1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

   PRESENT:
   - Councillor Steve Brown – ASTC (Chair)
   - Deputy Mayor Jamie de Brenni – ASTC
   - Jenny Mostran – Council on the Ageing
   - Kathleen Nitschke – U3A
   - Enid Harland – Probus
   - Lowell Wood – General Member (Alzheimer’s Australia NT)
   - Sue Jones – National Seniors of Central Australia
   - Geoff Sloan – General Member (arrived 4:05pm)
   - Bronwyn Arnold – Australian Regional and Remote Community Services (arrived 4:11pm)
   - Leon Tripp – ASTC, Community & Cultural Development Manager
   - Mitch Cameron – ASTC, Community Development Officer

   APOLOGIES:
   - Mayor Damien Ryan – ASTC
   - Councillor Dave Douglas – ASTC
   - Jill Deer - Alice Springs Senior Citizens Association
   - Rosemary Goldner – Catholic Care NT Aged Care Advocate
   - Shauna Hartig - Country Women’s Association, Alice Springs
   - Rex Mooney – ASTC, Chief Executive Officer
   - Skye Price – ASTC, Director Corporate and Community Services
   - Telly Ociones – ASTC (minutes)

   The meeting commenced at 4:00pm.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

   RESOLVED:
   That it be a recommendation to Council:

   That the minutes of meeting held on 17 August 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

   Moved: Sue Jones
   Seconded: Lowell Wood

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

   3.1 Seniors Lifestyle Village Update

   No further update at this stage, with the change of government.

   Deputy Mayor de Brenni advised that under the Regional Economic Development Committee there is a clause on compulsory acquisition of the land across the road in Mt Johns estate.
Discussion ensued about:
- the timeline and progress of this project
- reviewing the designs/plans if the project will be moved across the road

**ACTION:**

Deputy Mayor de Brenni will bring up the matter tomorrow at the Regional Economic Development Committee meeting and will come back to the Seniors Coordinating Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That Council writes a letter to the new Government following up on the seniors’ lifestyle village project.**

### 3.2 Todd Mall Pedestrian Crossing

Mitch Cameron had spoken again to the Manager Rangers and advised that the speed limit indicator will be installed in the Mall next week on both sides of the pedestrian crossing.

### 3.3 Office of Senior Territorians

Discussion ensued about what the new government has put forward in relation to seniors.

Geoff Sloan read some of the Labor Government’s plan to support senior Territorians:

- **Cost of Living Concessions**
  
  Labor will reform the NT Pensioner and Carer Concession Scheme to provide more benefits to more senior Territorians.
  
  If elected to Government, Labor will work with seniors to restore concessions to the 3,000 people who are now cut from the scheme.
  
  Labor will work with seniors and with organisations representing seniors to completely review and revamp the seniors concession scheme and provide a modern pensioner concession scheme that reflects the need of senior Territorians. This review will be completed prior to the first budget of the Labor Government.

- **Seniors Concessions**
  
  Labor will provide an additional $2.1M in senior’s concessions.
  
  The 3,000 Territory seniors removed from the seniors concession scheme, and in the future, unable to access the concession scheme will be provided with a card every two years providing them with $700 per person to be spent determined by them across areas including (but not limited to) travel, motor vehicle registration and healthcare.
  
  As part of Labor’s review we will work with seniors already eligible for seniors concessions to determine whether he ‘debit card’ may also be appropriate for them.

Discussion ensued.

**ACTION:**

Geoff Sloan to circulate to members (via Mitch Cameron) the National Seniors’ collation of candidates’ positions for the 2016 NT Election on seniors’ issues.
RECOMMENDATION:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council writes a letter to the Minister for Senior Territorians to provide an update about some issues affecting seniors and to invite the Minister to attend and address the Seniors Coordinating Committee meeting.

3.4 50 Plus Centre Parking

At this stage the 50 Plus Centre Committee is looking at different options for solar lighting and are seeking quotes to continue on to the next process. Discussion ensued.

Any queries on this project should be addressed to the Chair of 50 Plus Centre, Wendy Collits, or to Council Project Officer, Cindy Savage.

3.5 Seniors’ Month Recap

Kathleen Nitschke gave positive feedback on the Seniors Got Talent event and acknowledged the work Council has done, especially Mitch Cameron, for bringing together a successful multicultural social event for seniors, which has grown in numbers since its inception.

This has become a major event for Alice Springs. The Witchetty’s venue has now been booked for next year.

3.6 Pedestrian Crossing from Yeperenye to Hartley Street Carpark

Councillor Brown advised that different options have been discussed in length at Council meetings.

Sue Jones advised that this was brought up with the National Seniors for comment and the feedback from 31 people was, 2 people who rely on public transport were in favour of a zebra crossing and the rest who use cars were against it, stating that the traffic flow would be too much of a hindrance with the two roundabouts on either ends. Vehicles would always stop and give way to pedestrians anyway at this crossing especially for senior people.

Discussion ensued about:
• whether to expand the holding bay in the middle to give more room to people on hold while crossing the road
• shared zone

3.7 Roundabout at the End of Winnecke Avenue

Leon Tripp advised that the rubber surrounds have been repaired and fixed to the bitumen with strong adhesive compound.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation

Geoff Sloan attended a session in Alice Springs and encouraged the Seniors Coordinating Committee members to complete the online questionnaire as part of the consultation process about the role of community pharmacy in health care.
The Review will provide recommendations on future remuneration, regulation including Pharmacy Location Rules and other arrangements that apply to pharmacy and wholesalers for the dispensing and supply of medicines and other services, with a focus to ensure consumers have reliable and affordable access to medicines.

Discussion ensued.

4.2 Collection of Large Household Waste from Seniors Homes

Lowell Wood enquired whether Council can provide a pick up service for seniors for taking unwanted large household items from seniors' homes to the Landfill.

Kathleen Nitschke suggested that another source of seniors’ support is through the different service clubs. Service clubs may find this of significance, as a community project for their clubs, to provide support for elderly citizens whose garages/homes are full of unwanted items where they physically cannot get out to the street.

Lowell Wood also noted the safety issue of falls risk for elderly people who are not well. There are risks in falling because of clutter they have not disposed off.

Discussion ensued.

ACTION:
That Council discuss at the next Committee meeting, options to have a pick up day for seniors with unwanted large household goods, in conjunction with service clubs or workforce at the prison.

4.3 Palliative Care Hospice Update

Jenny Mostran requested to follow up with the Labor Government about the palliative care facility at the Alice Springs hospital.

ACTION:
Mitch Cameron to send a letter to the Minister for Health, asking for an update about the palliative care hospice at the Alice Springs hospital.

5. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 19 October 2016, Andy McNeill room

6. CLOSE: The meeting closed at 5:02pm