



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
HELD IN THE ALICE SPRINGS COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 9:16AM

Deputy President Warren Williams took the Chair.

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Councillors

Cr Warren Williams (Deputy President), Cr April Martin, Cr Jacob Spencer (via telephone), Cr David McCormack, Cr Norbert Patrick, Cr Audrey Inkamala, Cr Robert George, Cr Freddy Williams

Joined the meeting at 9:38am: Cr Adrian Dixon (President), Cr James Glenn

Council Officers

Diane Hood (CEO), Craig Catchlove (DCORP), Greg Buxton (DA&I), Katie Snell (A/DCS), Libby Nuss (Governance Manager), Phoebe Chia (Governance Officer)

APOLOGIES

Cr Renita Webb, Cr William Liddle

2 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

2.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

**OC139/2017 RESOLVED (April Martin/Robert George)
That Council accept the agenda of the Council meeting.**

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

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.

**OC140/2017 RESOLVED (Robert George/David McCormack)
That Council confirm their commitment to the Code of Conduct.**

09:23 Cr Patrick joined the meeting

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**OC141/2017 RESOLVED (Norbert Patrick/April Martin)
That the attached minutes of the previous Ordinary Council meeting held September 2017 and the attached minutes from the Special Council Meeting of 7 November be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of these meetings with the following amendments:**

Amendment 1: OC137/2017 should read “That Council note the report from the Director of Assets and Infrastructure”.

Amendment 2: OC138/2017 should read “That Council note the report from the Acting Director of Municipal Services”.

Amendment 3: Minutes from the Special Council Meeting of 7 November should reflect attendance as per below:

Cr Adrian Dixon, Cr Robert George, Cr Norbert Patrick, Cr April Martin.

Councillors present via telephone were:

Cr Warren Williams, Cr James Glenn, Cr David McCormack, Cr Renita Webb

Apologies were received from:

Cr Audrey Inkamala, Cr William Liddle

Absent were:

Cr Jacob Spencer and Cr Freddy Williams

6 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

OC142/2017 RESOLVED (David McCormack/Robert George)

That Council:

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

Amendment 1:

Action Item OC119/2017 should read:

- STATUS: Closed**
- All LA members have been notified**
- 4(b) is a further report in this meeting**

Amendment 2:

Action item OC122/2017 should read:

- Item 1 STATUS: Closed**
- Item 2 STATUS: In progress – Finance manager has advertised to seek nominations for an external member of the Finance Committee**

- 2. Approve removal of completed action items.**

9:38 Cr Dixon and Cr Glenn joined the meeting

Deputy President Warren Williams stepped aside as chair and President Adrian Dixon assumed the chair.

7 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

7.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

OC143/2017 RESOLVED (Jacob Spencer/April Martin)
That Council note the tabled minutes of Local Authority meetings that have occurred since the last the Ordinary Council meeting on 14 September 2017.

8 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

8.1 RESULTS OF OUTSTANDING LA ELECTIONS

SUMMARY: Following the spilling of all Local Authorities in August 2017, three communities had vacancies. All three re-opened their nomination period and Willowra and Atitjere were successful in filling their vacancies.

OC144/2017 RESOLVED (Warren Williams/Freddy Williams)
That the Council appoint the following Local Authority members:

Atitjere: Irene Reiff and Barbara Petrick

Willowra: Kathy Walker

8.2 POLICY REVIEW

OC145/2017 RESOLVED (Adrian Dixon/Norbert Patrick)
That the Council adopt the following revised policy:

- Local Authority Policy

8.3 REVEALING NUMBER OF VOTES TO LA CANDIDATES

SUMMARY: It was a recommendation from the Anmatjere Local Authority(LA) that candidates be advised of their own vote count at an LA election.

OC146/2017 RESOLVED (David McCormack/Jacob Spencer)

That the Council approve advising candidates, on application, of their own vote count at the Local Authority election in which they stood.

9 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

9.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OC147/2017 RESOLVED (Norbert Patrick/Robert George)
That Council receive and note the President's report with the following amendment to the minutes:

AMENDMENT 1: The President did not attend the Willowra LA meeting as reflected in the minutes.

10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORTS

10.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

OC148/2017 RESOLVED (Warren Williams/April Martin)
(a) That Council receive and note the report from the Chief Executive Officer, including attached correspondence.

(b) That Council approve Central Desert's inclusion in CENTREROC, a regional group of councils for Central Australia in order to promote and advocate for our wider region.

10.2 RATIFYING THE USE OF THE COMMON SEAL

OC149/2017 RESOLVED (Norbert Patrick/Warren Williams)
That Council ratify the use of the Common Seal for the grant and s19 leases listed in the agenda paper.

10.3 AICD DIRECTORS COURSE

SUMMARY: LGANT has facilitated the two day course to be run in Alice Springs during February or March and wish to confirm attendance numbers.

OC150/2017 RESOLVED (Robert George/David McCormack)
That the Council instruct the CEO to inform LGANT that Cr George and Cr McCormack will attend the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course in Alice Springs during February or March 2018.

10.4 NTG ALCOHOL POLICIES AND LEGISLATION REVIEW

SUMMARY: The NT Government has produced a report regarding its framework for alcohol policy and legislation. There are several recommendations in the report.

OC151/2017 RESOLVED (Warren Williams/Robert George)
That Council notes the final report from the NT Government in relation to its Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review.

10.5 PROPOSED CHANGES TO GUIDELINE 8 BY NTG

SUMMARY: NTG are proposing changes to guideline 8, comments are due back to the department by early December 2017. The changes and proposed comments were highlighted in the agenda paper.

OC152/2017 RESOLVED (Freddy Williams/Norbert Patrick)
That Council endorses the proposed comments to NTG relating to the proposed changes to “*Guideline 8: Regional Councils and Local Authorities*”.

10.6 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: This position is open to elected members. The Place Names Committee for the Northern Territory is established under section 5 of the *Place Names Act* to make recommendations to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics for the naming of a place within

the Northern Territory.

OC153/2017 RESOLVED (Warren Williams/James Glenn)
That Cr Patrick be nominated to represent LGANT on the Northern Territory Place Names Committee.

11 CORPORATE SERVICES

11.1 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

OC154/2017 RESOLVED (Robert George/Jacob Spencer)
That Council note the report from the Director of Corporate Services.

Cr Spencer's asked for clarification in relation to the satellite phone upgrade. DCORP reported that the upgrade was complete and working well.

10:05 Meeting suspended for morning tea

10:25 Meeting resumed without Cr Spencer

11.2 LETTER TO MINISTER REGARDING NINTI ONE PROJECT

SUMMARY: Ninti One gave a deputation to the Atitjere Local Authority meeting in relation to their Strengthening Remote Community Engagement in Southern Northern Territory program. The Local Authority has asked that Council write to the responsible NT Government Minister to ensure the output of the project is acted upon.

OC155/2017 RESOLVED (James Glenn/Norbert Patrick)
That Council write to the Minister for Housing and Local Government to ensure there is follow-up and follow through on the output of the Ninti One Strengthening Remote Community Engagement project.

11.32018 PLANNER

SUMMARY: Each year the Governance team drafts a corporate planner for the organisation setting LA and Council meeting dates as well as other internal meetings.

OC156/2017 **RESOLVED (Warren Williams/Robert George)**
That the Council note the draft Corporate Planner for 2018.

12 FINANCE REPORTS

12.1 FINANCE REPORT

OC157/2017 **RESOLVED (Freddy Williams/Warren Williams)**
That Council note the financial reports for the period ending 31 October 2017.

10:36 Cr Spencer re-joined the meeting

12.2 GRANTS RECEIVED

OC158/2017 **RESOLVED (James Glenn/Norbert Patrick)**
That Council note the grants received since the previous Council meeting held 14 September 2017 and approves expenditure in anticipation of a budget review.

12.3 SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANT - FINANCIAL ACQUITTAL

OC159/2017 **RESOLVED (April Martin/Adrian Dixon)**
That Council ratify Department of Housing and Community Development Financial Acquittals for Special Purpose Grants.

13 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

13.1 APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEES TO THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: In the July 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting the Council approved the Terms of Reference for the Social Justice Committee. The ToFR limits the membership of the Committee to 6 members.

In the September 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting the Council approved the appointment of President Adrian Dixon to the committee along with Deputy President ,Warren Williams from Yuendumu, Cr Audrey Inkamala from Engawala and Mr Ron Hagen, resident from Laramba. Two positions remained vacant.

The Council also authorised the CEO to seek nominations for the remaining two positions on the committee.

The two nominees for these positions are Cr Norbert Patrick from Lajamanu and Ms. Enid Gallagher, resident of Yuendumu.

OC160/2017 RESOLVED (David McCormack/Warren Williams)
That the Council approves the appointment of Enid Gallagher from Yuendumu and Cr. Norbert Patrick from Lajamanu to the Social Justice Committee.

13.2 PROGRESS OF YUENDUMU MEDIATION & JUSTIC PROGRAM - SOUTHERN TANAMI KURDIJI TRANSITION OF BUSINESS

SUMMARY: The Council has the supported the STKIC's wish to pursue independence. The Council has contracted a consultant to work with CDRC and STKIC to assist with the transition of business process. The transition is on track to be completed by July 2018. It is highly likely that the Willowra Peace Working Group will opt to transition with STKIC.

There is a possibility that a successful transition to an independent Aboriginal run organisation will encourage other Warlpiri communities, namely Nyirripi and Lajamanu to pursue independence or amalgamation with the STKIC.

OC161/2017 RESOLVED (April Martin/Norbert Patrick)
That the Council note the progress of the transition of business of

the Yuendumu Mediation and Justice Program to a fully independent Aboriginal Organisation operated by Southern Tanami Kurdiji Indigenous Corporation (STKIC) and;

Note the impact that this will have on future CDRC budgets and;

Note the potential for other communities in the Warlpiri region seeking to pursue a similar approach to community safety.

13.3 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES' REPORT

OC162/2017 **RESOLVED** (Robert George/April Martin)
That Council note the report from the Director of Community Services.

14 WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS

14.1 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

OC163/2017 **RESOLVED** (Warren Williams/David McCormack)
That Council note the report from the Director Infrastructure.

14.2 DIRECTOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES REPORT

OC164/2017 **RESOLVED** (Adrian Dixon/Robert George)
That Council note the report from the Director Municipal Service, including Council winning three Tidy Town Awards recently in Laramba, Ti Tree and Yuelamu.

14.3 LARAMBA COMMUNITY SAFETY DONGA

SUMMARY: This summarises works associated with the removal of the old health clinic and replacement of a new building to accommodate the night and safety patrols.

OC165/2017 RESOLVED (Adrian Dixon/James Glenn)

That Council

- 1. Note the report**
- 2. Approve relocating the old health clinic building to the Men's ceremonial site**
- 3. Note that machinery will arrive in Laramba on Wednesday 6 December with work anticipated to be completed by Saturday 9 December, weather dependant.**

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

15.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

OC166/2017 RESOLVED (Warren Williams/April Martin)

That Council note the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 7 November 2017.

16 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

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

OC167/2017 RESOLVED (James Glenn/Adrian Dixon)

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 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 (Report contains performance and financial information that is commercial in confidence).*

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 10:50am.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 11 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2017 AND WILL BE CONFIRMED AT THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR 30 JANUARY 2018.

President