



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON THURSDAY 30 APRIL 2020 AT 10:00AM

1 MEETING OPENED at 10:43 AM

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2 WELCOME

Welcome to Country was performed by President Roxanne Kenny.

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Cr Marlene Abbott, Cr Selina Kulitja, Cr Mark Inkamala, Cr Sarah Stockman, Cr Conway, Cr Lynette Ellis, Cr Susan Doolan and Cr Dalton McDonald - all attending via teleconference

Apologies:

Deputy President Greg Sharman and Cr Braydon Williams

Staff:

Jeff McLeod – Chief Executive Officer, Ken Newman – Director Service Delivery, Simon Murphy – Director Technical Services, Rohan Marks – Director Community Services, Bhan Pratap – Director Corporate Services, Darren Pfitzner – Manager Governance and Planning, Jeff Tan – Coordinator Communications and Engagement and Robert Rabotot – Governance Officer

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe – Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development - attending via teleconference

3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

OC2020-033 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Mark Inkamala)

That Council noted the attendance and apologies of the meeting.

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

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OC2020-034 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Lynette Ellis)

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 28 February 2020

OC2020-035 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Dalton McDonald)

That the minutes were taken as read and were accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

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

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OC2020-036 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Selina Kulitja)

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

7.2 That members provided notification of matters to be raised in general business as listed below:

- 1. Biosecurity discussion**

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8.1 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

OC2020-037 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Dalton McDonald)

That the Ordinary Council:

- a) Noted the Council Code of Conduct; and**
- b) That members did not declare any conflict of interest.**

9 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

80 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 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 before, the last Ordinary Council meeting.

The Local Authority meetings covered on this report include:

- Docker River Local Authority meeting – 6 February 2020
- Hermannsburg Local Authority meeting - 12 February 2020
- Areyonga Local Authority meeting – 19 February 2020
- Imanpa Local Authority – 11 March 2020
- Finke Local Authority – 12 March 2020

OC2020-038 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Dalton McDonald)

That Council noted:

- a) The confirmed minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting; and**
- b) The unconfirmed minutes of the Hermannsburg, Areyonga, Imanpa and Finke Local Authority Meeting.**

12.2 NOMINATIONS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council is asked to consider the two members nominated to fill vacancies in Areyonga and Imanpa.

The Local Authority meeting at Areyonga approved the nomination of Hilda Bert to the Areyonga Local Authority.

The Local Authority meeting at Imanpa approved the nomination of Lillian Inkamala to the Imanpa Local Authority.

OC2020-039 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Sarah Stockman)

That Council noted and accepted this report; and

- Endorsed the nomination of Hilda Bert to the Areyonga Local Authority**
- Endorsed the nomination of Lillian Inkamala to the Imanpa Local Authority**

13 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

13.1 CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides Councilors with an update on correspondence sent and received by the Council/President in the period following the past Council meeting.

OC2020-040 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Tommy Conway)

That Council noted the correspondence received.

13.2 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Council regularly reviews this report which summarises actions that have been raised at previous Ordinary Council meetings and provides the status and/or updates of each action.

OC2020-041 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Mark Inkamala)

That Council noted the progress on the actions in the register.

14 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil

15 OFFICERS' REPORTS

15.1 CONSULTATION FOR THE 2020-21 REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This presentation is a summary from the consultations held separately with Local Authority members, Councillors and staff. It serves to inform Council of the potential objectives and strategies of the 2020-21 Regional Plan for their consideration.

OC2020-042 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Lynette Ellis)

That Council noted and accepted the presented input for the 2020-21 Regional Plan consultation process.

15.2 FINANCE REPORT

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 report set out:

- financial year-to-date income and expenditure to the end of the previous month;
- forecast income and expenditure for the whole of the financial year;
- details of all cash and investments held (including money held in trust);
- statement of debts owed to council including aggregated amount by category and general age of debt; and
- other information required by council.

The attached report is the finance report for Council as at 31 March 2020.

OC2020-043 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Marlene Abbott)

That Council noted and accepted the Finance Report as at 31 March 2020.

15.3 FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Council have delegate to the Finance and Risk committee the necessary powers to carry out, on behalf of council, council financial functions in the months the council does not hold an ordinary meeting.

OC2020-044 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Mark Inkamala)

That Council noted and received the minutes including any resolutions from Finance & Risk Committee.

15.4 COVID-19 UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a new virus. Symptoms include fever, coughing, a sore throat and shortness of breath. The virus can spread from person to person, but good hygiene can prevent infection. MRC in response to the COVID-19 outbreak has identified and is managing various risk through guidelines and regular communication with staff to ensure compliance.

OC2020-045 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Tommy Conway)

That Council received the report on COVID-19 update

15.5 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the activities and the services of the Directorate of Corporate Services for the months of February and March 2020.

OC2020-046 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Marlene Abbott)

That Council noted and received the Corporate Services Report for the months of February and March 2020.

15.6 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides and update on Community Services program delivery.

OC2020-047 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Sarah Stockman)

That Council noted and accepted the Community Service report

15.7 DIRECTOR SERVICE DELIVERY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

OC2020-048 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Marlene Abbott)

That Council noted and accepted the report prepared by Ken Newman, Director Service Centre Delivery

15.8 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report will inform Council of recent activities within the Technical Services Directorate

OC2020-049 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Dalton McDonald)

That Council noted and accepted this report.

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.

1: Biosecurity discussion

In an email sent to Jeff MacLeod – Chief Executive Officer of MacDonnell Regional Council, LGANT requested MacDonnell Regional Council to provide feedback in regards to the Biosecurity Act – Border closures June 18 2020 and restricted zones measures in place due to COVID-19.

OC2020-050 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Lynette Ellis)
That MacDonnell Regional Council:

- a) **Noted and discussed the item raised at Item 7.2: and**
- b) **Caveat subject to the fact that no person to person COVID-19 cases occurring within Central Australia, MacDonnell Regional Council recommend:**
 1. **That the Northern Territory Border Restrictions stay in place beyond the 18 June 2022; and**
 2. **That the designated Biosecurity Zones within the MacDonnell Regional Council be removed immediately; and**
 3. **That all MacDonnell Regional Council communities should be consulted on whether the Biosecurity Zones should be removed.**

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

OC2020-051 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Marlene Abbott)

That Council moved the meeting into a closed Confidential meeting.

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 2008 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

17.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes - Confidential - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) (ci) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

17.2 Elected Members Allowance - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

17.3 Special Measures Covid-19 - Public Benefit Concession Policy for commercial ratepayers - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

17.3 SPECIAL MEASURES COVID-19 - PUBLIC BENEFIT CONCESSION POLICY FOR COMMERCIAL RATEPAYERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The report provides guidelines to the MRC to put in place special measures to assist the rebuilding of the communities within the MRC local government area. MRC will look at the options to assist the businesses (Commercial ratepayers) that have been economically impacted by COVID-19. Recently the NT Government have issues Local Government Support Package of 7.1 Million.

OC2020-007 RESOLVED(Lynette Ellis/Marlene Abbott)

That Council:

- a) **Received the report on Special Measures Covid-19 - Public Benefit Concession Policy for commercial ratepayers**
- b) **Approved the Public Benefit Concession Policy for commercial Ratepayers**
- c) **Authorised the CEO to Certify that the council will resolve to adopt and apply the Department's guideline "Rate concessions for commercial properties" in relation to waiving of commercial rates based on hardship in 2020-21.**
- d) **Adopted the options provided under sub-heading ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES.**
- e) **Move the decision into Open Council and publish.**

17.4 Writing off of rate debts - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*

17.5 Tender report on 105-018 Kintore access Road upgrade - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

17.5 TENDER REPORT ON 105-018 KINTORE ACCESS ROAD UPGRADE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report will detail a recent tender submission and make a recommendation.

OC2020-009 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Dalton McDonald)

That Council:

- a) **Approved awarding of the tender to D & C Dehne Constructions, for the expanded scope of works, based on recommendation and information provided to this meeting.**
- b) **Moved the result of the tender process into open council and publically declare the successful tenderer.**

17.6 Tender exemption endorsement request - Docker River oval lighting installation
- *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

DECISION TO MOVE TO OPEN SESSION

OC2020-011 RESOLVED (Sarah Stockman/Mark Inkamala)

That Council moved the meeting back to an open meeting.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Special Council Meeting - Friday 29 May 2020

Ordinary Council Meeting - Friday 26 June 2020

10 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:55 PM.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting Held on Thursday, 30 April 2020 and were confirmed on Friday, 29 May 2020.

President