

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 JULY 2016, FOLLOWING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TODD STREET, ALICE SPRINGS

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PRESENT:

Councillor S. Brown  
Councillor J. De Brenni  
Councillor D. Douglas  
Councillor B. Heenan  
Councillor J. Kudrenko (*Chair*)  
Councillor E. Melky  
Councillor C. Paech  
Councillor J. Price

OFFICERS:

Mr R. Mooney – Chief Executive Officer  
Mr D. Pillay – Director Finance  
Mrs T. Ocones – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

The meeting opened at 6:40pm

1. APOLOGIES:

His Worship the Mayor D. Ryan – Personal leave  
Mr G. Buxton – Director Technical Services – Personal leave  
Mr T. Jennison – Acting Director of Corporate and Community Services – Personal Leave

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - OPEN:

Nil

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - OPEN:

4.1 Minutes of Meeting held 14 June 2016

**That the minutes of the Open Section of the Corporate and Community Services Committee meeting held on 14 June 2016 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.**

(6125ccs)

4.2 Business Arising

4.2.1 Councillor Heenan – Agenda Item 9.1 – Directorate Update (June) - Attachment G: ASALC Maintenance – PVC pipes

Councillor Heenan followed up on a question taken on notice at the June 2016 CCS Committee meeting regarding the existing PVC pipes that form part of the solar heating system which were found in a vacuumed/distorted shape, resulting in the reported leakage. Councillor Heenan asked about the specifications for this installation and who installed the PVC pipework?

The Chief Executive Office took the question on notice.

5. IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - OPEN:

5.1 Identification of items for discussion

The following items were withdrawn for discussion:

9.1, 9.2, 10.2, 10.3

5.2 Identification of items to be raised in General Business by Elected Members and Officers

- Councillor Brown – Youth Issues and Night Youth Patrol
- Councillor Paech – Pop-Up Shop in Todd Mall

6. DEPUTATIONS:

6.1 Mount Johns Flood Immunity Project - May Taylor, Department of Transport (DoT) and Usman Siddique, Department of Infrastructure (DoI)

May Taylor from the Department of Transport, introduced the members of the project team to Council namely: Usman Siddique, Manager Planning, DoI and Project Manager for Mount Johns Flood Immunity Project; Terri Layman, Director of Programme Delivery, DoT; and Jeanette Button, Communications Consultant from PR Button Consultancy.

May Taylor gave a Powerpoint presentation on the outcomes of the initial investigations and report on the five proposed options that will be presented to the broader community.

Currently, when the Todd River floods, residents and businesses in these areas are unable to access the Alice Springs CBD or Stuart Highway as the Casino (Taffy Pick) causeway and Tuncks Road floodway are closed. The only available access to the area is through a Power and Water service road that is opened to the public during critical events. This private service road is designed for access to PWC sites only and is not built to Australian Road safety standards.

The Mount Johns Flood Immunity project has progressed and the technical review of the options is complete. The investigation identified five technical design options to improve flood immunity, these being:

1. A connector road from Stephens Road to Sadadeen Road – direct route
2. A connector road from Stephens Road to Sadadeen Road - eastern route
3. A connector road from Tuncks Road to Sadadeen Road - via the Power and Water access road
4. A high level bridge over the Todd River at Stephens Road
5. A high level bridge over the Todd River at Tuncks Road

**Option 1: Stephens Road to Sadadeen Road – direct route**

This option provides improved year round connectivity via a direct road-link, has no impact on flooding and connects the eastern suburbs of Alice Springs during the larger flood events. This connector will create opportunities for new land development and complements and supports the recently released Regional Land Use Plan for the Alice Springs CBD. Estimated cost: \$25 million.

**Option 2: Stephens Road to Sadadeen Road - eastern route**

This connector road would also provide access to new land development opportunities but would be a longer route for road users in the existing residential areas and will be more expensive to construct as it is longer than a more direct route. Estimated cost: \$39 million.

**Option 3: Tuncks Road to Sadadeen Road - via Power and Water access**

The upgrading of the existing temporary access road could be developed over time. The opening of a permanent new road on the alignment is dependent on Territory Generation relocating; therefore in the foreseeable future the route would remain as is with minor upgrades, and would only be opened during flood events. There would be no land development opportunities created. Estimated cost: initial works (minor upgrades) \$500 000; to open as a permanent road after Territory Generation has relocated the order of cost is \$20 million.

**Option 4: Stephens Road Bridge**

A new high level bridge would replace the existing Taffy Pick causeway. Current information indicates that the local road network becomes inundated around an Annual Recurrence Interval (ARI) of 20 years, also described as a 1 in 20 year flood. Even though a bridge would improve access, it would not provide access during any significant flood event, unless significant works are undertaken through the Gap. Estimated cost: \$28 to \$40 million dependent on the final alignment of the bridge across the Todd River

**Option 5: Tuncks Road Bridge**

The construction of a high level bridge at the Tuncks Road causeway would create a significant backwater in larger flood events (ARI 50 and greater) and is therefore the least preferred option. Also due to the low-lying local road network there would be limited access beyond an ARI 20 year event. Estimated cost \$33 million.

**Link Roads**

- Link roads are required to maximise the connectivity of the internal road network for all options.
- Link roads could be either permanent road connections or temporary connections that are only opened during flood events.
- Suggestions for link road options have been reviewed but have not been discussed in detail with the Golf Course or the Alice Springs Town Council.

**Consultation Objectives**

- To create awareness of the Government's intention to improve flood immunity in the Mount Johns and Desert Springs areas of Alice Springs, particularly with residents and business directly affected by the changes.
- Inform the general public about the project investigations and the preferred technical option.
- Provide opportunities for the public to comment on the project and the preferred technical option.

### **Construction**

- The construction of the project is dependent on future allocation of funds.
- Once a preferred option is identified, the Government will need to commission detailed design works.
- Completion is therefore dependent on the final design solution, funding and scope of work.

### **Community Consultation**

Community consultation will commence from today, 11 July until 5 August 2016.

The Alice Springs community is invited to provide feedback on the technical design options, before a final preferred option is identified by responding to the Project team through one of the following:

- Visit one of the displays at
  - Alice Springs Library - Monday, 11 July to Friday 5 August
  - Alice Plaza - Saturday, 16 July 9am to 1pm
  - Yeperenye Shopping Centre - Saturday, 30 July 9am to 1pm
- Insert in the Centralian Advocate
- Media ads, Website and Facebook
- Contact the Department of Transport by phone, email or mail

Questions and answers followed with Elected Members.

The Chair thanked Ms May Taylor for her presentation.

## 7. PETITIONS

Nil

## 8. NOTICES OF MOTION:

Nil

## 9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

### 9.1 Directorate Update Report No. 99/16ccs (A/DCCS)

This report provides an update of current Corporate and Community Services projects, programs and events.

### RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the report be received and noted.**

(6126ccs)

Discussion ensued on the breakdown of complaints in relation to dogs at large, rubbish dumping, Desert Festival and update on previous dog attack.

9.2 Alice Springs Town Council Arts and Cultural Policy and Plan Report No. 100/16ccs (CCDM)

Kieren Sanderson, the consultant contracted to develop the Alice Springs Town Council Arts and Cultural Policy, Arts and Cultural Plan and Public Art Master Plan has delivered the first draft of the Policy and Plan for review. The Public Art Master Plan will be reviewed at a later date.

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That Council place the draft Alice Springs Town Council Arts and Cultural Policy on public exhibition for a term of Twenty one (21) days for further comment and a further report be presented to Council for consideration of any submission received.**

(6127ccs)

Discussion ensued on amendments to consider on the draft Arts Policy and Plan:

- Deputy Mayor de Brenni noted some inconsistencies in the draft document where reference is made to the Arts and Cultural Policy. It should read the Alice Springs Town Council Arts and Cultural Policy all throughout the document instead of Alice Springs Arts and Cultural Policy. This has been noted and corrections will be made.
- Deputy Mayor de Brenni expressed concerns about the statement on page 17 (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph), “Alice Springs has many people with low literacy and numeracy level .....” that this has no relevance to the Policy and it can be seen as a negative aspect of Alice Springs.

Discussion ensued about:

- considering demographics in terms of sourcing funding
- policy not written for tourist or tourism agency but to inform the community
- inclusion and recognition of the community
- statement should not be read in isolation but should read the entire Community Profile
- suggestion to elaborate further and provide more information to have a better understanding of what it means

The Chief Executive Officer overviewed Council's public exhibition process.

- Deputy Mayor de Brenni also noted the statement under Economic Drivers (p 18), that defence is not on top of the Alice Springs list. The Chair suggested bringing contrary information backed up with alternative reference to the next Ordinary meeting.

Councillor Paech congratulated all Elected Members who were involved in the development of the Alice Springs Town Council Arts and Cultural Policy.

Councillor Kudrenko enquired about the acknowledgement made to two traditional owners of AS on the document and asked how Council is going to consult them in reference to the Arts and Cultural Policy.

The Chief Executive Officer advised he would send a separate direct letter to both organisations and ask them either to meet with Council or provide feedback.

10. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

10.1 Minutes and Recommendations from the Seniors Coordinating Committee Meeting held on 15 June 2016

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the minutes of the Seniors Coordinating Committee Meeting held on 15 June 2016 be received and recommendations adopted.**

(6128ccs)

10.2 Minutes and Recommendations from the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee Meeting held on 30 June 2016

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the minutes of the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee Meeting held on 30 June 2016 be received and recommendations adopted.**

(6129ccs)

Deputy Mayor de Brenni brought up the discussion on banners for the Mall including the top end of the Mall and mentioned about a product that screws to the light poles with no requirement for a cherry picker.

Discussion ensued. A report on banners will be presented to the next Ordinary Council meeting.

10.2.1 Incite Arts Application for Sponsorship (Item 4.1)

Incite Arts will be holding the 2016 Unbroken Land event at the Alice Springs Desert Park on 16-18 September. Initially they were requesting for in-kind support in the form of infrastructure and the staff time required managing the loan of equipment. Chief Executive Officer Rex Mooney has agreed to the in-kind support requested.

Incite Arts is also requesting \$5,000 towards creating a television and cinema ad for Imparja and Alice Springs Cinema, to engage local audiences who are not already connected to the arts community.

The Committee agreed not to support the financial request of \$5,000.

**ACTION:**

Fran Stoops to send letter to Incite Arts advising that the in-kind support request has been approved.

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the request from Incite Arts of \$5,000 for the 2016 Unbroken Land event not be supported.**

(6130ccs)

10.3 Minutes and Recommendations from the Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 July 2016

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 July 2016 be received and recommendations adopted.**

(6131ccs)

Councillor Heenan would like to see more concept presentation on the public art pieces for the Chapel at the Garden Cemetery.

Councillor Kudrenko overviewed the art commissioning process and advised that the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) at this stage shortlisted 2 artists (native tree shadow by Allison Hittmann and weeping tree by J9 Stanton) to further develop their concept to then present back to the Committee. The final recommendation from the Committee will be presented to Council.

Discussion ensued. Councillor Kudrenko will email presentation made by the 5 artists at the PAAC meeting to Councillor Heenan.

Councillor Kudrenko clarified that the PAAC is not recommending for the 2 concepts as the final art pieces for this project but are recommending them for the next stage of concept development. The total budget is \$60,000 but Council is aiming to have 2 pieces created, so the 2 artists should keep in mind that their budget should be kept within the \$30,000 range for their further concept development.

Councillor Kudrenko answered the question from Deputy Mayor de Brenni about Dave Rilstone's comment on J9 Stanton's art concept.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Councillor Brown – Youth Night Patrol

Councillor Brown put forward for discussion the youth issues in town in conjunction with the Alice Springs Town Council Youth Night Patrol. There is a growing concern from the community noting the number of children from 8 to 10 years old out on the streets in the middle of the night that there is a necessity to provide some kind of a lock in lock out facility under supervision with food, beds, medicine and a number of activities.

Lengthy discussion ensued on:

- Council supported after hours youth drop in centre from the NT Government in the Council's election wish list
- Council has long advocated for a coordinated response to youth issues and numerous discussion in the past with various stakeholders
- Existing agencies/youth services capable of doing this work which require funding
- Involve private sectors and businesses
- Public meeting held in the past on the same issue

*Councillor Paech left the Chamber at 7:52pm*

*Councillor Paech returned to the Chamber at 7:54pm*

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That Council engage with existing partners and invite new partners to be part of the process of developing a night safe house that caters for children who are involved in Youth Night Patrol.**

(6132ccs)

11.2 Councillor Paech – Pop-up Shop

Councillor Paech sought support from Elected Members to continue the lease of the old Don Thomas pop-up shop until the end of the year and part of that is to do a second lot of curation of the Alice Springs Collection to be shown at the pop-up shop.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that a report will go to the next Ordinary meeting on the extension of lease of the old Don Thomas pop-up shop.

12. NEXT MEETING: **Monday, 15 August 2016**

The meeting stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm

Confirmed on \_\_\_\_\_

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CHAIRMAN

Date \_\_\_\_\_