



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE ALICE  
SPRINGS COUNCIL CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2018  
AT 9:06AM

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## **1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

### **Present:**

#### *Councillors*

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

#### *Council Officers*

Diane Hood (CEO), John Gaynor (DCS), Greg Buxton (DI&A), Kym Davies (DRCS), Libby Nuss (Governance Manager), Phoebe Chia (Governance Officer)

#### *Absences*

Cr Renita Webb, Cr Freddy Williams

## **2 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

### **2.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**OC001/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr George)**  
**Council accepts the agenda of the Council meeting.**

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

Cr Glenn declared a conflict of interest in terms of agenda item 22.3 due to a personal conflict.

### **4 CODE OF CONDUCT MATTERS**

#### **4.1 CONSIDERATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT**

*OC002/2018* **RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/Cr Spencer)**  
**Council confirms their commitment to the Code of Conduct.**

### **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

*OC003/2018* **RESOLVED (Cr George/Cr McCormack)**  
**The attached minutes of the previous Ordinary Council meeting held 30 November 2017 are received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of these meetings.**

### **6 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

*OC004/2018* **RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr Glenn)**  
**Council:**

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

<b>Adoption of Animal Management Bylaws for Central Desert Regional Council</b>			
04 April 2014	11/03/2015	<i>065/2014</i> <b>RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Wilson)</b>  <b>That Council:</b>  <b>Continue to progress the</b>	<b>STATUS: In Progress</b>   <b>Project recommenced as agreed by Council at</b>

		<b>Animal Management By-law by addressing any technical and drafting issues prior to submitting the By-law to the NT Minister for Local Government for gazettal.</b>	meeting of 30 Nov 2017.  At researching stage.
<b>Progress Report on Community-Based Solutions to Repairing Intentional Damage to Council Property</b>			
03 June 2016	5/08/2016	<b>OC116/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Patrick)</b>  <b>The Council noted progress on the development of a policy enabling Council to seek restitution to repair intentional damage to Council property through community-based solutions.</b>	STATUS: Closed  Superseded by OC052/2017.
<b>Community Based Solutions to Repairing Damage to Council Property</b>			
30 March 2017	1/05/2017	<b>OC005/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/ Cr (Liz) Bird)</b>  <b>That the Council:</b>  <b>1. Note the Restitution Policy - Community Based Solutions to Repair Damage to Council Property.</b>  <b>2. Approve the policy being trialled in Yuendumu through the Southern Tanami Kurdiji Indigenous Corporation and reviewed after six months, prior to being rolled out in other communities.</b>	STATUS: In Progress  Draft policy presented at this meeting for Council's consideration and adoption.
<b>Appointment of Finance Committee Members</b>			

14 September 2017	16/10/2017	<p><b>OC122/2017 RESOLVED (Cr Williams/Cr Dixon)</b></p> <p><b>That Council:</b></p> <p><b>Authorise the CEO to appoint an appropriately qualified external member to the finance committee.</b></p>	<p>STATUS: In Progress</p> <p>Expression of interest advertised in the advocate on 19th and 26th Jan 2018. Closing date 5th Feb 2018. Expressions of interest to be advertised through Council website.</p>
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## **7 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES**

### **7.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES**

**OC006/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr George)**  
**Council notes the tabled minutes of Local Authority meetings that have occurred since the last Ordinary Council meeting on 30 November 2017.**

## **8 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**

### **8.1 CHANGES TO ATITJERE AND LAJAMANU LOCAL AUTHORITY**

**SUMMARY:** In the period since the last Council meeting, there have been two resignations from Atitjere Local Authority. There have also been two nominations for Atitjere, and one for Lajamanu Local Authority.

**OC007/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Liddle/Cr McCormack)**  
**The Council accepts the resignation and appointment of the following Local Authority members:**

#### **Atitjere**

Resignation: Sally Perkins and Edward Duffill

Appointment: Kylie Edwards and Bradley Bretherton

#### **Lajamanu**

Appointment: Titus White

## **8.2 SIMPLIFYING LOCAL AUTHORITY AGENDAS**

*OC008/2018* **RESOLVED (Cr McCormack/Cr George)**  
**Council approves the revised Local Authority Agenda and notes the intention to trial for a period of six months, refining and updating based on input from the Local Authorities.**

## **9 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **9.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*OC009/2018* **RESOLVED (Robert George/Jacob Spencer)**  
**Council receives and notes the President's report.**

Cr April Martin and Warren Williams joined the meeting at 9:17am

## **10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **10.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

*OC010/2018* **RESOLVED (Cr Martin/Cr Liddle)**  
**Council receives and notes the report from the Chief Executive Officer.**

### **10.2 COUNCIL TO RATIFY THE COUNCILBIZ CONSTITUTION**

*OC011/2018* **RESOLVED (David McCormack/Warren Williams)**  
**Council endorses the CouncilBiz Constitution 2017.**

### **10.3 LGANT EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES**

*OC012/2018* **RESOLVED (Cr Williams/Cr George)**  
**Council notes the minutes of the LGANT Executive Meeting held Tuesday 13 December 2017.**

## 10.4 INPUT TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RE CLOSING THE GAP INITIATIVE

**SUMMARY:** In November 2008, the Commonwealth Government committed to specific targets for reducing inequalities in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life expectancy, mortality, education and employment. A seventh target was added in 2014 to close the gap in school attendance.

### MOTION

*OC013/2018* **RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr McCormack)**  
**Council asks the CEO to provide a submission to the Closing the Gap discussion paper based on the input from the brainstorming session held on 30 January.**

Points recommended:

1. Working effectively.
  - Work directly with the community not have a chain of other companies involved
  - Talk, don't send messages, send decision makers
2. Targets
  - Do, focus outcomes
  - School attendance, focus targets
  - Indigenous forum in communities – come and talk / cultural based meeting
3. Indicators
  - Jobs
  - Secondary schools on communities
  - Housing
  - Roads
  - Public transport
  - Imprisonment rates need to come down
  - Safe housing (added by Warren after discussion had concluded)  
Start with basics
4. How can culture be included
  - Yes

- How (see cultural based meetings and indigenous forums)
- Indigenous teaching to visitors to community
- Encourage more Indigenous corporations
- Cultural responses instead of jail (community based)

## **10.5 REQUEST FROM BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL RE ADANI AND CARMICHAEL MINE**

**SUMMARY:** The Byron Shire Council has resolved not to do business with companies involved with Adani and the Carmichael Mine and is seeking the support of Central Desert Regional Council to do the same.

*OC014/2018* **RESOLVED (Cr Martin/Cr McCormack)**  
**Council**

- 1. Notes the correspondence from the Byron Shire Council; and**
- 2. Responds to the Byron Bay Council sharing its concerns in relation to the issues raised by the Carmichael Mine, particularly in relation to water.**

## **10.6 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO EASA BOARD**

**SUMMARY:** LGANT is calling for nominations from council officers to the EASA Board. EASA is a not-for-profit NT-based organisation providing a range of counselling, conflict management, coaching, training and organisational development services to local organisations and their staff.

*OC015/2018* **RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr George)**  
**Council endorses the nomination of the CEO as the LGANT representative on the EASA Board.**

Cr Norbert Patrick joined the meeting at 9:27am.

## **10.7 RECOMMENDATION TO RESCIND P11 DISPUTE AND GRIEVANCE RESOLUTION POLICY**

**SUMMARY:** Council currently has several policies which are not consistent across the area of staff management. This policy is also inconsistent with the Local Government Act.

*OC016/2018* **RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Liddle)**  
**Council rescinds P11 Dispute and Grievance Resolution Policy.**

## **10.8 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.

*OC017/2018* **RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr Dixon)**  
**Council ratifies the use of the Common Seal for the grants as listed in the agenda.**

## **10.9 STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS AND TIMELINE**

**SUMMARY:** Under the Local Government Act Council needs to consult and determine a four year strategic plan and annual council plan (which together form the Regional Plan).

Over the next two months, Council will consult with communities to assist those communities in forming their Community Plan. These community plans are input to Council in the review, consultation and determination of its Regional Plan.

*OC018/2018* **RESOLVED (Cr McCormack/Cr George)**  
**Council approves the process and timeline for the strategic planning process to result in a new four year strategic plan; and new Regional Plan for 2018/2019.**

## **10.10 POLICY - INTENTIONAL DAMAGE TO COUNCIL ASSETS**

**SUMMARY:** This issue has been to Council in March 2017 and a trial policy was approved which focused only on Yuendumu and the use of a restorative justice approach. The issue of community members intentionally damaging property, particularly after it has been upgraded or built has also been raised by Local Authorities.

## **MOTION**

*OC019/2018* **RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr Martin)**  
**Council endorses the draft policy for repairing intentional damage to Council property with the removal of the phrase 'traditional owner' to be replaced with the phrase 'elder'.**



**Council requests the CEO advise the NT Government of this policy and recommend for their consideration, especially in relation to their housing assets.**

## **11 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**

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

*OC020/2018* **RESOLVED (Cr Williams/Cr Spencer)**  
**Council notes the report from the Acting Director of Corporate Services.**

## **12 FINANCE REPORTS**

### **12.1 FINANCE REPORT**

*OC021/2018* **RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr George)**  
**Council notes the financial reports for the period ending 30 November 2017 and 31 December 2017.**

### **12.2 GRANTS RECEIVED**

*OC022/2018* **RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr Williams)**  
**Council notes the grants received since the previous Council meeting held 30 November 2017 and approves expenditure in anticipation of a budget review.**

## **13 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS**

### **13.1 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES' REPORT**

*OC023/2018* **RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Liddle)**  
**Council notes the report from the Director of Community Services.**

### **13.2 REDESIGN OF THE CDP SYSTEM**

#### **SUMMARY:**

In March 2017, the Senate referred the CDP to the Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee for an inquiry into whether

the objectives, design, implementation and evaluation of the CDP was appropriate and effective for remote Indigenous people.

The Commonwealth Government led by Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Nigel Scullion, released a discussion paper at the same time that the Senate Committee handed down its report. The discussion paper is the start of a formal, albeit short, consultation process by the Government that sets out the design principles and potential options for a redesigned CDP Program.

## **MOTION**

**OC024/2018 RESOLVED (Cr McCormack/Cr Martin)**

**Council:**

- 1. Notes the update on the Senate Committee report into the appropriateness and effectiveness of the Community Development Program (CDP) and notes the details of the discussion paper released by the Commonwealth Government on the redesign of the CDP.**
- 2. Approves the drafting and submission of a response to the Discussion Paper to Councillor comments on the 'best fit' design.**

## **14 INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS REPORTS**

### **14.1 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS REPORT**

**OC025/2018 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Williams)**

**Council notes the report from the Director Infrastructure and Assets.**

## **15 REMOTE COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

*Nil*

## **16 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Nil*

## **17 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Nil*

## **18 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **18.1 NT COUNCILS FUTURE INSURANCE MODEL**

*OC026/2018* **RESOLVED** (Cr Martin/Cr Dixon)

**Council resolves to:**

- 1. become a member of the discretionary trust to be established by Jardine Lloyd Thompson for the purpose of providing insurance services to Trust members; and**
- 2. contribute to the Discretionary Trust the sum of Central Desert's contribution as advised by JLT for use by the Trust during the 2018/19 and subsequent financial years.**

## **19 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

*Nil*

## **20 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

*Nil*

## **21 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

*Nil*

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

*OC027/2018* **RESOLVED** (Cr Patrick/Cr 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:-

**22.1 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).).***

**22.2CDP 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).*

**22.3Issue - eviction from housing** - *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.*

## **22 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 9:43am.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 11 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2018 AND WILL BE CONFIRMED AT THE NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, 29 MARCH 2018.

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President