and Community Services: Variation to 2015/16 Homelands Extra Allowance
3. NT Department of Local Government and Community Services: 2015/16 Municipal and Essential Services Special Purpose Grant (Round 5)
4. Department of Education and Training: Variation to Budget Based Funding Programme for the Operation of Children’s Services programmes

OFFICERS REPORTS

13.1 LGANT CALL FOR POLICY AND ACTION MOTIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
LGANT call for policy or actions motions so that they can be considered by LGANT for adoption. These motions will set the priorities for LGANT each year.
Motions can be submitted at any time however must be submitted at least six weeks prior to a General Meeting or ten days prior to an Executive Meeting.

40 RESOLVED  (Cllr Doolan/Cllr Abbott)
That Council note the information from LGANT regarding the Call for Motions.

13.1.2 LGANT PROPOSAL

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41 RESOLVED  (Cllr L Abbott/Cllr M Abbott)
That Council write to LGANT with the following proposals:
1) Recommend changes to the LGANT meeting format to enable municipal and regional councils to meet separately initially, before regrouping to summarise discussion and decisions.
2) Request an action motion to lobby the NTEC to review voting timing for people in the bush and either change the date or enforce a black out of all policy announcements for period commencing bush voting.
13.2 PROPOSED AMENDED COUNCILBIZ CONSTITUTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The revised Constitution requires 100% agreement of the ten Members under rule 8 of the current Constitution, and then the approval of the Minister for Local Government under section 29(3).

The current Constitution permits the making of a decision by circular resolution of the Members. It is appropriate that each Member Council independently considers the matter during its normal governance decision making processes, and then advises of its vote on the change.

The timeframe for receipt of each member vote is no later than 4pm Friday 28th October 2016. If a vote in favor of the resolution is not received from each and all of the ten Members by that time then the motion fails.

42 RESOLVED  (Cllr Doolan/Cllr L Abbott)
That the amended Constitution of CouncilBIZ, labelled version 6 dated 10/08/16, is approved by Council, and is recommended to the Minister of Local Government for their consideration and approval under Section 29(3) of the Act, with the following request:
That the revised Constitution is sent to an auditor to assess how the subsidiary should be shown in each Councils’ future financial statements and whether there is a need to consolidate.

13.3 YEARLY MEETING PLANNER 2017

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The yearly planner covers proposed meeting dates for all Council, Committee, and Local Authority meetings across the year. Councillors can note the planned dates for meetings in 2017 to schedule attendance where required.

43 RESOLVED  (Cllr Anderson/Cllr L Abbott)
That Council:
1) Note the draft yearly planner for Council, Committee, and Local Authority meetings in 2017;
2) Request the first ordinary council meeting on the 24 February 2017 to be held in Alice Springs and;
3) Request the second ordinary council meeting occur on Thursday 13 April 2017 with a preparation day on Wednesday 12 April, 2017 to be held in Papunya community.

13.4 POLICY REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Internal audit and risk management processes identify policy that requires review or overhaul. These policies are submitted to the Council for consideration and implementation.

44 RESOLVED  (Cllr Doolan/Cllr Kulitja)
That Council adopt the revised policies:
1. Elected Members – Allowances policy
2. Accommodation and Travel – Councillor and Local Authority Members – with an amendment to exclude travel on the Sandy Blight Junction Road between Kintore and Docker River, in addition to the Old Ghan Heritage Road specified in 4.4.3a.

13.5 FINANCE REPORT AS AT 31ST JULY 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
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 attached report is the finance report for Council as at 31st July 2016.

45 RESOLVED (Cllr M Abbott/Cllr B Abbott)
That Council accept and note the Finance Report as at 31st July 2016.

13.6 2016/17 BUDGET REVIEW
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

After review by Managers, 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 finalisation of funding agreements, recognition of new funding and correction of amounts carried forward from 2015/16 based on the current finalisation of last year’s accounts.

The changes are shown in the attachment to this report.

46 RESOLVED (Cllr M Abbott/Cllr Doolan)
That Council:
1) Reassign $100,000 from the Capital infrastructure reserve to be used in wages for a HR project officer;
2) Adopt the amendments to the Budget as tabled and pursuant to section 128(2) of the Local Government Act, including a transfer from reserve for plant, equipment, landfill works and the above.

Meeting suspended 12.40pm
Meeting resumed 1.05pm

13.7 COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL REPORT
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

47 RESOLVED (Cllr M Abbott/Cllr Doolan)
That Council note and accept the Community Services Report and approve the amendment to the fees and charges schedule as included in the regional plan to include the early learning and outside school hours care program charges as stated in this report.

13.8 SERVICE CENTRE DELIVERY REPORT
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report provides an update of Council Delivered Services across the area of Local
48 RESOLVED (Cllr L Abbott/Cllr Doolan)
That Council note and accept the Service Centre Delivery Report.

13.9 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This report provides an update on Technical Services delivery across the Council.

49 RESOLVED (Cllr B Abbott/DP Williams)
That Council note and accept the report from the Director Technical Services.

13.9.1 SOLAR LIGHTS ON LARAPINTA DRIVE
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Council discussed the safety issues around travelling at night and how solar lights at 15km intervals along Larapinta Drive would be of assistance to those who break down in the area.

50 RESOLVED (Cllr L Abbott/Cllr Doolan)
That Council request the Director of Technical Services write to the Department of Infrastructure on its behalf, requesting that solar lights be installed every 15km along Larapinta Drive from Hermannsburg and all main roads leading into Alice Springs.

13.9.2 FLOODWAY METERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Council discussed the missing markers on floodway meters along Larapinta Drive.

51 RESOLVED (Cllr L Abbott/Cllr Doolan)
That Council request the Director of Technical Services to contact the Department of Infrastructure about replacing the markers that are missing on the floodway meters along Larapinta Drive.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Friday 28 October 2016

MEETING CLOSE
The meeting terminated at 2.15 pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEDEING 6 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ordinary Council Meeting HELD ON Friday, 26 August 2016 AND CONFIRMED.