

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON  
MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2020, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

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PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor D. Ryan (phone in)  
Councillor G. Auricht  
Councillor M. Banks  
Councillor J. Cocking  
Councillor J. de Brenni  
Councillor E. Melky (Chair)  
Councillor M. Paterson  
Councillor C. Satour

OFFICERS: Mr R. Jennings - Chief Executive Officer  
Mr T. Charlie - Acting Director Technical Services  
Mr S. Duke - Acting Director Community Development  
Ms S. Taylor - Director Corporate Services  
Mrs T. Ocones - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

The meeting was declared open at 7:20pm

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor J. Price  
Mr S. Allen, Director Technical Services - annual leave

*Councillor Banks returned to the Chamber at 7:21pm*

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

Nil

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Minutes - Technical Services Committee - 11 November 2019

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That the minutes of the open section of the Technical Services Committee meeting held on 11 November 2019 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting**

(4641 ts)  
**CARRIED**

4.2 Business Arising

4.2.1 Councillor Cocking - Agenda Item 9.7, Road Reseal Tender

Councillor Cocking followed up an action item that asked Council officers to approach the NT Government to establish if any opportunities exist to undertake a joint operation with Council to schedule road reseal projects.

The Acting Director Technical Services advised that Council officers are still waiting on a response from NT Government.

4.2.2 Councillor Cocking - Agenda Item 10.1.4, Shade Structure over the Todd River Fitness Stations

Councillor Cocking followed up on the action item that asked Council officers to ensure correct processes are followed in regard to including items on the Agenda for Advisory Committees and that sufficient reports are provided for Committee members to make appropriate recommendations.

The CEO advised that this was discussed in the Directors meeting. A new business template was circulated which will allow a more informed report.

4.2.3 Councillor Banks - Agenda Item 9.5, Ban on Single Use Plastics at Council Run Events

Councillor Banks received feedback about some food stallholders who are left with a lot of single use plastics and did not have the opportunity to utilise their stocks when Council rolled out the ban. Is Council able to give assistance to these food stallholders to recycle their stocks?

The Acting Director Community Development advised that food stallholders can apply to Council for an extension if they need to get rid of old stock, which will be looked at on a case by case basis. In terms of recycling, all these items can be used in the Library's craft program over the year.

5. IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Identification of items for discussion

The following items were withdrawn for discussion:

9.1, 9.2

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

- Deputy Mayor Paterson - National Indigenous Cricket Carnival and Imparja Cup
- Councillor Cocking - Fence along Stuart Highway - Mayor Ryan advised that he had already raised this issue with DIPL and have asked the CEO to follow this up
- Councillor de Brenni - Solar Power at the Basketball Stadium

6. DEPUTATIONS

6.1 Alice Springs Home School Group - Mark Gepp Bike path through the gap proposal

This deputation was postponed to the next Standing Committee meetings.

7. PETITIONS

Nil

8. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Nil

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 Technical Services Directorate Update  
Report No. 17 / 20ts (DTS)

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

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That the February 2020 Technical Services Directorate Update be received and noted.**

(4642 ts)

The following questions were raised by Elected Members for clarification including:

- Councillor Banks - Attachment A: Kwatja Water play area – will the final concept work come back to Council?

The CEO advised that once the costings are confirmed, the final concept will be presented to Elected Members.

- Councillor Banks - Attachment A: Library and Snow Kenna Park bike repair stations constantly vandalised being repaired daily. Is there a way to improve design of the equipment to limit repair? Is it worthwhile to look into the cost of repair vs design improvement?

The Acting Technical Services advised that the Infrastructure department could research on the relocation of the bike stations or find a similar design to limit vandalism on the equipment. Based on the town's cycling popularity, this is something worth investigating.

Councillor Banks requested a report on the bike repair stations that may include how they are being utilised and the cost of repair to Council, to come back in due course.

- Councillor Banks - Attachment B: Sporting Facilities – update on the hand-over of the netball stadium from NTG to ASTC.

The CEO advised that Council is waiting on further information from DIPL which will provide Council officers with the next step of negotiations.

- Councillor Cocking - Attachment C: Sprinkler vandalism - 51 'kick offs' reported. Does the high number correlate with the high water bill this month?

The Acting Director Technical Services advised that it depends on the reporting period, there could be a correlation.

- Councillor Cocking - Attachment D, Table 9: Asked for clarification as to whether there is a misallocation of clean fill (8,985.59 tonnes), as the high increase in waste collected is due to demolition materials from Anzac High School.

The Acting Director Technical advised that when demolition wastes are compacted to a specific size they are accepted as clean fill through the weighbridge.

9.2 Climate Action Plan 2018-2021  
Report No. 18/20 ts (DTS)

This report is in regard to the progress of the Climate Action Plan 2018 – 2021.

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That the Climate Action Plan report be received and noted.**

(4643 ts)

Councillor Cocking commented that it is good to see the Climate Action Plan come into fruition.

Mayor Ryan enquired about Item 6.5.39 and asked why the Youth Recycled Art Prize theme is solely focused on climate change vs recycled art.

The Acting Director Community Development took the question on notice and will follow up with Council officers.

Mayor Ryan enquired about Item 6.5.38 - ALEC to conduct education sessions at the TM markets and Andy McNeill room.

*Cr Cocking left the Chamber at 7:47pm due to conflict of interest*

Mayor Ryan advised that there are more organisers than just ALEC to be able to help our community progress actions on climate change initiatives.

The Acting Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

Mayor Ryan enquired about Item 6.1.24: who is developing the PV information booklet, display on website and running workshop? How did Council arrive at the budget of \$6,300?

The Acting Director Technical Services advised that at the moment, Council officers are still writing the scope of works to find someone who has the relevant skills and qualifications to provide this service. The Acting Technical Services and Environment Officer did research and cost estimates to ensure Council can achieve all the climate action plan initiatives for FY2020/21.

Mayor Ryan advised that Professor Rolf Gerritsen had written a report on the Alice Solar City project. Could most of the PV information required under the climate action plan be already included in this publication?

The Acting Technical Services took the item on notice.

*Councillor Cocking returned to the Chamber at 7:50pm*

Mayor Ryan enquired about Item 6.3.35: Home composting program implemented (240 staff hours). Some of the lines in Table 3 (p.34) are in staff hours and dollar amount. Mayor Ryan asked for consistency in the report, so that Elected Members can understand the dollar value, especially when working with the budget.

The Acting Director Technical Services advised this can be improved in future reporting.

10. REPORTS OF ADVISORY & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

10.1 Minutes - Special Meeting of the Regional Waste Management Facility Committee - 30 January 2020

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That the minutes from the special meeting of the Regional Waste Management Facility Committee held 30 January 2020 be received and noted.**

(4644 ts)

10.2 Minutes - Development Committee - 3 February 2020

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That the minutes of the Development Committee meeting held on 3 February 2020 be received and noted.**

(4645 ts)

10.3 Minutes - Cemeteries Advisory Committee - 4 February 2020

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That the minutes of the Cemeteries Advisory Committee meeting held on 4 February 2020 be received and noted.**

(4646 ts)

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Deputy Mayor Paterson - National Indigenous Cricket Carnival & Imparja Cup

Deputy Mayor Paterson would like to pass on his thanks and congratulations to the CEO, Acting Director Technical Services and Technical Services staff regarding the two tournaments held in the last two weeks, which were very well received.

There were 59 teams who played in the four competitions.

Councillor Satour added that the two events were very well attended. She would like to congratulate the Council for the wonderful cricket pitch and oval and the upgrade to the change rooms.

11.2 Councillor Cocking - Fence along Stuart Highway

Mayor Ryan gave a brief update on this item. Councillor Cocking requested a report to Council on how this matter proceeds.

11.3 Councillor de Brenni - Solar Panel at the Basketball Stadium

Councillor de Brenni requested that the issue regarding solar panels at the basketball stadium should be progressed quickly in order to reduce costs. Can any update be passed on to the Basketball Committee?

The Acting Director Technical Services advised that Council has already engaged a consultant and electrician to work on the issue. Any update will be relayed to the Basketball Committee.

12. NEXT MEETING: **Monday, 16 March 2020**

The meeting stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm

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

CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_