



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE ALICE  
SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL, ANDY MCNEIL ROOM ON FRIDAY, 16  
DECEMBER 2016 AT 9:00AM

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## **1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

### *Councillors*

Cr Adrian Dixon (President), Cr Norbert Patrick (Deputy President), Cr  
Cr Benedy Bird, Cr Georgina Wilson, Cr Jacob Spencer, Cr James  
Glenn, Cr Liz Bird, Cr William Johnson

### *Council Officers*

Cathryn Hutton (CEO), Craig Catchlove (DCorp), Glenn Marshall (DWI),  
John Gaynor (DCS)

## **1.2 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES**

**SUMMARY:** The Council accept apologies and note absences.

*OC158/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr L Bird/ Cr Dixon)**

**The Council:**

- 1. Accept the apologies from Cr Cecilia Alfonso.**
- 2. Note the absences of Councillors Sandra Peckham, Marlene Tilmouth and April Martin.**

## **2 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

### **2.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**SUMMARY:** The agenda of this Council meeting is being tabled.  
Councillors decide whether they wish to accept the agenda as it stands  
or whether they wish to make changes to existing items or add new  
items.

*OC159/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/ Cr Spencer)**

**The Council accept the agenda of the Council meeting.**

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

*Nil*

### **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.

*OC160/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr B Bird)**

**The Council confirm their commitment to the Code of Conduct.**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** Council reviews the minutes of the previous Council meeting to confirm that they are true and correct record of what occurred at the meeting.

*OC161/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr B Bird)**

**The Council confirm the attached minutes of the previous ordinary Council meeting held on 7 October be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The action item report is presented to the Council so that it can monitor progress against resolutions from previous meetings.

*OC162/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr L Bird/Cr Spencer)**

**The Council:**

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

## **7 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES**

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

**SUMMARY:** This report tables the minutes of local authority meetings since the last ordinary Council meeting. Any action items that arise from these minutes are raised at the following ordinary Council meeting.

*OC163/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr B Bird/Cr L Bird)**

**The Council receive and note the tabled minutes of local authority meetings that have occurred since the last the ordinary Council meeting on 7 October 2016.**

## **8 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**

### **8.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

**SUMMARY:** Nominations have taken place for vacant positions in Local Authorities across the region. In accordance with the Council's Local Authority Policy and government legislation, some members' positions have been revoked and others appointed to fill vacant positions.

*OC164/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr L Bird/Cr Patrick)**

**The Council:**

- 1. Note the following resignations in the Local Authorities since the 7 October Ordinary Council meeting:**
  - **Yuendumu: Gabriel Wilson, Lindesay Williams and Enid Gallagher.**
  - **Yuelamu: Michael Briscoe**
- 2. Appoint:**
  - **Jennifer Wendy Baarda and Robert Robertson to the Yuendumu Local Authority.**
  - **Mike Doolan to the Lajamanu Local Authority.**
- 3. Rejects the nomination of Ned Hargraves, therefore one vacancy remains at Yuendumu.**
- 4. Note that Anmatjere now has a vacancy since the passing of Kumunjayi Haines.**
- 5. Note the remaining vacancy in both Lajamanu and Atitjere and discuss options for filling the positions.**

## **8.2 WATER ISSUES IN LARAMBA**

**SUMMARY:** At the November meeting of the Laramba Local Authority, members discussed their grave concerns about the ongoing limited water supply to the community. It was resolved to write to the Federal Government asking them to provide funding to upgrade the 30km water pipe, as the NT Government and the Power Water Corporation have indicated they are not willing to provide the necessary funds.

*OC165/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr Spencer)**

**The Council:**

- 1. Note and act on the request from the Laramba Local Authority to write to the Federal Government regarding water issues at Laramba**
- 2. Request Power Water to implement a system that routinely informs residents about the water supply and any actions/restrictions required.**
- 3. Continue to lobby the NT Government, Power Water Corporation and NT Labour party to provide necessary focus and funds to resolve the water issue.**

## **9 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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

**SUMMARY:** The President reports to Council on his activity and any items of importance that have arisen since the last ordinary Council.

*OC166/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/Cr B Bird)**

**The Council receive and note the President's report as well as the addition of two events attended by the President; Jabiru Local Authority meeting and the opening of the Nyirripi Road.**

President Dixon acknowledged the passing of Kumunjayi Haines, long time resident and LA member from Anmatjere. President Dixon noted Kumunjayi Haines' contribution to the community and passed his condolences to the family.

## **10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

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

**SUMMARY:** The Chief Executive Officer reports on items of importance for the Council.

*OC167/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Dixon)**

**The Council receive and note the report from the Chief Executive Officer.**

## **10.2 PROGRESS ON 2016/17 CORPORATE PLAN**

**SUMMARY:** The Corporate Plan progress report is tabled to the Council at every Council meeting to ensure that the Council is aware of progress, and any arising issues.

*OC168/2016* **RESOLVED** (Cr Dixon/Cr L Bird)

**The Council note the progress against the 2016/17 Corporate Plan as detailed in the tabled progress report and noted that there will be no reporting in January.**

## **10.3 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.

*OC169/2016* **RESOLVED** (Cr Glenn/Cr Patrick)

**The Council ratify the use of the Common Seal for the grant, as attached to report 388849.**

## **10.4 NTG'S ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING NEW INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN**

**SUMMARY:** The Labor Government's new infrastructure priorities outlined in a recent media release from the Treasurer Nicole Manison have resulted in a number of projects in Central Australia being deferred.

*OC170/2016* **RESOLVED** (Cr Spencer/Cr Patrick)

**The Council:**

- 1. Note the Media Release titled "New Infrastructure Plan to Support Territory Jobs" and the range of new funding that has been announced;**
- 2. Note the deferral of the Alcoota Fossil Beds development project ;**
- 3. Write to the Chief Minister expressing disappointment at the deferral of the Alcoota Fossil Beds development project and continue to lobby the government in support of this project.**

Cr Georgina Wilson joined the meeting at 9:26am.

## **11 CORPORATE SERVICES**

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

**SUMMARY:** This report provides information on the major activities and outcomes for the Corporate Services Directorate.

*OC171/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr B Bird)**

**The Council receive and note the report from the Director of Corporate Services.**

### **11.2 POLICY REVIEW**

**SUMMARY:** The Council adopts policies to provide guidance to the community and or Council staff. Policies are reviewed to ensure that they reflect current circumstances, changes in terminology and changes in legislation.

*OC172/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr L Bird)**

**The Council:**

- 1. Adopt the following revised policies:**
  - **P64 Assets – Disposal, Transfer and Stocktake**
- 2. Adopt the following new policies:**
  - **P72 Code of Conduct - Employees**
  - **P71 Related Party Policy**
- 3. Rescind the following policy:**
  - **P27 Wage and Salary Administration Policy**

## **12 FINANCE REPORTS**

### **12.1 GRANTS RECEIVED**

**SUMMARY:** The Council is provided with a list of grants received since the last Council meeting for their information.

*OC173/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr L Bird/Cr Spencer)**

**The Council note the grant received since the previous Council meeting, held 7 October 2016, as attached to report 388851 and approves expenditure in anticipation of a budget review**

### **12.2 FINANCE REPORT**

**SUMMARY:** The financial reports provide Council with information on its financial position for the period ending 31 October 2016.

*OC174/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Johnson/Cr B Bird)**

**The Council receive and note the financial reports for the period ending 31 October 2016.**

## **12.3 SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANT - FINANCIAL ACQUITTAL**

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

*OC175/2016* **RESOLVED (President Dixon/Cr Glenn)**

**The Council ratify Department of Housing and Community Development Financial Acquittals for Special Purpose Grants as detailed in report 390611.**

## **13 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS**

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

**SUMMARY:** The Director Community Services reports to Council about matters of significance since the last Council meeting.

*OC176/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr L Bird/Cr B Bird)**

**The Council:**

- 1. Receive and note the report from the Director of Community Services.**
- 2. Expresses its concern regarding the delays experienced with the resolution of the s19 leases and the implication that these delays have on the Council's ability to provide full service delivery for its aged care and disability clients in Atitjere.**

### **13.2 FAMILY WELLBEING STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT**

**SUMMARY:** The Family Wellbeing Strategy was adopted by Council in the October 2016 meeting. The document details the actions and key performance indicators that we will report against to demonstrate that the Council is actively working to improve the lives and wellbeing of people living in the Region's remote communities.

The Director of Community Services will report on the progress against the Key Performance Indicators at every Council meeting.

*OC177/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr Spencer)**

**The Council:**

- 1. Note the bi-monthly progress report on the Family Wellbeing Strategy**
- 2. Note that this report will be presented every second meeting commencing March 2017.**

### **13.3 DOING BUSINESS IN THE BUSH EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**SUMMARY:** The Central Desert Regional Council, in conjunction with the NT Office of Aboriginal Affairs wishes to develop a workshop about doing business in the bush. The workshop will be delivered in language and cover information about how business is done in Australia and what people have to look out for when wanting to do business in remote indigenous communities in the NT.

*OC178/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr L Bird/Cr Glenn)**

**The Council note and approve the scope of works for the “Doing Business in the Bush Workshop”**

## **14 WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS**

### **14.1 DIRECTOR WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT**

**SUMMARY:** The report from the Director Works and Infrastructure provides information on the activities undertaken in the directorate since the last report to Council.

*OC179/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr L Bird)**

**The Council receive and note the report from the Director Works and Infrastructure.**

### **14.2 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT OF LAND WITHIN CDRC COMMUNITIES**

**SUMMARY:** Since 2008 Council has undertaken routine maintenance and improvement works on unleased Land Trust land in all Central Desert communities. With the advent of new S19 leasing arrangements, Council needs to formalise its actions on Land Trust land.

*OC180/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Patrick)**

**The Council note the legal issues surrounding use and management of land and leases within communities of the Central Desert region.**

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:43am.

Meeting recommenced at 11:16am.



### **14.3 REQUEST NT GOVERNMENT TO COMPLETE TOWN PLANNING BEFORE BUILDING NEW HOUSES IN COMMUNITIES**

**SUMMARY:** There is a risk that the NT Government will squeeze new community housing into the few remaining vacant lots in each community, even if those lots are not well-suited to such housing. Government should first complete town plans for each community, in consultation with stakeholders, to ensure future infrastructure is placed in the most sensible locations.

*OC181/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/Cr B Bird)**

**The Council request the Northern Territory Government to fast-track town planning in each community before assigning the location of new houses and other infrastructure.**

## **15 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **15.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SUMMARY:** The Finance Committee convenes on a bimonthly basis to carry out the financial functions of the Council. The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 10 November 2016 are attached for Council's consideration.

*OC182/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr Spencer)**

**The Council receive and note the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 10 November 2016.**

### **15.2 ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**SUMMARY:** The Council is asked to ratify the decision of the Finance Committee who has approved the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the 2015/16.

*OC183/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Wilson/Cr Spencer)**

**The Council ratify the Finance Committee's approval of the Annual Report along with Financial Statements for the period 2015/2016 (Attachment 1 to report 389921).**

## **16 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **16.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SUMMARY:** The Audit and Risk Committee meets at least three times a year to carry out the audit and risk functions of the Council. The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2016 are attached for the Council's information.

*OC184/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr Johnson)**

**The Council receive and note the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 17 November 2016.**

## **17 GENERAL BUSINESS**

*Nil*

## **18 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

*Nil*

## **19 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

*Nil*

## **20 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

*Nil*

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

*OC185/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/Cr L Bird)**

**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**

**21.2 Allegations against the President**

**21.3 Progress on Alternative Methods of Incarceration Project**

**21.4 Community Development Program Progress Report**

**21.5 Potential Management of Utopia Outstations from 1 July 2017**

## **21.6 RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

*OC190/2016* **RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/Cr Wilson)**  
**Council reopened the meeting.**

President Dixon thanked the Councillors and staff for their hard work during 2016 and wished everyone a safe holiday season.

## **21 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 12:21pm.

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President