



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE IBIS
CONFERENCE ROOM, ALICE SPRINGS ON FRIDAY, 28 JULY 2017
AT 9:14AM

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present:

Councillors

Cr Adrian Dixon (President), Cr Norbert Patrick (Deputy President), Cr April Martin, Cr Benedy Bird, Cr Cecilia Alfonso, Cr Georgina Wilson, Cr Jacob Spencer, Cr James Glenn, Cr Liz Bird.

Council Officers

John Gaynor (A/CEO), Craig Catchlove (DCORPS), Greg Buxton (DMS & A/DWI), Anthony Murphy (A/DCS), Libby Nuss (Governance Manager), Amy Simson (Governance Officer).

1.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

SUMMARY: That the Council accept apologies and note absences.

OC091/2017 RESOLVED (Cr (Liz) Bird/Cr Spencer)

That Council:

- 1. Accept the apologies from Marlene Tilmouth.**
- 2. Note the absences of William Johnson, Sandra Peckham**

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 make changes to existing items or add new items.

OC092/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr (Liz) Bird)

That Council accept the agenda of the Council meeting with the addition of item 14.3 Atitjere Basketball Court Resurface.

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.

OC093/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Martin/Cr Glenn)**

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.

OC094/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Bird/Cr Alfonso)**

That the attached minutes of the previous ordinary and special Council meetings held in May and June 2017 be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting with the following amendment:

- **Item 8.5 Unallocated Crown Land to read “That the Council invite the Minister for Housing and Community Development and the member for Stuart to attend the next Anmatjere Local Authority meeting to discuss unallocated Crown Land in Ti Tree.”**

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.

OC095/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr (Liz) Bird/Cr Glenn)**

That Council:

- 1. Note progress reports on outstanding actions from the minutes of previous Ordinary Council meetings.**
- 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.

OC096/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Martin)

That Council receive and note the tabled minutes of Local Authority meetings that have occurred since the last the Ordinary Council meeting on 25 May 2017 with the following amendments:

- **Laramba Minutes: Item 13.2 to read “That the Local Authority will discuss the issue of illicit rubbish dumping at the next community meeting with the two possible solutions:**
 - 1. Creating a drop off zone to dump rubbish so Works can move it to the Waste Management facility due to the location being on a men’s only zone.**
 - 2. Install a fence starting at the grid and ending at the staff housing.**
- **Engawala Minutes: Item 3.1 Correct the spelling of Margo Nott.**
- **Anmatjere Minutes: Item 3.1 Replace April Martins name with Marlene Tilmouth.**

8 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

8.1 REQUEST FOR A TOWN MASTER PLAN IN TI TREE

SUMMARY: During the previous Anmatjere Local Authority meeting the Regional Director South, Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Logistics attended the meeting to discuss related issues which could not be answered without a Town Master Plan, leading to the resolution to Council.

OC097/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr Bird)

That Council write to the Northern Territory Government requesting a Town Master Plan be prepared for the Ti Tree region that addresses:

- **The need for future housing.**
- **Future commercial expansion and the lack of available blocks for commercial expansion.**
- **Expansion of essential services (including waste management facilities) to accommodate future expansion.**
- **The long term economic development of Ti Tree and the Ti Tree region.**
- **The impact of a proposed airport expansion on existing and future housing developments.**

8.2 EXTENDING THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROL OPERATING HOURS IN LAJAMANU

SUMMARY: The Lajamanu Local Authority have requested that the

Community Safety Patrol hours of operation provide greater flexibility and responsiveness to help address community concerns regarding alcohol and drug related issues and noise throughout the night.

OC098/2017 **RESOLVED** (Cr (Liz) Bird/Cr Patrick)

That the Council note the Lajamanu Community Safety Patrol will operate between the hours of 8am-2am, in order to assist with preventing alcohol related issues and noise complaints during the night.

9 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

9.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SUMMARY: The President reports to Council on his activity and any items of importance that have arisen since the last ordinary Council.

OC099/2017 **RESOLVED** (Cr Glenn/Cr Wilson)

That Council receive and note the President's report.

10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORTS

10.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

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

OC100/2017 **RESOLVED** (Cr Glenn/Cr Dixon)

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

10.2 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.

OC101/2017 **RESOLVED** (Cr Glenn/Cr Bird)

That Council ratify the use of the Common Seal for the grant and s19 leases, as attached.

10.3 PROGRESS ON 2016/17 CORPORATE PLAN

SUMMARY: The Corporate Plan progress report is tabled to the Council at every Council meeting to ensure that the Council is aware of progress, and any arising issues.

OC102/2017 **RESOLVED** (Cr Dixon/Cr Bird)

That Council note the progress against the 2016/17 Corporate Plan as detailed in the tabled progress report.

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.

OC103/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr (Liz) Bird/Cr Patrick)**

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

12 FINANCE REPORTS

12.1 COMMITTEE MEMBER ALLOWANCES

SUMMARY: The Council is being asked to approve the setting of committee meeting allowance for external committee members.

OC104/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Wilson/Cr Martin)**

That the Council approve the setting of Council Committee meeting allowances for external committee members to be:

- 1. For ordinary committee members the same amount as elected members.**
- 2. For the chair calculated as 125% of the ordinary committee member rate.**

12.2 FINANCE REPORT

SUMMARY: The financial reports provide Council with information on its financial position for the period ending.

OC105/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr Spencer)**

That Council receive and note the financial reports for the period ending 30 June 2017.

12.3 GRANTS RECEIVED

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

OC106/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr (Liz) Bird/Cr Martin)**

That Council note the grants received since the previous Council meeting held 25 May 2017, as attached, and approves expenditure in anticipation of a budget review.

12.4 SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANT - FINANCIAL ACQUITTAL

SUMMARY: It is requirement of Northern Territory Government that Financial Acquittals for Special Purpose Grants be provided to Council for its approval.

OC107/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Wilson)**

That Council ratify Department of Housing and Community

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.

OC108/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr (Liz) Bird)**

That Council receive and note the report from the Acting Director of Community Services.

13.2 YUELAMU AND NYIRRIPI CRECHE FUNDING

SUMMARY: The Commonwealth Department of Education approached CDRC inviting the Council to apply for the operations of the Yuelamu and Nyirripi Crèche services. DoE is offering an additional \$108,734 of combined annual funding for the two services.

Central Desert Regional Council submitted a funding application and has been advised that we are the preferred provider. The model proposed is to operate for 4 hours per day, 4 days per week, 40 weeks of the year (closed school holidays) with an onsite coordinator in both sites to assist staff deliver the service. In Nyirripi, the role will extend to coordinating the Community Safety Patrol.

If successful in the applications CDRC will resume operations for the two Crèche services in July 2017.

OC109/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr Wilson)**

That Council:

- 1. Note the attached information regarding the future operations of the Yuelamu and Nyirripi Crèches.**
- 2. Approve the CEO entering into a Budget Based funding agreement with the Commonwealth Department of Education to operate the Crèche's for the next 12 months.**

13.3 ONGOING FUNDING FOR ENGAWALA PLAYGROUP - JESUITS

SUMMARY: The Engawala Playgroup funding agreement with Jesuit Social Services (JSS) expires on the 31st July 2017. JSS has approved the continuation of the program using underspends from our 16/17 funding. JSS has submitted a proposal to PM&C to extend the program for the next 6 months. At the time of writing this report, JSS had advised verbally that we would receive a 6 month extension to the original contract, through until 31 December 2017, however no formal agreement had been presented.

OC110/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Wilson/Cr Spencer)

That the Council note the report regarding Engawala Playgroup funding issues and the future of the service.

13.4NTG ALCOHOL LEGISLATION & POLICY REVIEW

SUMMARY: The NT Government announced the Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review in April 2017. Minister for Health, the Hon. Natasha Fyles MLA, described it as “a chance to build on what we [The NT Govt.] has done and what we [The NT Govt.] plan to do to combat alcohol fuelled crime and to reduce alcohol related harm.

The review will examine a wide range of issues but, specific to remote communities, it will examine “alcohol service provision and management in remote communities”.

OC111/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/Cr Bird)

That the Council;

- 1. Note the brief on the NT Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review Discussion Paper and;**
- 2. Write to the NT Government to advise that the short time frame for the review has provided inadequate time for a comprehensive consultation with Local Authorities and community members about alcohol issues impacting people throughout the Central Desert region and;**
- 3. Advise the NT Government that no changes to policies regarding Designated Areas, Public Restricted Areas, General Restricted Areas, Alcohol Protected Areas and Liquor Permit Systems should be made until a comprehensive consultation with individual communities affected by the proposed change/s has taken place and communities, through their Local Authorities, have agreed to those changes and;**
- 4. Note changes should only be agreed to by the effected communities following a thorough social impact study to ensure adequate provision is made for the establishment of appropriate support services in the affected communities to manage any unintended or harmful consequences of those changes.**

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.

OC112/2017 RESOLVED (Cr (Liz) Bird/Cr Patrick)

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report from the Director Infrastructure.
2. Request LGANT, as a matter of urgency, to coordinate a meeting to address Central Desert Regional Councils' outstanding NDRRA application for road repairs.

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.

OC113/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr Bird)**

That Council receive and note the report from the Acting Director Municipal Services.

14.3 ATITJERE BASKETBALL COURT RESURFACE

SUMMARY: To improve the facilities and conditions for delivery of youth and sport activities in Atitjere by resurfacing of the Basketball court. It should be noted that the toilet facility at the court is damaged also and in need of repair.

OC114/2017 **RESOLVED (Cr (Liz) Bird/Cr Spencer)**

That the Council

1. Note the critical time frame and the discounted cost of this project of \$97,000 and;
2. Note that CDRC will negotiate with the Atitjere Local Authority to allocate up to \$56,897 from unspent Local Authority Project funds to the resurfacing of the basketball court and;
3. Note that Council has previously committed \$30,000 in the 17/18 budget to the project and;
4. Approve the commitment of an additional \$10,103 from Council reserves taking the total sum committed to \$40,103, subject to the Atitjere Local Authority decision and;
5. Note that CDRC is continuing to seek alternative funding sources for the Basketball Court Resurfacing project and;
6. Approve the underwriting of this project and;
7. Request a decision from the Atitjere Local Authority via a meeting held or a circular resolution before the Local Authority elections.

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

15.1 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 29 June 2017 are attached for Council's consideration.

OC115/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr Bird)
That Council receive and note the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 29 June 2017.

16 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORTS

16.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORT

SUMMARY: The Audit and Risk Committee meets at least three times a year to carry out the audit and risk functions of the Council. The minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2017 are attached for the Council's information.

OC116/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr Martin)
That Council receive and note the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 29 June 2017.

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

18 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

19 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Nil

20 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

OC117/2017 RESOLVED (Cr (Liz) Bird/Cr Bird)

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 will be 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 Organisational Risk Assessment - *The report will be 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 (Information pertains to a risk assessment that may be used by external competitors to their advantage over Council in future procurement processes.).*

21.3 CDP Progress Report - *The report will be 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 (Commercially sensitive performance data and information is shared in this report).*

21.4 Social Justice Committee - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 (e) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.*

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 10:55 am.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEDING 14 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ordinary Council HELD ON Thursday, 27 July 2017 AND CONFIRMED Sunday, 30 July 2017.

President