



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, ALICE SPRINGS, ON FRIDAY, 5 AUGUST 2016
AT 9:18AM

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present:

Councillors

Cr Adrian Dixon (President), Cr Norbert Patrick (Deputy President), Cr April Martin, Cr Benedy Bird, Cr Cecilia Alfonso (via phone), Cr Georgina Wilson, Cr Jacob Spencer, Cr James Glenn, Cr Marlene Tilmouth, Cr William Johnson (via phone)

Council Officers

Cathryn Hutton (CEO), Craig Catchlove (DCORP), Glenn Marshall (DWI), Victoria Leontios (a/DCS)

Apologies:

Cr Liz Bird (Cr L Bird attempted to participate in the meeting via phone but was unable to due to technical issues)

1.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

SUMMARY: The Council accept apologies and note absences.

OC120/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr B Bird)

The Council accept the apology from Cr L Bird.

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.

OC121/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr Tilmouth)

The Council accept the agenda of the Council meeting with the addition of item 9.2 Yuelamu Water.

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.

OC122/2016 **RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Martin)**

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 meetings to confirm that they are true and correct record of what occurred at the meetings.

OC123/2016 **RESOLVED (Cr Wilson/Cr Patrick)**

Council receive and confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting on 3 June 2016 and the Special Council meeting held on the 24 June 2016 as a true and correct record of the proceedings of those meetings; with the amendment of Cr Martin being listed as an apology for the 3 June 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.

OC124/2016 **RESOLVED (Cr B Bird/Cr Glenn)**

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.

OC125/2016 **RESOLVED (Cr B Bird/Cr Glenn)**

The Council note the attached minutes of local authority meetings

that have occurred since the last the ordinary Council meeting on 3 June 2016.

Cr William Johnson joined to the meeting, the time being 9:31 AM

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:

- Yuelamu – Remove one member, appoint one member.
- Nyirripi – Remove one member and open nominations.
- Lajamanu – Nominations currently open.

OC126/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Martin)

The Council:

- 1. Remove Christopher Hagan from the Yuelamu Local Authority.**
- 2. Remove Valerie Morris from the Nyirripi Local Authority.**
- 3. Appoint Michael Briscoe to the Yuelamu Local Authority.**
- 4. Note that nominations are currently open in Lajamanu for one new Local Authority member to fill the vacant position.**

8.2 COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROL FENCE IN WILLOWRA

SUMMARY: The Local Authority discussed the fence around the Community Safety Patrol building in Willowra being too low and not extending around the perimeter of the building.

OC127/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Martin/Cr Alfonso)

The Council:

- 1. Note the Willowra Local Authority's request for an improved fence around the CSP building in Willowra.**
- 2. Advise the Local Authority that the fence will be included in the Community Development Program schedule of activities.**

8.3 FARM AT WILLOWRA

SUMMARY: The Willowra Local Authority discussed the possibility of the old farm site in the community being restarted as a source of activities for CDP participants.

OC128/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Martin/Cr Spencer)

The Council:

- 1. Note the Willowra Local Authority's request for the old farm site at Willowra to be restarted as a source activities for CDP participants.**
- 2. Advise that the Community Development Program Manager**

will consult with the Local Authority to better understand the proposal.

8.4 SPORTS COMMITTEE FOR ATITJERE

SUMMARY: The Atitjere Local Authority discuss sports training and establishing a sports committee in the community.

OC129/2016 **RESOLVED** (Cr Dixon/Cr B Bird)

The Council:

- 1. Note the Atitjere Local Authority's request to establish a Sports Committee in the community to increase the focus of training and coaching skills for community members.**
- 2. Advise the Local Authority that the Youth and Communities Coordinator can assist the proposed committee by providing coordination, support and secretariat services. The committee membership would include community members, Youth and Communities staff and would meet on a bi-monthly basis.**

8.5 YUELAMU COMMUNITY NAME

SUMMARY: The Yuelamu Local Authority discussed changing the community name to Mount Allan, as it is otherwise known.

OC130/2016 **RESOLVED** (Cr Dixon/Cr Patrick)

The Council:

- 1. Note the Yuelamu Local Authority's request to change the Yuelamu community to Mount Allan.**
- 2. Advise the Local Authority that Council is not responsible for making decisions on place names in the Council Region, this is the responsibility of the NTG Place Names Committee. Yuelamu has been the name for the community and surrounding administrative area gazetted by the NTG in 2007 (NTG 14).**
- 3. Advise the Local Authority that discussion on the community name should be undertaken with traditional owners in the first instance.**

8.6 YS&R ACTIVITIY END TIMES IN YUELAMU

SUMMARY: The Yuelamu Local Authority discussed Youth Sport and Recreation activity end times and requested that activities conclude by 6:30pm on school nights to allow young people to get home.

OC131/2016 **RESOLVED** (Cr Glenn/Cr Dixon)

The Council:

- 1. Note the Yuelamu Local Authority's request to conclude Youth Sport and Recreation activities in Yuelamu at 6.30pm on school nights to allow young people to get home.**
- 2. Advise the Local Authority that Council will continue to run**

the service until 8:30 pm in line with Council policy to ensure that young people are in the care of YS&R staff and have activities to do in the evenings.

8.7 COMMUNICATION WITH CSP IN LARAMBA

SUMMARY: The Laramba Local Authority discussed the issue that there is currently no way to contact CSP officers when they are on duty as the Community Safety Patrol vehicle has no radio.

OC132/2016 **RESOLVED** (Cr Dixon/Cr Glenn)

The Council:

- 1. Note the Laramba Local Authority's advice that there has been no way to contact Community Safety Patrol officers while they are on duty.**
- 2. Advise the Local Authority that the Council is investigating solutions, such as the capability of cordless landline phones with a 5km radius.**

8.8 CSP OFFICE IN LARAMBA

SUMMARY: The Laramba Local Authority discussed the fact that there is currently no dedicated CSP office in Laramba and potential solutions.

OC133/2016 **RESOLVED** (Cr Spencer/Cr Dixon)

The Council:

- 1. Note the Laramba Local Authority's request for the Laramba CSP team to utilise the old Yuendumu Police Station demountable as a shared police and CSP office.**
- 2. Advise the Local Authority that Council will not pursue the option of a shared police and CSP office.**
- 3. Advise the Local Authority that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has provided approval for the construction of a small, flat-pack kit office in Laramba (total \$100,000), which will be undertaken as part of the Community Development Program Builder Trainer Project.**

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 meeting on 3 June 2016.

OC134/2016 **RESOLVED** (Cr B Bird/Cr Martin)

The Council note the President's report.

9.2 YUELAMU WATER

SUMMARY: The Council received and noted the tabled report from the Power and Water Corporation with a status update on the water situation

at Yuelamu.

OC135/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr Patrick)

The Council:

- 1. Is of the opinion that there is still no urgency from the Power Water Corporation or the Northern Territory Government to find a solution to the water supply crisis in Yuelamu, which continues to demonstrate disregard for the health and livelihoods of people who live at Yuelamu.**
- 2. Continue to lobby NT and federal ministers to urgently identify and fund an acceptable long term solution.**

10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORTS

10.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

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

OC136/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr Spencer)

The Council note the Chief Executive Officer's report.

10.2 PROGRESS ON 2015/16 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 issues arising.

OC137/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/Cr B Bird)

The Council note the progress against the 2015/16 Corporate Plan as detailed in the tabled progress report.

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.

OC138/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr Martin)

The Council ratify the use of the Common Seal.

10.4 ENTERPRISE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

SUMMARY: Negotiations on a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement have concluded, with the new agreement being approved by a majority vote of Council employees. The agreement is now with the Fair Work Commission for ratification.

OC139/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/Cr Patrick)

The Council note the Central Desert Regional Council Enterprise Agreement 2016 as submitted to Fair Work Australia for ratification.

10.5 ELECTED MEMBER EXTRA MEETING ALLOWANCE

SUMMARY: Councillors are provided with an allowance for their position

on the Council. The payment of this allowance is controlled by the Elected and Appointed Member Facilities, Benefits, and Allowances Policy.

OC140/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Tilmouth/Cr Spencer)
That Council determine that the Extra Meeting Allowance paid to Councillors is set at \$130.

10.6 DECEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE

SUMMARY: The Local Government Association of the NT's scheduled Annual General Meeting date conflicts with the planned council meeting date in December 2016, so Council is being asked to reschedule the December meeting.

OC141/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Alfonso/Cr Martin)
The Council approve the rescheduling of the December 2016 meeting from 2 to 9 December.

Meeting suspended at 10:02 AM.

Meeting resumed at 10:38 AM.

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.

OC142/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr Spencer)
The Council note the Director of Corporate Services' report.

11.2 GRANTS RECEIVED

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

OC143/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr Martin)
The Council note the grants received since the last ordinary Council meeting and approve expenditure against these grants in anticipation of a formal budget amendment.

11.3 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 approval.

OC144/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr B Bird)
The Council ratify Department of Local Government and Community Services Financial Acquittal for Special Purpose Grants.

11.4 POLICY REVIEW

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

OC145/2016 **RESOLVED (Cr Spencer/Cr Tilmouth)**

The Council:

1. Adopt the following revised policies:

- **P32 - Risk Management Policy**
- **P37 - Heritage Policy**
- **P45 - Privacy Policy.**

2. Adopt the new Confidential Information and Business Policy.

12 FINANCE REPORTS

12.1 FINANCE REPORT

SUMMARY: The financial reports provide Council with information on its financial position for the period ending 30 June 2016.

OC146/2016 **RESOLVED (Cr Tilmouth/Cr Spencer)**

The Council note the financial reports for the period ending 30 June 2016.

Cr Alfonso left the meeting, the time being 10:47 AM.

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.

OC147/2016 **RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/Cr Patrick)**

The Council note the Director of Community Services' report.

13.2 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

SUMMARY: In the months of May and June, there has been a gradual reduction in Community Development Program (CDP) overall participation rates from a high of 70.5 % in April to 68.6% in May and 61.9% in June. Despite this, the CDP has generated an average monthly income across FY 2016/17 of \$428,000, well above the budgeted benchmark of 60% participation or \$380,000 per month.

The focus of the CDP over June and July has been to continue to re-engage job seekers and increase job-seeker activities and data entry to significantly increase participation outcomes.

OC148/2016 **RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr Spencer)**

The Council note the progress of the Community Development

Program.

13.3 PROPOSED AGED CARE SERVICE AT ATITJERE

SUMMARY: Council is consulting with the Department of Health with regard to Council assuming responsibility for aged care service delivery in Atitjere. No final decision has been made by the Department on funding for operations or renovations/ upgrade to future aged care facility, and Council is also waiting on a decision in regard to its S19 application for an appropriate aged care facility site.

OC149/2016 **RESOLVED (Cr Martin/Cr Tilmouth)**

The Council note the update from the acting Director Community Services on the proposed Aged Care Service at Atitjere.

13.4 GAMBLING AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

SUMMARY: The Council will implement a gambling awareness campaign throughout the region to be delivered in partnership with Amity Community Services as part of Council's Family Wellbeing Strategy.

OC150/2016 **RESOLVED (Cr Martin/Cr Spencer)**

The Council:

- 1. Note the presentation by Amity Community Services about their gambling awareness programs.**
- 2. Approve the approach to implement a Council-wide Gambling Awareness Campaign.**
- 3. Nominate Willowra as the first community that Amity's NT Gambling Project being rolled out to.**

Cr Johnson returned to the meeting, the time being 10:59 AM.

14 WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS

14.1 DIRECTOR WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE'S 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.

OC151/2016 **RESOLVED (Cr Patrick/Cr Spencer)**

The Council note the Director Works and Infrastructure's report.

14.2 2016/17 VEHICLE AND PLANT PURCHASE AND SALES PLAN

SUMMARY: The Works Directorate seeks endorsement of the 2016/17 fleet and plant purchase plan.

OC152/2016 **RESOLVED (Cr Wilson/Cr Patrick)**

The Council:

- 1) Approve the 2016/17 purchase of vehicles to the value of \$315,000 as detailed in table 1 of report 375152.**

- 2) Approve the 2016/17 purchase of plant to the value of \$335,000 as detailed in table 2 of report 375152.
- 3) Approve the 2016/17 disposal of items of plant and equipment to the estimated value of \$137,500 as detailed in table 3 of report 375152.
- 4) Note the proposed ten year forward plan.

14.3 STREETLIGHTING DEED OF SETTLEMENT

SUMMARY: Council is being asked to agree to the NTG's current offer with regards to street lighting charges in Ti Tree.

OC153/2016 **RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/Cr Dixon)**

The Council agree to the Northern Territory Government's offer on street lighting at Ti Tree that will see:

1. Repairs and maintenance charges commencing from 2018.
2. Council deciding and establishing arrangements before 2018 on how it will manage street light repairs and maintenance.
3. Council taking ownership of street light infrastructure from 1 January 2018.

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 7 July 2016 are attached for Council's consideration.

OC154/2016 **RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr B Bird)**

The Council receive and note the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 7 July 2016.

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

OC155/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/Cr Spencer)

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 lists come within the following provisions.

21.1 Enterprise Development Facilitation Proposal - *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.*

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

OC156/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Dixon/Cr B Bird)

The decision of the Closed Session be noted as follows:-

21 CLOSED SESSION

21.1 ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT FACILITATION PROPOSAL

SUMMARY: An allocation of \$100,000 of Council's own-source revenue would enable the engagement of suitable personnel and resources to investigate and report on the economic, political, social and cultural viability of establishing alternative models to imprisonment in the Central Desert region for low-level offenders hailing from the region. It would additionally allow lobbying of relevant government elected members and officials to promote projects that would not only be socially an improvement but financially advantageous to Council.

OC157/2016 RESOLVED (Cr Glenn/Cr Patrick)

The Council:

- 1. Allocate a maximum of \$100,000 over two years to investigate economic development opportunities**
- 2. Approve investigation of Council involvement in alternative models of incarceration in the Central Desert Region instead of traditional imprisonment.**

22 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 11:26 AM.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 11 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES
OF THE Ordinary Council Meeting HELD ON Friday, 5 August 2016
AND CONFIRMED Friday, 7 October 2016.

President