



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST 2022 AT 10:00AM

1 MEETING OPENED

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2 WELCOME

The President welcomed attendees and guests and declared the meeting opened at 10:06am.

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Marlene Abbott, Councillor Mark Inkamala, Councillor Lynette Ellis, Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Jason Minor, Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Patrick Allen and Councillor Peter Turner

Staff:

Jeff McLeod – Chief Executive Officer, Belinda Urquhart – Director Service Delivery, Simon Murphy – Director Technical Services, Sabine Wedemeyer – Director Community Services, Buke Ali Tunne – Acting Director Corporate Services, Michael Tomlinson – Manager Governance and Compliance, Brian Robinson – Manager Human Resources and Gaurab Ghimire – Governance Admin Officer.

Guests:

Apologies:

Deputy President Dalton McDonald

3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

OCM2022-110 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lynette Ellis)

That the Ordinary Council:

- 1. noted the attendance at the meeting;**
- 2. noted the apology given by Deputy President Dalton McDonald;**
- 3. recorded the absence, without apology, of Councillors Annie Young and Councillor Bobby Abbott for the meeting held 26 August 2022.**

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

OCM2022-116 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Lisa Sharman)

That Council:

- a) **noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and**
- b) **that the Council noted that CEO has declared a conflict of interest for item 18.1.**

9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

9.1 DEPUTATION: OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONER AGAINST CORRUPTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC) exists to improve integrity in public institutions. Their vision is to ensure the highest standards of integrity in Northern Territory public administration. The Commissioner has a range of powers to investigate corruption allegations and it is important that Councillors understand these powers and the investigation process.

ICAC officers regularly deliver training to raise awareness of the functions of ICAC and the roles, responsibilities and obligations of public officers under the *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2017* (the Act).

OCM2022-117 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Peter Turner)

That Council:

- a) **accepted the deputation from the Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption presented by Naomi Loudon; and**
- b) **councillors and staff noted and discussed some of the examples of misconduct related to Council.**

9.2 DEPUTATION: REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Remuneration Tribunal is an independent statutory body established under the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and other Entitlements) Act 2006*. The Tribunal undertakes inquiries into the remuneration and entitlements of key NT office holders.

OCM2022-118 RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Lisa Sharman)

- a) **That Council received the deputation during the council workshop held 25 August 2022 from the Remuneration Tribunal.**
- b) **Members provided feedback to the Tribunal regarding allowances and the vast distances regional council members travel.**

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

That Council accepted the nomination submitted by the Local Authority and endorsed Mr Jacob Carol for the Areyonga Local Authority.

12.3 RESIGNATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to ask Council to endorse the resignation of the Authority membership made at a provisional meeting of the Areyonga Local Authority held 15 June 2022.

The resignation of a Local Authority membership is in accordance with para. 4.15.1 of Councils Local Authority Meeting Procedure (MC02-P2) which states:

“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:

- a) Resigns in writing to the CEO, Chairperson or a delegated MRC employee.*

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.

OCM2022-121 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lynette Ellis)

That Council:

- a) endorsed the resignation of membership received from Ms Daphne Puntjina from the Areyonga Local Authority;**
- b) acknowledged her long service in the Local Authority of Areyonga; and**
- c) noted and discussed appreciation for her involvement in the Authority.**

13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

13.1 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.

OCM2022-122 RESOLVED (Peter Turner/Jason Minor)

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

- 1. approval of carry over request for unspent 2019-20 Local Authority Project Funding to 28 Feb 2023;**
- 2. noted the MRC member value proposition 2021-22;**
- 3. no nomination were expressed for the Land Development Committee;**
- 4. council received the nomination from Councillor Lisa Sharman for Closing the Gap Implementation plan and that the council endorsed the nomination;**
- 5. council request to submit a motion to LGANT for funding youth programs in the areas of youth diversion programs, youth involvement and engagement programs and elders engagement program;**
- 6. council action to submit the motion to LGANT;**
- 7. received the correspondence for remote community stores licensing scheme.**

15.3 POLICY REPORT - POLICY FA04-CP TO BE RESCINDED

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

“FA04-CP Public benefit concessions for commercial ratepayers policy” was introduced as a special benefit to assist the Commercial ratepayers of the region that were economically impacted by COVID-19. The benefits applied to the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 financial years.

The application of the Policy has now expired and the Policy is to be rescinded.

OCM2022-127 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mark Inkamala)

That Council rescinded “FA04-CP Public benefit concessions for commercial ratepayers policy” as the period of its applicability has expired.

15.4 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.

OCM2022-128 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Lynette Ellis)

That Council noted and received the minutes, including any resolutions, from the Finance and Risk Committee meeting held 29 July 2022.

15.5 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.

OCM2022-129 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

That Council noted and accepted the Finance Report as at 31 July 2022.

15.6 REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council's policies are currently under review. It has been determined that the following policies require amendments as described in the discussion:

1. CP133 – Fringe Benefits Policy – minor amendments and reclassification to FA05-CP.
2. FA03-CP – Accommodation and Travel Members Policy – minor amendments and reclassification to MC08-CP.

who drive or operate MRC fleet.

OCM2022-133 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lynette Ellis)

That Council:

- a) adopted AI103-CP Vehicle Use Policy as a policy of Council;
- b) noted that Councillor Ellis raised a matter of MRC vehicle use by the councillor;
- c) CEO informed the Councillor that the unauthorized use of vehicle is not permitted and must have signed AI103-CP Vehicle Use Policy before using;
- d) CEO can authorise use by an elected member of a Council vehicle to attend council meetings where there is no provision for video / audio conferencing; and
- e) noted that vehicle travel allowance will not be paid where a council vehicle is used for council meeting purposes.

15.10 COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

OCM2022-134 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Patrick Allen)

That Council:

- a) noted and accepted the Community Services report;
- b) noted that the Director Community Services announced the successful accreditation of aged care audit; and
- c) noted that 2 new MacCare coordinators are in the recruitment process in order to pilot the program for 6 months from the funds available from last year.

15.11 SERVICE CENTRE DELIVERY - AUGUST 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OCM2022-135 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Abraham Poulson)

That Council:

- a) noted the report Service Centre Delivery – August 2022;
- b) be informed two national Tidy Town Awards were presented to the Santa Teresa Community;
- c) watched the video that was also played at the award ceremony;
- d) discussed that back of the council building firebreaks at Amoonguna wasn't done and CEO reminded that this is part of civil team works;
- e) noted and discussed the healthy community grants for Finke, Imanpa, Kintore and Mt Liebig community and Community services and Technical services will work together.

MINUTES NOTE: CR MINOR LEFT 02:29PM BY APOLOGY WITH PERMISSION to travel to Adelaide

Minutes note: Cr Sharman requested that the Youth Programme schedule for December – January be included in the October Ordinary Council meeting agenda. Council to discuss how the programme could be used to combat anti-social behaviour in the community.

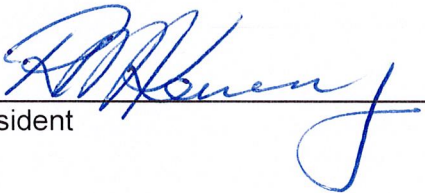
17 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 3:39 pm.

This page and the preceding 10 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting Held on Friday 26 August 2022 and were confirmed Friday, 28 October 2022.

18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

28 October 2022



President

28/10/22

CONFIRMED on 28 October 2022