



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE ALICE
SPRINGS COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER
2018 AT 13:30

The meeting opened at 13:31.

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present:

Councillors

Cr Adrian Dixon (President), Cr Norbert Patrick (Deputy President), Cr Warren Williams, Cr Robert George, Cr James Glenn, Cr William Liddle, Cr April Martin, Cr David McCormack, Cr Jacob Spencer, Cr Freddy Williams

Apologies

Cr Audrey Inkamala, Cr R Webb

Absences

Nil

Council Officers

Diane Hood (CEO), Chris Kendrick (DCORP), John Gaynor (DCS), Greg Buxton (DA&I), Libby Nuss (Governance Manager), Imelda Adamson-Agars, Munati McKenzie.

Guest: Will Sanders (ANU)

1.1 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES

OC138/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Warren Williams/Cr William Liddle)
That Council accepted apologies from Clls Inkamala and Webb.

2 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

There were no changes made to the agenda.

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

3.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Clls Warren Williams and Fred Williams declared an interest in relation to item 12.5, Southern Tanami Kurdiji Indigenous Corporation Transition of Business - Transfer of Assets.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT MATTERS

There were no Code of Conduct matters raised.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

OC139/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr James Glenn/Cr Robert George)
That Council noted and received the minutes from the Ordinary Council meeting held on 27 September 2018 with the following amendments:

Removal of duplicated items; and
Item 8.2 - Councillor Norbert Patrick was elected Deputy President.

6 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

OC140/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Robert George/Cr April Martin)
That Council:

- 1. Noted progress reports on outstanding actions from the minutes of previous Ordinary Council meetings, and**
- 2. Approved removal of completed action items.**

7 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

7.1 CHANGES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

OC141/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Warren Williams/Cr Freddy Williams)
That Council accepted the resignation of Ansaem Wilson from the Nyirripi Local Authority bringing the Nyirripi Local Authority numbers to 8 appointed and 4 elected members.

7.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

OC142/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Jacob Spencer/Cr Freddy Williams)
That Council noted and received the minutes including the following resolutions:

- **Willowra 17 October 2018**
 - o Item 2.2 – Naming of Community Park
 - o Item 2.2 – Endorsing of Local Authority Projects
- **Nyirripi 7 November 2018**
 - o Item 2.1 – Lobbying NTG regarding upgrade of Nyirripi Road
 - o Item 2.1 – Reviewing Nyirripi Road signage
 - o Item 2.2 – Local Authority Project Funding
 - o Item 2.3 – Community Safety Patrol Funding
 - o Item 3.1.1 – Merging of Yuendumu/ Nyirripi Local Authorities

8 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

8.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OC143/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Norbert Patrick/Cr Freddy Williams)
That Council received and noted the President's report.

9 CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORTS

9.1 RATIFYING THE USE OF THE COMMON SEAL

OC144/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Adrian Dixon/Cr Jacob Spencer)
That Council ratify the use of the Common Seal for the grants as attached.

9.2 CORRESPONDENCE IN

OC145/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Jacob Spencer/Cr David McCormack)
That Council noted the correspondence into Council from the last meeting.

9.3 NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME

SUMMARY: An email was received via LGANT with information for CEOs and Presidents in relation to the national scheme. This is about helping people who may have experienced child sexual abuse.

OC146/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Adrian Dixon/Cr William Liddle)
That Council noted the information provided by the NT Government Department of the Attorney-General and Justice in relation to the National Redress Scheme; and requested the CEO to get more information from the NTG so that Council can make a decision to opt-in (or not) to the scheme.

Cr Jacob Spencer left the meeting, the time being 02:09 PM

9.4 CEO REPORT

OC147/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Adrian Dixon/Cr Freddy Williams)
That Council received and noted the report from the Chief Executive Officer.

Cr Jacob Spencer returned to the meeting, the time being 02:11 PM

9.5 2019 COUNCIL PLANNER

Cr Spencer requested a BBQ for the first local authority meeting in each community. The CEO commented that a barbeque will take place at the same time as the next round of community planning, but that the budget does not provide for any additional barbeques.

OC148/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr James Glenn/Cr Robert George)
That Council endorsed the draft 2019 Council Planner with one change:

That the May Ordinary Council meeting be held in Laramba and the July meeting be held in Alice Springs to accommodate a double booking in the Council Chambers in May.

Cr David McCormack left the meeting, the time being 02:14 PM
Cr William Liddle left the meeting, the time being 02:16 PM
Cr David McCormack returned to the meeting, the time being 02:16 PM
Cr William Liddle returned to the meeting, the time being 02:17 PM

10 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 FINANCE REPORT

OC149/2018 **RESOLVED (Cr April Martin/Cr Warren Williams)**
That the Council noted the financial reports for the period ending 31 October 2018.

Cr David McCormack left the meeting, the time being 02:25 PM

10.2 P61 RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW

SUMMARY: This policy is to outline responsibilities and obligations for all staff in the creation, capture, management and disposal of records created or received by Central Desert Regional Council.

The CEO noted that if a councillor is handed a letter in person, they should give it to the Governance Manager to register for record keeping purposes and so that the councillor is compliant with this revised policy. All mail addressed to councillors which is sent to the Alice Springs is registered by staff.

OC150/2018 **RESOLVED (Cr Norbert Patrick/Cr Jacob Spencer)**
That the Council adopted the revised policy P61 - Records Management.

Cr David McCormack returned to the meeting, the time being 02:27 PM

10.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING ACQUITTAL FOR THE

PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2018

SUMMARY: The Council approve Local Authority Project Funding acquittal including income and expenditure reports for the nine communities for the period ended 30 June 2018.

OC151/2018 **RESOLVED (Cr Robert George/Cr William Liddle)**
That Council approved Local Authority Project Funding acquittal for the period ending 30 June 2018.

10.4 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

OC152/2018 **RESOLVED (Cr Freddy Williams/Cr William Liddle)**
That Council note and receive the minutes including any resolutions from the Finance Committee meeting of 26 October 2018.

10.5 AMENDMENT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Cr Martin noted that, although it was pre-arranged that she attend the Finance Committee meeting of 26 October 2018 via telephone from Arpurrurulam, phone lines were down at the time of the meeting and she was not able to dial in.

OC153/2018 **RESOLVED (Cr Adrian Dixon/Cr William Liddle)**
That the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 26 October 2018 be amended to reflect Cr April Martin as an apology due to phone issues in Arpurrurulam.

11 DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Note that all Director Reports were noted as a whole.

11.1 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

OC154/2018 **RESOLVED (Cr Warren Williams/Cr Jacob Spencer)**

RESOLVED:

That Council noted the report from the Director Corporate Services.

11.2 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

OC155/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Warren Williams/Cr Jacob Spencer)

RESOLVED:

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

11.3 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS REPORT

OC156/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Warren Williams/Cr Jacob Spencer)

RESOLVED:

That Council

- a. Noted the report from the Director Infrastructure and Assets.**
- b. Noted the appointment of Danny Orr Contractors, for road works under the NDRAA funding**

11.4 DIRECTOR REMOTE COUNCIL SERVICES

OC157/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Warren Williams/Cr Jacob Spencer)

RESOLVED:

That Council noted the report from the Director Remote Council Services.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 RELEASE OF NT WATER REGULATORY REFORM DIRECTIONS PAPER

SUMMARY: Minister Lawler launched a Water Regulatory Reform Directions Paper on 19 October 2018. The Directions Paper is intended to begin a community discussion about reforming the *Water Act* to ensure the Territory has a strong regulatory framework for the sustainable and accountable management of our water resources. It provides an overview of the existing regulatory framework, the case for reform and the proposed areas for reform.

OC158/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Jacob Spencer/Cr Robert George)
That Council noted the received directions paper and endorsed

asking Local Authorities for feedback to be provided to the NT Government. The NT Water Regulatory Reform Directions Paper was tabled at the meeting.

12.2 ARAFURA MINE MOVING ALL PROCESSING TO CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

SUMMARY: Additional business for the Central Desert region.

OC159/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Norbert Patrick/Cr Adrian Dixon)
That Council noted the press release from Arafura Resources which moves all processing for its Nolans rare earths project to Central Australia.

12.3 COUNCILLOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

SUMMARY: Since the last Council meeting Councillors Dixon, Webb, Liddle and Spencer attended the Australian Institute of Company Directors course in Alice Springs.

OC160/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr William Liddle/Cr April Martin)
That the Council noted the professional development undertaken since the last Council Meeting.

12.4 EAST MACDONNELL - PLENTY HIGHWAY TOURISM MASTER PLAN

SUMMARY: CDRC was the lead agency and proponent for the development of the East MacDonnell – Plenty Highway Region Visitor Experience Master Plan. CDRC also contributed \$25,000 towards the total \$60,000 cost of the plan development. Other financial contributors were the NT Government (\$30,000) and Tourism Central Australia. (\$5000)

The Master Plan is a 10 year strategic plan that identifies the existing and emerging tourism opportunities in the region and makes recommendations about key regional and community specific tourism experiences and products that should be developed.

The Master Plan sets out a range of implementation plans, including Community Tourism Action Plans for Atitjere and Engawala, with the intention of attracting Government and private investment.

A joint public release of the Master Plan with CDRC, the NT Minister for Tourism and Tourism Central Australia via a media event is being planned for mid-December 2018.

The Master Plan was tabled at the Council meeting.

OC161/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Freddy Williams/Cr William Liddle)
That the Council endorsed the East MacDonnell – Plenty Highway Region Visitor Experience Master Plan.

12.5STKIC TRANSITION OF BUSINESS - TRANSFER OF ASSETS

SUMMARY:

In the September Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to relinquish funding currently received by CDRC for community safety programs in Yuendumu and Willowra to enable Southern Tanami Kurdiji Indigenous Corporation (STKIC) to negotiate directly with PM&C and GMAAAC. Council also resolved to approve the CEO reviewing and negotiating changes in S19 leasing arrangements for staff accommodation to enable STKIC staff to be accommodated once the transition has occurred.

Council is now being asked to approve the CEO negotiating changes to lease arrangements for office buildings in Yuendumu and Willowra to enable STKIC to seamlessly transition from operating under the auspice of Council to a fully independent Aboriginal controlled organisation.

Council is also being asked to approve the disposal of major assets (vehicles) with subsequent removal from our assets register.

Council should also note the gifting of minor assets such as office furniture and equipment that, due to their value, do not appear on our assets register.

OC162/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Norbert Patrick/Cr Jacob Spencer)
That the Council approved
a) The CEO reviewing and renegotiating lease arrangements over STKIC-required properties in Yuendumu and Willowra,

- and
b) The disposal of motor vehicle assets.

13 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

13.1 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S CDP ENQUIRY UPDATE

SUMMARY: The purpose of this deputation is to thank Council for this access, support and to report back on major findings.

14 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

NIL

15 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

2:47pm Meeting suspended

3:00pm Meeting resumed

16 CLOSED SESSION

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

OC163/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Jacob Spencer/Cr David McCormack)

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.

DECISIONS MOVED FROM CLOSED TO OPEN

16.4 CHANGES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

OC164/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Norbert Patrick/Cr David McCormack)

- (a) That Council not accept the nomination of Louisa Erglis to the Lajamanu Local Authority.**
- (b) That Council move this decision into open.**

17 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 3:20pm.

This page and the preceding 9 pages are the minutes of the ordinary council held on Thursday, 29 November 2018 and are unconfirmed.

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