



SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING
HELD IN THE ALICE SPRINGS COUNCIL OFFICE, BAGOT STREET
ON THURSDAY, 31 MAY 2018 AT 9:00

1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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OC053/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr April Martin/Cr William Liddle)
That Council accepted the agenda of the Council meeting with the addition of a General Business item raised by Cr Spencer regarding sorry business affecting meetings.

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

OC054/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Jacob Spencer/Cr April Martin)
That the minutes of the previous Ordinary Council meeting held 29 March 2018 were received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of these meetings, with the following exceptions:

- Item 5.1:
The final line of the resolution should read “.... Correct record of the proceedings of that meeting”
- Item 12.3:
The figures quoted in relation to the Special Purpose Grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development being acquitted should read “\$150,582 was received from the Department, \$166,870 was the cost of the

truck and \$16,288 was the amount sourced from operational surplus”.

7.2 CHANGES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

SUMMARY: Under Council’s Local Authority (LA) policy, each LA can currently have between six and 14 members. The following changes have occurred during the period since the January Council meeting.

OC055/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Jacob Spencer/Cr April Martin)

That Council:

- 1 Approved the CEO, if possible, to finalise sufficient nominations for the Nyirripi Local Authority in order to run its next scheduled meeting on 4 July 2018, and**
- 2. will endorse nominees at the next Ordinary Council Meeting of 26 July 2018**

OC056/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Norbert Patrick/Cr Adrian Dixon)

That Council noted the recent resignations of Local Authority members from Nyirripi and Anmatjere bringing Nyirripi membership to five and Anmatjere to nine.

The CEO notes that she will be away in July on approved leave.

3 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUMMARY: The Finance Committee convenes on a bimonthly basis to carry out the financial functions of the Council.

OC057/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Robert George/Cr David McCormack)

That Council noted the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 24 April 2018 with the correction to the minutes that Councillor Spencer was in attendance at the meeting.

10.3 POLICY REVIEW

SUMMARY:

The following policy has been identified as requiring review and is presented to Council for its consideration.

OC058/2018 RESOLVED (Cr April Martin/Cr Robert George)
That the Council adopted the following revised policy:

- **P08 President's Work Entitlements**

10.5 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE POLICY

SUMMARY: The Council must comply with the disclosure requirements of the accounting standard, *AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures*.

OC059/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Warren Williams/Cr William Liddle)
That each Councillor disclose related party relationships, any known transactions and outstanding balances, including commitments by filling in the Related Party KMP declaration.

4 OTHER DIRECTORATE REPORTS

11.1 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS REPORT

OC060/2018 RESOLVED (Cr David McCormack/Cr Norbert Patrick)
That Council noted:

- 1) the report from the Director Infrastructure, and
- 2) that the CEO follow up on the status of the Atitjere basketball court.

OC061/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Robert George/Cr Warren Williams)

11.1 ATITJERE BASKETBALL COURT

The council resolved to note that the CEO follow up on the status of the Atitjere basketball court.

11.1(A) LAJAMANU TO KALKARINDJI ROAD

The council resolved to have the CEO write to the CEO of Victoria Daly Council to obtain an update on the road repairs and timing for the Lajamanu to Kalkarindji road.

It was noted that Central Desert Regional Council's Aged Care program was chosen as the remote test site for the pilot of the new Aged Care Quality Standards and was amongst the highest quality remote aged care services across the Territory.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - GOVIE MUSTER

SUMMARY: Council has received a request to sponsor the Govie's Muster event which is run annually to fundraise for Alice Springs School of the Air.

OC062/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Warren Williams/Cr Norbert Patrick)

The Council:

1. offer sponsorship of \$500 (Diamond) to the Govie's Muster event; and
2. authorised the CEO to make the payment to the School of the Air.

12.2 SPONSORSHIP REQUEST - HARTS RANGE BUSH WEEKEND

SUMMARY: Council has received a request to sponsor the Harts Range Bush Sports Weekend, which includes a rodeo, ball, sports day, gymkhana, horse races and a talent quest.

OC063/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Robert George/Cr William Liddle)

The Council

- 1. offer sponsorship of \$500 to the Harts Range Bush Sports Weekend event to sponsor the Sports Day, and**
- 2. authorised the CEO to make the payment to the organisers.**

12.3 HOUSING CONCERNS AND ISSUES - RESPONSE FROM CEO, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY: Several residents have raised issues relating to the quality of public housing at our recent community meetings. Anmatjere Local Authority asked for issues to be escalated to the NT Government.

OC064/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Jacob Spencer/Cr Robert George)

That Council:

- 1. noted the response from the CEO of the Department of Housing and Community Development relating to resident issues around housing; and**
- 2. endorsed the development of a poster and communications to residents of outstations to ensure they understand that the responsibility for outstation upkeep and maintenance lies with them as advised by the NT Government.**

13.4 ALCOHOL POLICY & LEGISLATION REVIEW UPDATE

SUMMARY: The NT Government commissioned a review of NT Alcohol policies and legislation in March 2017. The Final report was handed to the Government in October 2017. There are 220 recommendations. The reforms being recommended can be broadly categorised under four headings. 1) Whole of Government, 2) Regulatory Framework, 3) Harm Minimisation and 4) Managing Harms.

The key message from the Government response is that no changes will be made to existing alcohol conditions in remote communities without thorough consultation with and involvement of local decision making.

OC065/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Warren Williams/Cr Norbert Patrick)
That Council:

- 1. noted the recommendations of the NT Government's review of alcohol policies and legislation that are most relevant to CDRC Communities and:**
- 2. write to the NT Government seeking further information about future consultation mechanisms and how it intends on enabling local decision making.**

13.4 ALCOHOL POLICY & LEGISLATION REVIEW UPDATE.

The council request that the CEO write to the NT Government seeking further information about future consultation mechanisms and how it intends on enabling local decision making.

During discussion, Councillors raised that they could be asked to sign alcohol permits as a Councillor. The CEO reminded Councillors that they should not sign any documents on behalf of Council. If asked to sign something on behalf of Council they should request that the person send it to the CEO for inclusion as a Council report.

13.5 SORRY BUSINESS AFFECT ON MEETINGS SUMMARY

Cr Jacob Spencer raised a motion on sorry business affecting council meetings. Council discussed ways of showing respect in ways that allow the meeting to continue. Council discussed the motion.

OC066/2018 RESOLVED (Cr William Liddle/Cr Robert George)

That

- 1. when a Council, Local Authority or Council Committee meeting is scheduled but coincides with sorry business taking place at the location of the meeting, the meeting continues but not until Council, Local Authority, Committee members and senior officers present pay their respect to the Elders and/or family and if appropriate, visit the sorry camp.**

2. that CEO and Councillors also advise other organisations and contractors that Central Desert Regional Council wishes them to apply this policy also.

Meeting suspended 10:45

Meeting recommenced at 11:10am

17 CLOSED SESSION

17.3 SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANT - FINANCIAL ACQUITTAL

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

OC067/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Jacob Spencer/Cr Robert George)

That Council:

1. noted the Department of Housing and Community Development Financial Acquittals for Special Purpose Grants, and
2. moved the report without financial details into open

17.4 POLICY REVIEW

SUMMARY:

P23 Elected and Appointed Member Facilities, Benefits and Allowances Policy has been reviewed, but no changes were recommended here.

P68 Council, Local Authority and Committee Member Travel Policy has been reviewed and suggested changes are addition of the Travel Distances and travel times table which Council use to calculate kilometres between locations and to the Scheduled of Allowances payable.

OC068/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Warren Williams/Cr Jacob Spencer)

That Council:

- 1) adopted the reviewed P23 Elected and Appointed Member Facilities, Benefits and Allowances Policy,
- 2) adopted the revised P68 Council, Local Authority and Committee Member Travel Policy, and

- 3) **move this report into open business.**

17.5 DRAFT 2018/19 TO 2021/22 REGIONAL PLAN

SUMMARY: Under the Local Government Act, the draft 2018 to 2022 Regional Plan is required to be advertised for public inspection with comments invited for a period of at least 21 days.

Allowances for members of Council are to be at a rate fixed by the Council for the relevant financial year in their budget process.

OC069/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Jacob Spencer/Cr Robert George)

That Council:

1. **adopted the draft 2018 to 2022 Regional Plan.**
2. **adopted the 2018/19 Fees and Charges.**
3. **adopted the maximum allowances for elected and appointed members as per the draft 2018/19 Budget included in the Regional Plan.**
4. **set the extra meeting allowance, payable as per P23 Elected and Appointed Members Facilities, Benefits and Allowances Policy, to \$136 per approved meeting for the 2018/19 financial year.**
5. **set the allowance for an Ordinary External Committee Member on a Council Committee to \$136 per meeting for the 2018/19 financial year.**
6. **set the allowance for an External Chair of a Council Committee to \$170 per meeting for the 2018/19 financial year.**
7. **approved expenditure from 1st July based on the 2018/19 budget included in the draft 2018 to 2022 Regional Plan, ahead of the anticipated adoption of the plan at Council's 26th July meeting.**
8. **move this report into open business and will put the draft Regional Plan on public display for a period of not less than**

21 days for comment, prior to the anticipated adoption of the plan at the July Ordinary Council meeting.

17.6 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS INTO OPEN COUNCIL

SUMMARY: Under the *Local Government Act*, both OC051/2018 and OC052/2018 should be moved into open Council as the reason for continued confidentiality no longer applies.

OC070/2018 **RESOLVED** (Cr Jacob Spencer/Cr William Liddle)
That Council:

- 1) move Council's resolution OC051/2018, relating to CDRC not seeking the Utopia Homelands MES, HMS or HEA contacts, into open Council.

- 2) move a cut down version as follows of Council's resolution OC052/2018, relating to the removal of LA members from Yuendumu and Nyirripi Local Authorities into open Council:
The Council approved the removal of two Local Authority members from Yuendumu and one from Nyirripi given their non attendance at the last three meetings.

Unconfirmed