



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE  
ALICE SPRINGS COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
THURSDAY, 31 JANUARY 2019 AT 9.30AM

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The meeting opened at 9.48 am.

## 1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

### **Present:**

#### **Councillors:**

Cr Adrian Dixon (President), Cr Robert George, Cr James Glenn, Cr April Martin, Cr David McCormack, Cr Jacob Spencer, Cr Renita Webb, Cr Freddy Williams

#### **Apologies:**

Cr Norbert Patrick, Cr Audrey Inkamala, Cr Warren Williams

#### **Absences:**

Cr William Liddle

#### **Council Officers:**

Diane Hood (Chief Executive Officer), Kate Hams (Acting Director Community Services), Greg Buxton (Director Infrastructure and Assets), Suzanne Lollback (Governance Manager), Buke Ali Tunne (Finance Manager)

### 1.1 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES

*OC001/2019* **RESOLVED** (Cr April Martin/Cr Robert George)  
**That Council notes and receives the minutes from the Ordinary Council meeting held on 29 November 2018.**

Cr Dixon voted against the apology being accepted for Cr Warren Williams as the apology was not made in writing nor to the President.

## **2 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

It was agreed that a presentation, by the Division of Local Government, relating to Item 13.1 Consultation Draft Burial and Cremation Bill would be given after the morning tea break.

## **3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no Conflict of Interest matters raised.

## **4 CODE OF CONDUCT MATTERS**

There were no Code of Conduct matters raised.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

*OC002/2019* **RESOLVED** (Cr Adrian Dixon/Cr Robert George)  
**That Council notes and receives the minutes from the Ordinary Council meeting held on 29 November 2018.**

The Meeting was suspended as Cr Adrian Dixon left the meeting, the time being 10:06 AM.

The Meeting recommenced as Cr Adrian Dixon returned to the meeting, the time being 10:08 AM.

## **6 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **6.1 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Action Item Report is presented to the Council so that it can monitor progress against resolutions from previous meetings.

*OC003/2019* **RESOLVED** (Cr Jacob Spencer/Cr April Martin)  
**That Council:**

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

## **7 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**

### **7.1 CHANGES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

The Council is asked to accept resignations from Anmatjere and Laramba Local Authorities.

*OC004/2019* **RESOLVED** (Cr James Glenn/Cr Adrian Dixon)  
**That Council accepts the resignation of:**

- 1. Greg Leonard from the Anmatjere Local Authority bringing the Anmatjere Local Authority numbers to 8 appointed and 3 elected members. Total membership being 11.**
- 2. Bessie Dixon from the Laramba Local Authority bringing the Laramba Local Authority numbers to 5 appointed and 4 elected members. Total membership being 9.**

## **8 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **8.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*OC005/2019* **RESOLVED** (Cr Robert George/Cr Jacob Spencer)  
**That Council receives and notes the President's Report.**

## **9 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**

### **9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

*OC006/2019* **RESOLVED** (Cr Adrian Dixon/Cr Freddy Williams)  
**That Council receives and notes the Report from the Chief Executive Officer.**

### **9.2 CORRESPONDENCE IN**

*OC007/2019* **RESOLVED** (Cr Robert George/Cr David McCormack)  
**That Council notes the correspondence into Council since the last meeting.**

### **9.3 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.

*OC008/2019* **RESOLVED** (Cr Robert George/Cr James Glenn)  
**That Council ratifies the use of the Common Seal for Grants received since the 30 November 2018 Council Meeting.**

### **9.4 STRATEGIC RISK PLAN**

The Strategic Risk Policy and Strategic Risk Management Plan were reviewed and endorsed by the Risk and Audit Committee at their meeting 13 December 2018.

Strategic risks are organisation wide and should identify potential events or scenarios (internal and external) that may prevent Council from achieving its goals. Risk is measured in terms of impact and likelihood. Risk management and identification of strategic risks allow

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Council to manage risk within its risk appetite and should provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of Council goals.

*OC009/2019* **RESOLVED** (Cr April Martin/Cr Jacob Spencer)  
**That Council approves and adopts Policy 32 (P32) Risk Management Policy and the Strategic Risk Management Plan.**

## **9.5 CONSIDERATION OF ANY NOMINATIONS TO GRANTS COMMISSION**

LGANT called for nominations to the Northern Territory Grants Commission (NTGC) to represent the interests of regional and shire councils.

**Council noted that they would not nominate a representative to the Northern Territory Grants Commission.**

## **9.6 NOMINATION TO NT PLANNING COMMISSION**

LGANT called for nominations to the Northern Territory Planning Commission.

*OC010/2019* **RESOLVED** (Cr James Glenn/Cr Adrian Dixon)  
**That Council endorses the recommendation of Greg Buxton, Director of Infrastructure and Assets to LGANT for the NT Planning Commission.**

# **10 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**

## **10.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*OC011/2019* **RESOLVED** (Cr April Martin/Cr Freddy Williams)  
**That Council notes and receives the Minutes, including any resolutions, from the Finance Committee meeting held on 7 December 2018.**

## 10.2 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit and Risk Committee met on 13 December 2018. The major item was the review and endorsement of the Strategic Risk Policy and Strategic Risk Management Plan.

*OC012/2019* **RESOLVED (Cr Freddy Williams/Cr David McCormack)**

**That Council notes and receives the Minutes, including any resolutions, of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 13 December 2018.**

Cr Freddy Williams left the meeting, the time being 10:43 AM.  
Cr Freddy Williams returned to the meeting, the time being 10:44 AM.

## 10.3 FINANCE REPORT

The financial reports provide Council with information on its financial position for the period ending 31 December 2018.

*OC013/2019* **RESOLVED (Cr Robert George/Cr Jacob Spencer)**

**That the Council notes the financial reports for the period ending 31 December 2018.**

Council adjourned the meeting at 10.55 AM for morning tea.  
Council reconvened the meeting at 11.20 AM.

**Item 13.1 Consultation Draft Burial and Cremation Bill**, was brought forward.

A presentation was provided by Lee Williams from the Division of Local Government on Item 13.1. Also in attendance from the Division of Local Government were Bruce Fyfe, Enock Menge and Ethan Redshaw.

Councillors provided feedback and noted the action for the CEO to document the feedback and provide it to the Division of Local Government.

## **10.4 MID YEAR BUDGET REVIEW - 2018/19**

A review of the 2018/19 budget was undertaken by Managers, Directors and the CEO, changes are recommended to incorporate fresh information that was not available at the time the original budget was set.

*OC014/2019* **RESOLVED (Cr Jacob Spencer/Cr April Martin)**  
**That Council adopts the revised 2018/19 Budget pursuant to section 128(2) of the Local Government Act.**

## **10.5 P73 ACCEPTABLE USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES POLICY REVIEW**

This Policy outlines responsibilities and obligations for all staff and Councillors in respect to the provision of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) resources, access to resources, responsible, ethical and legal use of resources, security, privacy and compliance.

*OC015/2019* **RESOLVED (Cr Freddy Williams/Cr Jacob Spencer)**  
**That Council adopts the revised policy P73 Acceptable Use of Information and Communications Technology Resources.**

## **11 DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

### **11.1 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

*OC016/2019* **RESOLVED (Cr Jacob Spencer/Cr Robert George)**  
**That Council notes the report from the Director Corporate Services.**

## 11.2 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS REPORT

*OC017/2019* **RESOLVED** (Cr James Glenn/Cr Adrian Dixon)  
That Council notes the Report from the Director Infrastructure and Assets.

## 11.3 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

*OC018/2019* **RESOLVED** (Cr Robert George/Cr David McCormack)  
That Council notes the Report from the Director of Community Services.

## 11.4 REMOTE COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

*OC019/2019* **RESOLVED** (Cr Robert George/Cr David McCormack)  
That Council notes the report from the Director Remote Council Services.

## 12 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 12.1 ATITJERE BY PASS ROAD

**SUMMARY:**

Council reviewed the viability of providing a service road to the community store at Atitjere. There was limited benefit to traffic flow with a high cost. The store, being the main beneficiary of any new road, indicated they could not contribute to the cost.

*OC020/2019* **RESOLVED** (Cr April Martin/Cr Robert George)  
That Council does not proceed with the provision of a service road to the Atitjere Community Store.



## 12.2 NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 30 November 2018, Council requested the CEO get more information on the National Redress Scheme for the Council to consider.

*OC021/2019* **RESOLVED (Cr Robert George/Cr April Martin)**  
**That Council participates in the National Redress Scheme and advises the NT Department of the Attorney General who have administrative responsibility as the contact point for NT Government Institutions.**

## 12.3 COMMUNICATIONS: MISSING SUPERANNUATION

There is \$7 million of lost or unclaimed superannuation in the area of postcode 0872, which covers most of the Central Desert communities.

*OC022/2019* **RESOLVED (Cr James Glenn/Cr Adrian Dixon)**  
**That Council notes the issues regarding lost or unclaimed superannuation in postcode area 0872; and commits to communicating to residents how people can check and claim their superannuation.**

## 12.4 HOMELANDS POLICY REVIEW - INPUT TO NTG

**SUMMARY:** The Northern Territory Government (NTG) wrote to Council on the 14 November 2018, asking for input into its review of Homelands Policy. Input included:

- Need to undertake appropriate consultation with communities, not just go to communities with politicians
- Need to increase employment, but can't if there is no new housing being developed or no long-term contractual arrangements in place so training of apprentices can happen over a period of time.
- Aboriginal people should be able to directly apply to maintain their own outstation
- Procedures need to state how and when policy principles will be implemented
- Homelands extra allowance should increase
- The policy needs to be clear about what will be provided

- There appears to be no money for local government to undertake work – cost shifting.

*OC023/2019* **RESOLVED** (Cr David McCormack/Cr Adrian Dixon)  
**That Council provides to the Northern Territory Government its recommendations and proposed changes to the Homelands Policy.**

## **13 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

### **13.1 CONSULTATION DRAFT BURIAL AND CREMATION BILL**

This item was considered after Item 10.3 to allow for a deputation from the Division of Local Government.

## **14 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

There were no questions from members.

## **15 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from the public.

## **16 CLOSED SESSION**

### **DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

*OC024/2019* **RESOLVED** (Cr Jacob Spencer/Cr April 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.

## **DECISIONS MOVED FROM CLOSED TO OPEN SESSION**

Nil

## **16 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Meeting concluded at 12.22 pm.

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