MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON
11 MARCH 2013 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor D. Ryan
Councilor G. Booth (phone linkup)
Councilor S. Brown
Councilor D. Douglas
Deputy Mayor Heenan
Councilor J. Kudrenko
Councilor L. Martin (Chair)
Councilor E. Melky
Councilor C. Paech

OFFICERS Mr R. Mooney – Chief Executive Officer
Mr G. Buxton – Director Technical Services
Mr P. Della – Director Finance
Mr C. Catchlove, Director Corporate and Community Services
Ms S Cook - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

The meeting was declared open at 5.51pm

1. APOLOGIES
   Nil

2. WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC VISITORS AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
   Nil

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
   Nil

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
   4.1 Minutes of Open Technical Services meeting held 11 February 2013

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the Minutes of the Open Section of the Technical Services meeting held on 11 February 2013 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

(3625ts)

4.2 Business Arising

   4.2.1 Mayor Ryan – record of leaving Chambers
   Mayor Ryan referred to note of Councilor Kudrenko and himself having left Chambers at 7.39 – this should read “returned to Chambers”.

   4.2.2 Deputy Mayor Heenan – scoreboard overheating
   Deputy Mayor Heenan referred to the new scoreboard at Traeger Park and commented it appeared to have overheated during the recent AFL match.
Discussion ensued.
The Director Technical Services advised onsite electrician felt large number of RFT units on site may have caused the problem. A response to be provided to Ordinary Council.

4.2.3 Councillor Kudrenko – 1.3 Town camps report
Councillor Kudrenko referred to Engineer assessment to Tier 1 Town Camps has been moved to open and is available on the Council website.
The Chief Executive Officer confirmed the movement to open and that a report put to tonights meeting was also available on the website.

4.2.4 Mayor Ryan – scoreboard issues
Mayor Ryan advised scoreboard only failed in part with the score disappearing but the names remaining. The clock however seems to be stationary. It did work in last quarter but not at the beginning.

4.2.5 Councillor Booth – scoreboard naming rights
Councillor Booth raised concerns on naming rights for the scoreboard.
Discussion ensued.
The Chief Executive Officer referred to further discussions later in the meeting.

5. IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
9.3; 9.5; 9.6; 10.1,
Councillor Kudrenko enquired whether 17.2 and 17.3 could be transferred to open.
The Director Technical Services requested these main in confidential at this stage pending discussions due to content.
Councillor Kudrenko wished it noted she felt these two items should be in open.

6 DEPUTATIONS
Nil

7. PETITIONS
Nil

8. NOTICES OF MOTION
Nil

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
9.1 Directorate Update
Report No: 33/13 (DTS)
This report provides an update of current Technical Services, programmes, projects and events for February 2013
RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council

That this report be received and noted.  

(3636ts)

9.2 Development Consent Authority – Agenda Items for 10 October 2012
Report No: 34/13ts (P/AO)

The following items appeared on the Development Consent Authority Agenda for the meeting to be held on the 13 March 2013.

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council

That the contents of this report regarding items to be discussed at the Development Consent Authority meeting to be held on 13 March 2013 be received and noted.  

(3627ts)

9.3 Stuart Park Pumping Station
Report No: 35/13ts (MW)

This report is to provide Council with information regarding the performance of the Sturt Park Pumping Station.

Discussion ensued.
Director Technical Services to provide update to Ordinary Council

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

This report is noted.  

(3628ts)

9.4 Alice WaterSmart Update
Report No: 36/13ts (MW)

This report is to provide Council with information on the Alice Smart Water Project and the upgrades to Council’s irrigation infrastructure.

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That this report be noted.  

(3629ts)

9.5 Civic Centre Public Toilet Update
Report No. 37/13ts (EATS)

This report is to provide Council with information on the costs to Council of operating the Civic Centre public toilets on weekends and public holidays.
Discussion ensued.

**RESOLVED**: That it be a recommendation to Council:-

A. **That this report be noted.**

B. **That Council consider closure of the Civic centre public toilets on weekends and public holidays.**

**LOST**

9.6 **Civic Centre Dilapidation Report**  
Report No: 38/13ts (FMO)

This report is provided to Council with a dilapidation report for the Alice Springs Town Council Civic Centre facility.

Discussion ensued.  
Director Technical Services provided overview of maintenance costs but will report back to Ordinary Council on specific items raised.

**RESOLVED**: That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council consider establishing a budget line in the 2013/14 budget for the Civic Centre programmed maintenance.

(3632ts)

9.7 **Town Camp update**  
Report No: 57/13ts (DTS)

This report is to provide Council with information in relation infrastructure within the Town Camps.

**RESOLVED**  
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That this report is noted

(3633ts)

10. **REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

10.1 **Minutes of Environment Advisory Committee Meeting held 4 March 2013**

**RESOLVED**

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held 5 November 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct recording of that meeting subject to the following amendments:-

4.1.2 Should read “Rechanneling of the river course has commenced…..” in lieu of “cleaning of the…..”.
8. Last paragraph “As a comparison glass …… to be removed”.
9.2 Should read “Child Care Centres will be…..” In lieu of “Schools will be…. “.

Minutes of 4 March 2013, Councillor Kudrenko to be added to attendance list and reference to Mr Alan Whyte giving PWC overview to be removed.

(3634ts)

10.1.1 Rural Lighting (7.1)
Stage 1 works have been completed.
Funding to be applied for at next round of grant funding in June to commence

Discussion ensued on this item remaining on the EAC agenda. In absence of Mr Cramer this item should be deferred to next meeting.

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council

That regardless of funding outcomes for the Rural Roads Safety Project, the programme for rural lighting be removed from the EAC agenda and referred to officers of the Technical Services department

(3636ts)

10.1.2 C.D.L – Changes to Legislation (9.5)
Councillor Kudrenko raised concerns as to the legislation released regarding the CDL scheme and enquired what steps Council would be taking with regard to the legalities of the scheme.

Discussion ensued with David Koch providing overview of recycling centre status on legislation and the C.D.L. scheme.

Mayor Ryan requested Council make a media release as a matter of urgency regarding the concerns raised.

Jimmy Cocking enquired whether the plastic bag legislation was also illegal however it was noted that did not add to cost of article as did C.D.L.

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council

That Council write to the NT Government expressing Council’s concerns at the Container Deposit Legislation decision and urge the NT Government to take the strong possible action to reverse the decision

(3637ts)

Discussion ensued on Council ’s stance on CDL in Alice Springs.

10.1.3 Strategic Plan review (13.1)
Councillor Kudrenko tabled printout of environmental section referred to in current strategic plan and felt some items were being lost due to non-involvement of Environment Advisory Committee members.
Discussion ensued.
RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council

That Council seek input from the Environment Advisory Committee regarding Goal 3 Environment of the Council Strategic Plan.

(3638ts)

10.2 Minutes of the Access Advisory Committee meeting held 5 March 2013

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Access Advisory Committee meeting 30 October 2012 accepted as a true and correct record of the minutes of that meeting.

(3639ts)

10.2.1 Sadadeen footpath Update (DOI)

- Greg Bowey from DPI advised:
  - the NTG budget would cover footpaths works infront of Araluen. Will be finished before the end of the financial year.
  - “Lock joint” footpaths are replacing the asphalt footpaths on the North Stuart Highway from Head Street to North of the Sitzlers Building.
  - Extra funding has been requested for Larapinta footpaths.
  - Have used all the funding for the track to Old Timers, more has been requested.
- Michele Castagna advised cars parking on the footpaths are still an issue, especially on Larapinta Drive and Gap Road.
- Greg Buxton advised cars should not be parking on the verges (between the gutter and the property boundary, particularly on footpaths).

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council Rangers be instructed to issue fines to cars parked on road verges.

(3640ts)

10.2.2 EOI from Stuart Chalmers to rejoin Access Advisory Committee for another term as his term is complete.

Michele Castagna – Stuart Chalmers is a very valuable member of this committee and we do not wish to lose him.

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council accepts the Expression of Interest from Stuart Chalmers to rejoin the Access Advisory Committee for another term.

(3641ts)
10.2.3  **CBD Map Update**

The CBD Map Update (Mitch Cameron) (4.4)
- Michele Castagna advised this is a work in progress with Mitch Cameron.
- Revising amount to be printed; 1 thousand copies favoured.
- In response to Michele Castagna’s queries, Greg Buxton advised there will be waist high drinking fountains in the Mall but no public phones.

**RESOLVED:**
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council withhold arranging updates and reprint of the CBD access map pending completion and opening of the Todd Mall.

10.2.4  **International Day of Disability & Mayoral Awards (4.5)**

Michele Castagna and Mayor Ryan agree:
- This event was a success
- Mailing list needs to be updated
- Public awareness / coordination of the event needs to start earlier to encourage nominations

**ACTION:** Michele Castagna to speak with Jessica Hacket re: the above

**RESOLVED:**
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council expand and update the invitation list for patrons of the celebrations for the International Day of Disability & Mayoral Awards and that Council commence promotion and public awareness for the September event

11.  **ELECTED MEMBERS ENQUIRY REGISTER:**

Report to be updated.

**RESOLVED:**
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That this report be noted

12.  **OTHER BUSINESS:**

12.1  **Councillor Paech – Council lawn sprinklers**

Councillor Paech expressed concern sprinklers still operating on Council lawns in the daytime.
Discussion ensued.
Director Technical Services overviewed sprinkler regime and will report back to Ordinary Council with programme for watering.
12.2 Councillor Paech – John McDouall statue
Councillor Paech sought status report on placement of John McDouall statue. Chief Executive Officer provided overview of recent correspondence from Minister Peter Chandler, Minister for Lands Planning & the Environment and approval of placement.

12.3 Councillor Paech – shade structure prototype of moth
Councillor Paech enquired whether the moth shade structure prototype was actual size. Director Technical Services provided overview of structure.

12.4 Councillor Douglas – Open drains
Councillor Douglas sought status report on negotiations with NT Government regarding open drain maintenance issues. Chief Executive Officer overviewed correspondence sent to Minister and meeting to be held on 12 March 2013. Update to be provided to Ordinary Council.

13. NEXT MEETING: Monday 15 April 2013

The meeting stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

The meeting adjourned at 6.23pm

Confirmed on ________________________________

CHAIRMAN ________________________________

Date ________________________________