

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2016, FOLLOWING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TODD STREET, ALICE SPRINGS

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

OFFICERS: Mr G. Buxton – Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Mrs S. Price – Director of Corporate and Community Services  
Mr D. Pillay – Director Finance  
Mrs T. Ocones – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

The meeting opened at 5:55pm

1. APOLOGIES:

Mr R. Mooney – Chief Executive Officer – 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 15 August 2016

**That the minutes of the Open Section of the Corporate and Community Services Committee meeting held on 15 August 2016 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.**

(6151ccs)

4.2 Business Arising

4.2.1 Mayor Ryan – Mount Johns Flood Mitigation

Mayor Ryan asked the Director Corporate and Community Services if Council received a response from the project team regarding the preferred option from the technical designs proposed.

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that correspondence was sent to the Northern Territory Government Department but no response has been received to date.

4.2.1 Councillor Heenan – Ignite Alice Market Research Report

Councillor Heenan enquired whether the report commissioned by Central Australian Development Office (CADO) and developed by Michels Warren Munday Consultants about the usage of Todd Mall has been provided to Council.

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that an electronic copy of the report was distributed to Elected Members on 22 August, via Kate Walsh.

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The following items were withdrawn for discussion: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, 10.2

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

- Councillor Melky – WIFI in the Mall
- Councillor Kudrenko – Public Places By-laws for Protests/Demonstrations

6. DEPUTATIONS:

Nil

7. PETITIONS

Nil

8. NOTICES OF MOTION:

Nil

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

9.1 Directorate Update  
Report No. 126/16ccs (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.**

(6152ccs)

Several questions were raised by Elected Members for clarification including:

- Councillor Heenan – Attachment B: Parking – Is it possible to get a percentage

of interstate cars against local cars? Can we recover parking fines for interstate vehicles?

- The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that this information can be provided. Council does not differentiate when issuing infringements irrespective of where the vehicle is from. A step by step process is followed to recover the fines.
- Councillor Heenan – Attachment B: Parking Infringement – Are the fees for interstate cars outstanding for a long time?
  - The Director Corporate and Community Services took the question on notice.
- Councillor Heenan – Attachment B: Fines Recovery Unit (FRU) – There is graph for fines recovery sent but there is none for fines recovery received. Can a graph on paid FRUs against outstanding FRUs be provided?
  - The Director Corporate and Community Services will provide this additional information from next month as an on-going process.
- Mayor Ryan – Attachment E: Seniors Week – Mayor Ryan pointed out that he and Kate Walsh had attended a morning tea for seniors at the Old Timers was held in the Civic Centre Function Room.
- Councillor Melky – Signage: Councillor Melky referred to a Council carpark allocated for caravans and trailers in Leichhardt Terrace, but on some occasions cars utilised the space. Can this be looked into?
  - The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that as part of the Council's signage audit, many of the signs throughout the CBD are being replaced and updated. Also the signage on the northern end of the Motor Home entry point is outdated and weathered. A more suitable sign will be put in place as part of this process.
  - Councillor Melky referred to the extensive amount of signage in front of the Todd Mall entrance, which is creating visual pollution to the area.
  - Councillor Kudrenko advised that this issue has been raised in a number of Council Committees. There is currently a project in place to re-address the Todd Mall entrance and to minimise the amount of visual pollution to ensure that all the required signage is maintained but at the same time provide a clear line of sight welcoming guests and visitors into the space. The Director Corporate and Community Services added that an audit review of the space has been requested and a concept design for the Todd Mall entrance is being developed.
- Councillor Kudrenko – Attachment B: Youth Patrol After-hours Statistics – The figures being provided are the number of young people being transported on any given night but the question is how many individuals within this group of young people are being transported? Are we able to obtain this information for the next two months?
  - The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that young people are not permitted to utilise the bus service on more than one occasion per night. However, for the data that the Council officers analysed for the past two months, people utilised the service three times a week on average. The reporting is a work in progress and Council is now working closely with our partners regarding the data obtained and the analysis of the data going forward.

Discussion ensued about Youth Night Patrol funding and outstanding parking fines during NAIDOC week on the Council lawns. The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that community groups were given allocated car parks during the NAIDOC event. The infringements were upheld because people were parked in a zone that was not allocated, while some participants stayed over the allocated time and utilised other car parks.

Mayor Ryan would like to see a good neighbourly policy for community events held on Council lawns, especially when half of the car park is under construction. This Friday, there will be a citizenship ceremony occurring and the whole car park will be full. Could Council officers be sensitive to this issue on Friday?

The Director Corporate and Community Services will ensure that the Rangers are made aware of this event.

9.2 LGANT Call for Policy and Action Motions  
Report No. 127/16ccs (DCCS)

This report discusses the request for motions for discussion at the December Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Annual General Meeting.

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That this report be received noted.**

(6153ccs)

Mayor Ryan put forward for discussion a concern that local government is not being deemed important enough to be a ministry in the new NT Government and expressed disappointment that it is not being recognised and being rolled under the ministry of Community Development. Community development and local government are two completely different issues. It is very difficult when this sector has revenue of over \$420M a year and employment of over 3,400 people across the Territory that local government seemed to have become rolled into community development.

Mayor Ryan believes that it is time for this Council to call on the NT Government to recognise the local government sector and consider that this position is reinstated to the NT Government ministries and proposed that Council officers prepare a motion to this effect.

Discussion ensued and Councillors are in support of this suggestion, noting that a motion should be submitted to LGANT by 20 October.

10. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

10.1 Minutes and Recommendations from the Seniors Coordinating Committee Meeting held on 17 August 2016

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the minutes of the Seniors Coordinating Committee Meeting held on 17 August 2016 be received and recommendations adopted.**

(6154ccs)

Councillor Heenan enquired whether the report from KPMG about the review of retirement accommodation in the NT has been provided to Elected Members.

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that this report has been distributed to Elected Members last week.

Mayor Ryan made a note about the concern regarding parts of the roundabout at the end of Winnecke Avenue that floated on the road during the big storm and enquired if the Director has seen this report.

The Director Technical Services advised that the roundabout has been repaired but not aware that a report is required from the Director.

Mayor Ryan requested that the minutes should reflect a clear direction of what action is required so that the Director concerned is notified and answers can be given.

10.2 Minutes and Recommendations from the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee Meeting held on 25 August 2016

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the minutes of the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee Meeting held on 25 August 2016 be received and recommendations adopted.**

(6155ccs)

Mayor Ryan enquired if there were any response from the advertisement for a general member on the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee.

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that vacancy had been advertised in print media and had been distributed to different stakeholder groups. The Director would check EOIs in hand.

10.2.1 Alice Springs Todd Mall (Item 3.1)

Skye Price distributed copies of and overviewed the draft community questionnaire around reinvigorating the Todd Mall.

**ACTION:**

Stephen Schwer and Skye Price to work on questionnaire for Todd Mall. Diagram on the model for placemaking to be included with the questionnaire.

Discussion ensued about ideas to help bring life back to the Mall and attracting community's interest.

- Thursday late night shopping – night time shopping can be attractive during tourist season and for tourists after they have been out site seeing
- Improve lighting in car parks – making people feel safe
- Give-away coffee dollars – every visitor to town or the visitor information centre receiving coffee dollars which can be redeemed at all sites. The proprietor can then send an invoice to Council, for reimbursement, if they would like to do so.
- Potential question for community survey (*to gauge whether the Mall is an attractive place to open a business*) – 'Are you interested in opening a business in the Mall?'

Skye Price advised that she met with Judith Dixon and Scott Lovett yesterday regarding Ignite Alice. Discussion ensued about the concept of Ignite Alice.

The Committee agreed applying funding to the Department of the Chief Minister for an Investment Attraction / Placemaking Facilitator. This will involve wages, on costs and a Todd Mall budget. Investment attraction strategy and marketing strategies should be devised for the Todd Mall as well.

**ACTION:**

Extend an invitation to Darren Burton for the next meeting to discuss events and his ideas for Todd Mall.

**RESOLVED**

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That a proposal be prepared for the Department of the Chief Minister re staff member funding for the Todd Mall to the value of \$150k to \$175K per year, for a three year funding commitment.**

(6156ccs)

10.2.2 P/A System on Council Lawns

A scope of works and quote has been received from the audio specialist, Alan Dyer, to install a permanent public address system on the Council lawns. The system would alleviate the need to set up a PA for speeches and would be able to be utilised by community groups.

Quotation of \$3,552 comprising of the following:

4 channel Ammoon digital mixer	\$196.60
2 channel wireless mic set-up	\$270.00
2 x 50m xlr cable	\$100.00
Concrete slab materials	\$75.00
Cabinet housing	\$150.00
Bose outdoor speakers x 4	\$1,800.00
Labour 2 full days @ \$60 per hour	\$960.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,552.00</b>

**RESOLVED**

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the quote of \$3,552 from the audio specialist, Alan Dyer, to install a permanent public address system on the Council lawns be accepted.**

(6157ccs)

10.3 Minutes and Recommendations from the Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 September 2016

**RESOLVED**

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 September 2016 be received and recommendations adopted.**

(6158ccs)

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Councillor Melky – WIFI in the Mall

Whilst WIFI is designed to attract people to the Mall, Councillor Melky raised concern that it may also be attracting youth during late night to access electricity and WIFI.

Discussion ensued about access to WIFI and electricity. It is currently being utilised by youth and seniors to charge devices and mobility vehicles.

Council officers to research hours of access and minimising potential anti-social behaviour.

Mayor Ryan would like to see the difference in the number of youth in the Mall since the WIFI service commenced. The Director Corporate and Community Services took the request on notice.

*Councillor Melky left the Chamber at 6:37pm  
Councillor Melky returned to the Chamber at 6:38pm*

#### 11.2 Councillor Kudrenko – Public Places By-Laws for Demonstrations / Protests

Concerns were raised regarding protesters in front of the Chief Minister's office with placards regarding children in detention who were moved on from the Chief Minister's office because they were within 100 meters from the polling place during the election period. Following this, they moved across the other side of the road and were approached by Rangers and were advised that under the By-laws they needed to apply for a permit for protest with fees of \$80 per day. What are the definitions of demonstration and protest and what are people's rights in this area? What was the rationale of approaching these people?

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that with regard to rights for people to protest, Council applies the By-laws equitably to all citizens. If there are safety concerns the Rangers will approach people and talk to them about their actions and check whether they have permits.

Councillor Kudrenko would like a review of the By-laws as there is no clear definition of the word 'many' and no definition of what a demonstrational protest is.

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that Council will be reviewing the By-laws as part of the governance framework as well as risk and compliance going forward.

Discussion ensued about the Knitting Nannas and the issue of protest during the election period.

#### 12. NEXT MEETING: **Monday, 17 October 2016**

The meeting stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57pm

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

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CHAIRMAN

Date \_\_\_\_\_