



MINUTES OF THE SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
SANTA TERESA COUNCIL OFFICE ON
TUESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 10:40 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:40 AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Agnes Alice

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Councillors and members of the Local Authority that attended the meeting via videolink from the Santa Teresa Council office.

Member Agnes Alice (Chair), Member P. Alice and Councillor Annie Young.

Councillors that attended the meeting via video link from their respective Council Offices.

Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Lynette Ellis and Councillor Patrick Allen

Council Employees:

Sabine Wedemeyer (Director Community Services), Barbara Newland (Governance & Compliance Manager) and June Crabb (Governance Officer)

Dan Toole (MacYouth Team Leader) joined the meeting at 11.40am

Guests:

Maria Viegas, (Department Chief Minister and Cabinet) joined the meeting via videolink from her respective office.

3.1 ATTENDANCE

STLA2021-062 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Phillip Alice)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted the attendance to the Local Authority meeting.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Emma Hayes and Member Louise Cavanagh and Member Robert Kopp

Absentees:

Nil

3.2 APOLOGIES

STLA2021-063 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Annie Young)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority accepted the apologies given by Member Louise Cavanagh, Member Emma Hayes and Member Robert Kopp

3.3 Resignations

Nil

3.4 Terminations

Nil

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to note changes to the membership of the September Local Authority as a result of the Local Government election held in September 2021.

Appointments to Local Authorities have also been affected by changes introduced in the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act) implemented on 2 July 2021 and this paper also reflects those changes.

One vacancy was created at the 12 November 2020 meeting when the membership of Charlie Lynch was revoked for being absent from two consecutive meetings and subsequently a second vacancy occurred at the 18 February 2021 meeting when Nora Hayes-Wheeler resigned her membership from the Local Authority.

STLA2021-064 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Annie Young)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) welcomed Patrick Allen and Lisa Sharman as Councillors to Rodinga ward;**
- b) noted that the memberships of previous Councillors Susan Doolan and Greg Sharman are revoked;**
- c) noted that the President is no longer a member of the Authority;**
- d) noted that two vacancies are available on the Local Authority; and**
- e) called for community nominations to remain open for 21 days to fill the vacancies.**

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

STLA2021-065 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Annie Young)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

STLA2021-066 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Agnes Alice)

That the Minutes of the Santa Teresa Local Authority held on the 13 May 2021 and the 22 July 2021 be adopted as a resolution of Santa Teresa Local Authority.

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

6.1 That the papers circulated are received for consideration at the meeting.

6.1 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

STLA2021-067 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Lynette Ellis)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority received the papers circulated for consideration at the meeting

6.2 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

STLA2021-068 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Agnes Alice)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority provided notification of the following matters to be raised for discussion in General Council Business at item 12.1

1. Opening hours of Youth Centre.

At this point the Director Community Services informed the Local Authority that she will contact the Team Leader to provide an answer for the Authority.

6.3 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

STLA2021-069 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Agnes Alice)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

STLA2021-070 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Agnes Alice)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 ACTION REGISTER - SANTA TERESA LA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

STLA2021-071 RESOLVED (Phillip Alice/Annie Young)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of the previous meeting as received and close action pool toilets;
- b) kept open action 'Invite Father Elmer' and acknowledged the apology given that Father Elmer was attending a Community meeting; and
- c) request that a new invite be sent to Father Elmer to attend the next Local Authority meeting.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) and invested in projects to benefit and improve the community.

Examples of *acceptable* purposes for expenditure include:

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
 - Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
 - Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

There is \$65,097.30 remaining of unallocated funds to invest in Community projects, released as part of the 2021/2022 grant from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

These funds must be fully expended by 30 June 2023.

The Project funds from 2020/2021 were fully allocated to Infrastructure projects within the Community.

STLA2021-072 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Phillip Alice)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) noted the release of unallocated funds for the 2021/2022 Project funds;
- b) noted and accepted that the 2020/2021 project funds were fully allocated;
- c) noted and accepted the progress of the following projects;
- d) kept open project 2204 'Front Entrance Project';
- e) kept open project 2202 'Youth Space Greening with benches and fencing, noting if the CSC could look into quotes for a lawn;
- f) kept open project 2203 'Solar lights' noting that the lights were in Alice Springs awaiting distribution;
- g) kept open project 2201 'Scoreboard' committing \$290.77 to cover the overspend;
- h) kept open project 2205 'Church project' committed \$20,000.00 and approved that the project be started;
- i) kept open Community Park/Sports area, requesting that the quotes for the mobile trailer that can convert to a stage be submitted to the next Local Authority meeting; and
- j) opened a new project named 'Shade and Seating at Cemetery and requested that the CSC obtain quotes to bring to the next Local Authority meeting.

9.3 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

STLA2021-073 RESOLVED (Phillip Alice/Lynette Ellis)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted and discussed the spending of their 2021/2022 Discretionary fund.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council delivered Services in Santa Teresa across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

STLA2021-074 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Annie Young)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE SANTA TERESA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

STLA2021-075 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Agnes Alice)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Service report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 September 2021 in the Local Authority community.

STLA2021-076 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Lisa Sharman)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure Report as at 30 September 2021.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.2, members of the Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

STLA2021-077 RESOLVED (Agnes Alice/Lisa Sharman)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority noted and discussed the items raised at Item 6.2.

1. Youth Centre opening hours.

The Local Authority asked why the Youth Centre had been closed Thursday and Friday.

Daniel Toole, Youth Team Leader advised that due to staff on leave and a funeral in community, the centre had been closed. Usually the centre is open Monday to Friday and agreed where possible, to provide to the Community advance notice of any future closures to the Youth Centre.

Dan Toole left the meeting after this discussion.

2. Youth Centre vehicles.

The Local Authority advised that they have safety concerns surrounding the misuse of MRC's MacYouth vehicles. The community has witnessed overcrowding in vehicles, heads and hands out of windows, reckless driving, and speed.

The Local Authority have requested that the Director Community Services look into the seriousness of this matter.

Sabine Wedemeyer, Director Community Services has assured the Local Authority that she will investigate and report back to the next Local Authority meeting.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to note and discuss the matters raised at item 6.3 and to be informed of any updates to the actions relating to the services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

STLA2021-078 RESOLVED (Annie Young/Agnes Alice)

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) noted that no items was raised for discussion at item 6.3;
- b) noted and accepted the correspondence from Hon Eva Lawler, Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics regarding the Santa Teresa Road; and
- c) noted and accepted the updates from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

1. Roads.

The Local Authority requested the Department of Chief Minister representative inquire with DIPL on future works planned for the Santa Teresa Road and if that would include sealing the entire road.

The Authority would like the road signs put back up as the two graders that had been grading out on Santa Teresa road in early September 2021 had knocked down the two signs located at the start of the bitumen leading into community.

The Representative was also advised that the Graders left a pile of rocks and sand on the road creating a danger to vehicles and the Local Authority have requested that they be removed and for DIPL to ask the contractors not to leave these types of hazards on the roads.

2. Housing.

The Local Authority have requested when the next Housing Reference Group meeting is and when will more houses be built in Santa Teresa in the near future.

The Authority would also like an update on what is happening with the vacant houses currently available and when would they receive an update to the Room to Breathe Program for future works on Housing in Santa Teresa.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TO BE ADVISED

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12.22 pm.

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CONFIRMED MINUTES