



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE ALICE SPRINGS COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1 BAGOT STREET, ALICE SPRINGS ON THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 9:03AM

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present:

Councillors

Cr Adrian Dixon, Cr Norbert Patrick, Cr April Martin, Cr Robert George, Cr Renita Webb, Cr Audrey Inkamala, Cr Jacob Spencer, Cr James Glenn, Cr Warren Williams, Cr Freddy Williams

Council Officers

Diane Hood (CEO), Craig Catchlove (DCORP), John Gaynor (DCS), Libby Nuss (Governance Manager).

Apologies:

Cr William Liddle.

OC108/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr George)
That Council suspend standing orders.

Standing orders suspended at 9:05am

Welcome by Bruce Fife representing the Minister and Department of Local Government. Swearing in ceremony took place.

OC109/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr Martin)
That Council resume standing orders.

Meeting resumed at 9:37am

1.1 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY PRESIDENT

SUMMARY: The Council is being asked to elect the Principal member

(the President) and deputy principal member.

OC110/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr George)
That Council determine that the title of the Principal member under Section 45 (1) of the Local Government Act to be “President”.

Elections for President were held.

Nominations for the following were received:

- Norbert Patrick
- Adrian Dixon
- Warren Williams

A ballot was held.

Cr Adrian Dixon was elected as President.

Elections for Deputy President were held.

Nominations for the following were received:

- Warren Williams
- Norbert Patrick
- James Glen

A ballot was held.

Cr Warren Williams was elected as Deputy President.

OC111/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr McCormack)
Council decided unanimously that the Deputy Presidency will be for a one year term.

OC112/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr George)
Council determine that, in accordance with Section 61 (7), the principal member is not allowed to exercise a casting vote.

2 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

2.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

SUMMARY: The agenda of this Council meeting is being tabled. Councillors decide whether they wish to accept the agenda as it stands or whether they wish to change the order of business. Councillors can also, via a motion, add items to the agenda under general business.

OC113/2017 RESOLVED (Cr McCormack/Cr Martin)
That Council accept the agenda of the Council meeting.

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

4 CODE OF CONDUCT MATTERS

4.1 CONSIDERATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

SUMMARY: The Council endorsed a revised Code of Conduct at its May 2016 meeting. To ensure that the Council is familiar with the code of conduct it is presented at every meeting. The Council can use this item as an opportunity to discuss any concerns.

OC114/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Williams)**

That Council confirm their commitment to the Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

SUMMARY: Council reviews the minutes of the previous Council meeting to confirm that they are true and correct record of what occurred at the meeting.

OC115/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Williams)**

That the attached minutes of the previous ordinary and special Council meetings held in July 2017 be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

6 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

SUMMARY: The action item report is presented to the Council so that it can monitor progress against resolutions from previous meetings.

OC116/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Martin/Cr Patrick)**

That Council:

- 1. Note progress reports on outstanding actions from the minutes of previous Ordinary Council meetings, amending the item OC029/2017 to remain open with an additional action of a follow up letter to CLC.**
- 2. Approve removal of completed action items.**

7 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

7.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

SUMMARY: This report tables the minutes of local authority meetings since the last ordinary Council meeting. Any action items that arise from these minutes are raised at the following ordinary Council meeting.

OC117/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Williams/Cr Patrick)**

That Council note the tabled minutes of Local Authority meetings that have occurred since the last the Ordinary Council meeting on 27 July 2017.

8 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

8.1 AGENCIES/CONTRACTORS ATTENDING CDRC COMMUNITIES

SUMMARY: CDRC communities have had an ongoing issue with agencies and contractors arriving in community to perform work without providing notice or advising anyone of their presence on community.

OC118/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr McCormack)**

That the Council advise the Anmatjere Local Authority that, although sympathetic to the aims of their resolution, Council has no authority to implement a law requiring all agencies and contractors to provide advance notice of their presence in community.

8.2 APPOINTING LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

SUMMARY: All CDRC Local Authority positions are spilled at the same time as the Local Government General Election. Nominations were sought and the community members who nominated (excluding those who became councilors or didn't get voted in via community election) are listed above.

OC119/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Martin/Cr McCormack)**

That the Council:

- 1. Affirm the Council policy which sets the number of appointed members in each community.**
- 2. For those Local Authorities where the number of nominations equaled the number of vacancies, appoint the following:**

Laramba (7 vacancies):

- **Ron Hagen**
- **Stephen Briscoe**
- **Billy Briscoe**
- **Deb Williams**
- **Irene Floyd**
- **Peter Stafford**
- **Bessie Dixon**

Nyirripi (7 vacancies):

- **Ben Gallgher**
- **Kathy Satour**
- **Lance Turner**
- **Lee Wayne**
- **Ansalem Wilson**
- **Henry Wilson**

- **Jeff Taylor**

Yuelamu (7 vacancies):

- **Norman Hagen**
- **Cliffy Tommy**
- **Billy Stafford**
- **Mack Murphy**
- **Noel Kunoth**
- **Linda Marshall**
- **Melissa Morton**

3. For those Local Authorities where the number of nominations exceeded the number of vacancies,

(a) appoint the following:

Anmatjere: (9 vacancies) :

- **Dean Pepperill**
- **Trevor Cook**
- **Gregory Leonard**
- **Mark Pepperill**
- **Rodney Baird**
- **April Campbell**
- **Betty Carter**
- **Estelle Carter**
- **William Lane**

Yuendumu (10 vacancies):

- **Otto Simms**
- **Francis Kelly**
- **Georgina Wilson**
- **Robert Robertson**
- **Elizabeth Lechleitner**
- **Paul Briscoe**
- **Jimmy Langdon**
- **Cecilia Alfonso**
- **Jennifer Baarda**
- **Francis Penhall**

Engawala (7 vacancies):

- **Elizabeth Dixon**

- Dianne Dixon
- Kathy Inkamala
- Joy Turner
- Rachel Tilmouth
- Danella Guiseppe
- Janet Tilmouth

And,

(c) Instruct the CEO to write to the unsuccessful nominees, thanking them for their interest and encouraging a future nomination and involvement with the community.

4. For those local authorities where the number of nominees was less than the number of vacancies:

(a) Appoint the following:

Atitjere (7 vacancies):

- Anthony Petrick
- Sally Perkins
- Robin Bloomfield
- Kevin Bloomfield
- Edward Duffill

Lajamanu (10 vacancies):

- Doris Lewis
- Tracie Patrick
- Jenny Johnson
- Sheree Anderson
- Elizabeth Ross
- Joe Marshall
- Andrew Johnson
- Mike Doolan
- Anthony Johnson

Willowra (7 vacancies):

- Keziah Ahkit-Kitson
- Lillian Long
- Justina Forrest
- Harold Ross
- Owen Williams
- Jeanie Presley

And,

(b) Note the remaining positions in the these communities in which another nomination process will commence and results will be put to Council at the next Council meeting:

- **2 positions in Atitjere**
- **1 position in Lajamanu**
- **1 position in Willowra**

8.3 ATITJERE BASKETBALL COURT RESURFACING

SUMMARY: The Local Authority was presented an opportunity for the Atitjere basketball court to be resurfaced at a largely reduced price, less than half of the projected cost.

The previous Council discussed this issue at a recent meeting and supports the approval of this project; previously committed funds will be provided from Council reserves to assist the Local Authority with this project.

OC120/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Webb/Cr George)

That the Council:

- 1. Note the Atitjere Local Authorities approval via circular resolution for the amount of \$56,987.00 to be spent from the 2015/16 and 2016/17 Local Authority project funding on resurfacing the Atitjere Basketball Court.**
- 2. Note the previous Council committed \$40,103.00 of its own funding toward the Basketball Resurfacing Project.**
- 3. Confirm the approval of the total expenditure of \$97,090.00 to be spent on the Basketball Resurfacing Project.**

9 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nil

10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORTS

10.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

SUMMARY: The Chief Executive Officer reports on items of importance for the Council.

OC121/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Williams)

That Council receive and note the report from the Chief Executive Officer.

Meeting adjourned for morning tea, the time being 10:43am.

Meeting resumed, the time being 11:03am.

10.3 APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SUMMARY: Council committees are an important part of Council and assist Council to undertake specific roles and functions. The Council currently has four committees. Attendance at these committees by Councillors (excluding the President or Deputy President) is eligible for the extra meeting allowance and associated travel costs. Video conferencing is available in Lajamanu, Yuendumu and Ti Tree and this can be used by Councillors attending committee meetings.

OC122/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Williams/Cr Dixon)**

That Council:

- 1. Appoint the following Elected members to form the Finance Committee:**
 - **President Adrian Dixon**
 - **Cr Jacob Spencer**
 - **Cr Norbert Patrick**
 - **Cr Robert George**
 - **Cr April Martin**
- 2. Authorise the CEO to appoint an appropriately qualified external member to the finance committee.**

10.4 APPOINTMENT OF AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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OC123/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr Glenn)**

That Council appoint the following Elected members to form the Audit and Risk Committee:

- **President Adrian Dixon**
- **Cr Renita Webb**
- **Cr Norbert Patrick**
- **Cr David McCormick**

10.5 APPOINTMENT OF THE CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SUMMARY: Council committees are an important part of Council and assist Council to undertake specific roles and functions. The Council

currently has four committees. Attendance at these committees by Councillors (excluding the President or Deputy President) is eligible for the extra meeting allowance and associated travel costs. Video conferencing is available in Lajamanu, Yuendumu and Ti Tree and this can be used by Councillors attending committee meetings.

OC124/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Martin/Cr Spencer)

That Council appoint the following Elected members to form the CEO Performance Review Committee:

- **President Adrian Dixon**
- **Deputy Warren Williams**
- **Cr Freddy Williams**
- **Cr Norbert Patrick**

10.6 APPOINTMENT OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SUMMARY: Council committees are an important part of Council and assist Council to undertake specific roles and functions. The Council currently has four committees. Attendance at these committees by Councillors (excluding the President or Deputy President) is eligible for the extra meeting allowance and associated travel costs. Video conferencing is available in Lajamanu, Yuendumu and Ti Tree and this can be used by Councillors attending committee meetings.

OC125/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr George)

That Council:

- 1. Appoint the following to form the Social Justice Committee:**
 - **President Adrian Dixon**
 - **Deputy President Warren Williams**
 - **Cr Audrey Inkamala**
 - **Ron Hagen**
- 2. Authorise the CEO to seek three nominations for the remaining position on the committee, for Council decision at a later meeting.**

10.7 NOMINATIONS FOR LGANT DELEGATES

SUMMARY: Each Council has delegates to LGANT who vote at general and annual general meetings. Under Section 7 of the LGANT Constitution it states that 'councils shall be represented at meetings of the Association by nominated delegates'.

OC126/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr Martin)

That the Council nominate the President and Deputy President as delegates to represent Council at meetings of the Association.

10.8 NOMINATIONS FOR LGANT EXECUTIVE

SUMMARY: Council is asked to nominate suitable candidates for the available positions on the LGANT Executive board. The Regional and Shire position sits on the ALGA Board.

OC127/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr Glenn)**

That the Council nominate Cr Norbert Patrick and Deputy President Warren Williams for the role of Vice President – Regional and Shires and also to an Executive position on LGANT.

10.9 NOMINATION FOR LGANT COMMITTEES

SUMMARY: LGANT committees are seeking nominations from Councillors and Executive staff throughout the NT to sit on the following committees:

- Animal Welfare Committee
- Heritage Council Committee
- NT Ministerial Council on Multicultural Affairs

OC128/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Patrick)**

That the Council nominate Cr Freddy Williams and CEO, Diane Hood as candidates to the LGANT Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

10.10 RATIFYING THE USE OF THE COMMON SEAL

SUMMARY: The Common Seal Register lists all agreements that have had the Common Seal applied since the last Council Meeting for the Council's approval.

OC129/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/Cr Williams)**

That Council ratify the use of the Common Seal for the grant as attached.

11 CORPORATE SERVICES

11.1 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

SUMMARY: This report provides information on the major activities and outcomes for the Corporate Services Directorate.

OC130/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Williams/Cr Spencer)**

That Council note the report from the Director of Corporate Services.

12 FINANCE REPORTS

12.1 FINANCE REPORT

SUMMARY: The financial reports provide Council with information on its

financial position for the period ending.

OC131/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr George)

That Council note the financial reports for the period ending 31 August 2017, with the amendment that there is an unfavorable variance with the operating income.

12.2 GRANTS RECEIVED

SUMMARY: The Council is provided with a list of grants received since the last Council meeting for their information.

OC132/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Martin/Cr Spencer)

That Council note the attached grants received since the previous Council meeting held 27 July 2017 and approves expenditure in anticipation of a budget review.

12.3 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUMMARY: The Finance Committee convenes on a bimonthly basis to carry out the financial functions of the Council. The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 24 August 2017, where the July Financial report was considered, is attached for Council's consideration.

OC134/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr McCormack)

That Council note the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 24 August 2017.

13 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

13.1 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES' REPORT

SUMMARY: The Director Community Services reports to Council about matters of significance since the last Council meeting.

OC135/2017 RESOLVED (Cr George/Cr Williams)

That Council note the report from the Director of Community Services.

13.2 FAMILY WELLBEING STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT

SUMMARY: The Family Wellbeing Strategy was adopted by Council in the October 2016 meeting. The document details the actions and key performance indicators that we will report against to demonstrate that the Council is actively working to improve the lives and wellbeing of people living in the Region's remote communities.

The Director of Community Services will report on the progress against the Key Performance Indicators at every second Council meeting.

OC136/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Martin)

That the Council note the progress report on the Family Wellbeing Strategy.

14 WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS

14.1 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

SUMMARY: The report from the Director Infrastructure provides information on the activities undertaken in the directorate since the last report to Council.

OC137/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Williams/Cr Martin)**

That Council note the report from the Acting Director Infrastructure.

14.2 DIRECTOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY: The report from the Director Municipal Services provides information on the activities undertaken in the directorate since the last report to Council.

OC138/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Williams/Cr Patrick)**

That Council note the report from the Director Municipal Services.

15 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

17 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

18 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Nil

19 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

OC139/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Martin)**

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 listed come within the

following provisions:-

21.1 Confirmation of Previous Confidential Minutes - *The report was dealt with under Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 (ciii) 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 (Matters have been previously dealt with under Section 65(A).).*

21.2 CDP Progress Report - *The report was dealt with under Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 (ci) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person (Contains commercially sensitive income and performance data).*

20 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 11:37 pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 12 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ordinary Council HELD ON Thursday, 14 September 2017 TO BE CONFIRMED Thursday, 30 November 2017.

President