

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 MAY 2017, FOLLOWING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TODD STREET, ALICE SPRINGS

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor D. Ryan (via telephone)
Councillor J. De Brenni
Councillor D. Douglas
Councillor B. Heenan
Councillor J. Kudrenko (*Chair*)
Councillor E. Melky
Councillor J. Price

OFFICERS: Mr R. Mooney – Chief Executive Officer
Mr S. Allen – Director Technical Services
Ms S. Price – Director Corporate and Community Services
Mr D. Pillay – Director Finance
Mrs J. Craven – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

The meeting opened at 7.11pm.

1. APOLOGIES:

Councillor S. Brown – 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 10 April 2017

That the minutes of the Open Section of the Corporate and Community Services Committee meeting held on 10 April 2017 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

(6227ccs)

4.2 Business Arising

4.2.1 Mayor Ryan – Item 2.1, Mrs Judith Dona’s enquiry regarding ASALC Pool

Mayor Ryan asked if Mrs Donna has been made aware that the pool will not be ready by the end of May 2017 and has it been advertised at the Centre what works are going on.

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that she is in contact with Mrs Donna and the indoor pool work progress is prominently on display within the facility.

4.2.2 Councillor Melky – Item 11.1, Food and Drinks at ASALC Kiosk

Councillor Melky followed up on the copy of the menu option and price list that will be provided to Elected Members for reference.

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that these were distributed at the Council Forum held 18 April 2017.

5. IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - OPEN:

5.1 Identification of items for discussion

The following items were withdrawn for discussion:

Items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.5, 10.1

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

Nil

6. DEPUTATIONS:

Nil

7. PETITIONS

Nil

8. NOTICES OF MOTION:

Nil

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

9.1 Directorate Update
Report No. 77/17ccs (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.

(6228ccs)

Discussion ensued regarding an error within Civica; the system could not download data.

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that the error has been logged and awaiting Civica to fix.

Discussion ensued regarding declining visits data at ASALC.

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that since the 25 metre indoor pool had been decommissioned since 15 December 2016, this has impacted numbers

through the door and advised that the facility will have a permanent manager very shortly, which will assist with staff continuity and Centre enhancements.

Councillor Melky would like to see an action plan to promote the pool.

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that a business plan and master plan for the facility will be developed and presented to Council once the new manager has commenced employment.

Discussion ensued regarding infringement notices for interstate plates. The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that a meeting has been arranged with FRU last week but did not occur. Unfortunately, Council has no options to pursue outstanding infringement with interstate vehicles.

*The Director Technical Services left the Chamber at 7.33pm
The Director Technical Services returned to the Chamber at 7.34pm*

9.2 Caretaker Period
Report No. 78/17ccs (DCCS)

The Northern Territory Electoral Commission will conduct a periodic Local Government General Election, 26 August 2017, in keeping with Section 85 of the Local Government Act.

A mandatory caretaker period immediately preceding a Local Government General Election must occur, in accordance with Section 96A of the Local Government Act.

The caretaker period will commence 3 August 2017. Caretaker period ends when the result of the general election is declared, in compliance with the *Local Government (Electoral) Regulations*.

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That this report be received and noted.

(6229ccs)

9.3 Expenditure of Library Gift Fund and Special Library Projects Budget
Report No. 81/17ccs (MLS)

Alice Springs Public Library is currently implementing Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) programs as part of the regular programming that is offered to children and youth. The library has received donations of robotics equipment through various grant programs funded by the Telstra Foundation to the value of \$25,000.00. Library staff have been trained to facilitate workshops and programs utilising these resources.

One piece of equipment is a Humanoid Robot called a NAO Robot. This has been used in workshops to encourage children to learn coding enabling them to program the NAO robot to perform different functions. Currently the library owns one robot which limits the number of children and youth who can access it.

The Library has received donations for the Library Gift Fund. We propose that these funds are spent to assist the purchase of an additional NAO Robot, encouraging more children and youth to have access to this new technology.

The Library will invite the donors to the library gift fund to name the NAO as a way of acknowledging their contribution to this valuable asset. We will also launch an honour board which will acknowledge contributions from the community to the library's gift fund.

Implementation of STEAM programs in our library will pave the way for other Libraries in the Northern Territory, as we will be the first public library in the Northern Territory to be running programs utilising these technologies.

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the Library Gift Fund monies, Special Library Projects and Materials budgets be collectively utilised for the purchase of NAO Robot to the value of \$15,772.90 and a gift fund acknowledgment honour board to the value of \$950.00.

(6230ccs)

9.4 Variation to Liquor Licence Conditions – Lasseters Hotel Casino
Report No. 82/17ccs (DCCS)

Licensing NT has written to Council seeking comments about an application from Lasseters Hotel Casino for a permanent variation to the conditions of a liquor licence, allowing off-site catering by the licensee, for corporate events and private functions.

The licensee seeks permission to cater such events as required at a number of locations in Alice Springs including: Alice Springs Telegraph Station, Outback Quarry, The Alice Springs Desert Park, Blatherskite Park, Simpsons Gap, Rocky Hill Grape Farm, The Finke and Ooraminna Homestead.

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council does not object to the application from Lasseters Hotel Casino for a permanent variation to the conditions of the liquor licence allowing off-site catering by the licensee, for corporate events and private functions.

(6231ccs)

9.5 Community Charters – Seniors Coordinating Committee and Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee
Report No. 86/17ccs (DCCS)

It is recommended that Council adopt the charters set out in Attachments A and B for the Seniors Coordinating Committee and the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee respectively.

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

A. That by resolution Council adopt as the charter for the Seniors Coordinating Committee the charter set out in Attachment A to this Report.

B. That by resolution Council adopt as the charter for the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee the charter set out in Attachment B to this Report.

(6232ccs)

(DEFERRED to May Ordinary Council)

Discussion ensued regarding Committee Charters, the membership and purpose and function. The Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee Charter be amended as follows:

- adopting the purpose and function of the Seniors Coordinating Committee to Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee and amend accordingly
- Membership composition – General Manager of Red Hot Arts, Alice Plaza, Yeperenye Shopping Centre and Tourism Central Australia CEO and 2 general members
- Quorum – half the total number of members plus one

The amended Charters be presented to the May Ordinary Council meeting.

Councillor Melky left the Chamber at 8.03pm

10. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

10.1 Minutes and Recommendations from the Tourism, Events and Promotions Advisory Committee Meeting held 27 April 2017

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee Meeting held 27 April 2017 be received and recommendations adopted.

(6233ccs)

Discussion ensued regarding action item within the minutes which have been identified as operational tasks.

10.1.1 46th Annual Federal Conference of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA)

Melissa Durston declared conflict of interest.

Correspondence sent to the Mayor inviting sponsorship for the annual conference to be held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre, 2nd and 3rd August 2017.

The ICPA is a national, voluntary, parent body dedicated to ensuring rural and remote students have equity of access to a continuing and appropriate education, from early childhood through to tertiary level.

Discussion ensued and the Committee agreed to sponsor \$1,500 to ICPA.

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council provide \$1,500 sponsorship to the 46th Annual Federal Conference of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association.

(6234ccs)

10.1.2 Cathy Freeman Foundation 10th Anniversary Fund Raising

Correspondence sent to the Mayor regarding a visit to Alice Springs approximately 17 August 2017 and inviting the township to join in celebrating the occasion of the Cathy Freeman Foundation 10th anniversary, in any way Council may find appropriate, including engagement with schools.

There are a few activities in town in August including the first night markets (17 August), Spring Season Desert Festival and Henley-on-Todd (18 August).

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council support the Cathy Freeman Foundation 10th Anniversary fund raising campaign and invite their attendance at the first Council night markets to be held 17 August.

(6235ccs)

10.2 Minutes and Recommendations from the Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 May 2017

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting held 3 May 2017 be received and recommendations adopted.

(6236ccs)

10.2.1 New Public Art Entrance – Todd Mall

This was discussed at the last Council meeting and recommendation was not accepted. Council felt that the design plan was very generic and would require community input on what the design should be.

Discussion ensued regarding the public commissioning process, identifying the costs of the project, concept design development, conflict of interest and concerns about accountability and transparency of the public art process for this project.

ACTION:

Leon Tripp to check previous minutes, as to how the Committee arrived at the decision on design concept and \$5,000 budget allocation for the new Todd Mall entrance.

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the Public Art Advisory Committee recommends a budget of \$32,000 to create a new public art entrance for the Todd Mall. The budget includes \$2,000 for concept development and \$30,000 for the cost of the project.

(6237ccs)

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12. NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday, 13 June 2017**

The meeting stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

The meeting adjourned at 8.17pm

Confirmed on _____

CHAIRMAN

Date _____