

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
14 APRIL 2020, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was held via Zoom teleconference

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

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

The meeting was declared open at 8:19pm

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Nil

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

3.1 Councillor de Brenni – Item 9.5, Alice Springs Takeaway Food App (wife is a member of the NTCC)

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Minutes – Community Development – 16 March 2020

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council

That the minutes of the open section of the Community Development Committee meeting held on 16 March 2020 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

(21 cd)
CARRIED

Mayor Ryan expressed his thanks and best wishes to the Acting Director Community Development.

Councillor Cocking, as Chair of Community Development Committee thanked the Acting Director for all the work he has done for ASALC, RAP and Youth Engagement. Elected Members thanked and wished the Acting Director all the best for the future.

The Acting Director Community Development thanked the Elected Members and Executives for the opportunity given to him.

4.2 Business Arising

Nil

5. IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Identification of items for discussion

The following items were identified for discussion:

9.2, 9.4, 9.5

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 Community Development Directorate Update
Report No. 69/20cd (A/DCCS)

This report provides an update of current Community Development projects, programs and events.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the Community Development Directorate report be received and noted.

(22 cd)

9.2 Library Strategic Review
Report No. 70/20cd (MLS)

This report presents the findings from the Library Strategic Review undertaken by Roger Henshaw Consultancy Services in December 2019. The Library Strategic Plan 2020-2024 can be found at Attachment A. The Library Strategic Review Report (Attachment B) serves as background work and information undertaken to inform the Library Strategic Plan 2020-2024 document.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council that:

- A. The Library Strategic Review Report and Library Strategic Plan 2020-2024 be received and noted.**
- B. As a part of Council Master Plan deliverables, the development of a design brief for a new or significantly upgraded Public Library facility be considered for prioritisation in the FY2020/21 Budget for \$100,000 and be completed by June 2021.**
- C. Infrastructure and building maintenance identified in the Library Strategic Plan 2020-2024 for a combined cost of \$205,000 be carried out at the earliest possible opportunity in FY2020/21.**
- D. Regular updates on progress against the Library Strategic Plan 2020-2024 be provided through the Library monthly report.**

(23 cd)

Councillor Auricht supported the recommendations and proposed to have a specific Council forum to discuss this major project, perhaps later in the next financial year.

Councillor Cocking also endorsed the recommendations and asked about the budget line for the design brief. Councillor Cocking asked if Council is budgeting this for 2020/21 or could Council consider looking at allocating any of the reserve funds it has for infrastructure capital fund.

The Acting Director Community Development advised that if budget was made available earlier it might bring forward the design brief by 4 to 6 weeks. The design brief is a key piece of work which is scheduled to take between 10 and 12 months depending on the scope of that design brief. It is important that a part of that work includes thorough consultation with the community.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the timing is interesting as there are certain priorities that are emerging that would indicate that this could be a good infrastructure project with a youth content. It has been suggested by Elected Members that more than a design brief is required so it is a matter of balancing how much we want to achieve in terms of getting a project. In regard to reserves funding, this would qualify under the reserves for budget consideration. If Elected Members wanted to proceed with the full design, this would be 5 to 8% of the total cost of building which could be included in the budget discussion.

Mayor Ryan advised that the Council officers could carry out the design brief so the Elected Members could discuss this in a forum.

9.3 Reconciliation Action Plan Progress Report
Report No. 71/20cd (ADCD)

This report provides an update on Council's progress against the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2019-2021 (Attachment A). The plan was formally endorsed in August 2019, with the RAP Working Group established and meeting since November 2019.

Of the 34 deliverables identified in the plan, 14 are complete, 10 are in progress and 10 have not yet commenced.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the Reconciliation Action Plan 2019-2021 Progress Report be received and noted.

(24 cd)

9.4 Strategic Youth Framework
Report No. 72/20cd (MLS)

This report provides an overview of the proposed Council Strategic Youth Framework for consideration and endorsement by Council. The framework provides important strategic guidance for Council officers implementing youth programs and initiatives now and into the future as Council continues to play an important role in simultaneously addressing youth challenges whilst also building their capacity to become engaged, active citizens, equipped to contribute positively to the community.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council endorse the draft Strategic Youth Framework.

(25 cd)

Mayor Ryan asked if the Youth Action Group listed in Draft Strategic Youth Framework as Council partners different from Council's Youth Action Group. The Acting Director Community Development responded it refers to the Council's Youth Action Group. Mayor Ryan requested it should then read ASTC Youth Action Group for clarity.

9.5 Alice Springs Takeaway Food App
Report No. 76/20cd (MCCD)

Councillor de Brenni having declared an interest in Item 9.5, left the meeting at 8:30pm prior to discussion of this matter.

This report is in regards to financially supporting Chamber of Commerce NT's Alice Springs Takeaway Food App project proposal.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

Council considers supporting Chamber of Commerce NT's Alice Springs Takeaway Food App project proposal to the value of \$10,000 GST excl.

(26 cd)

Councillor Cocking raised the following queries:

- will this only be focused on takeaway as part of the COVID-19 restrictions, as businesses recover and change their models back to being non-takeaway
- taking on board the environment impacts of the takeaway element and the increase of rubbish and single use plastic and other materials that are being used to transport the food from vendor to people's homes, what can council do to support/mitigate single use plastic use
- would Council leverage its plastic bans for Council supported events and activities
- would Council be engaged with the businesses that would be registered with this and encourage them to look at other options for packaging their products.

The Acting Director Community Development advised that if Council supports this recommendation it will be putting in two-thirds of the funds required to achieve this project. All the items raised could be discussed with the NT Chamber of Commerce (NTCC) by officers and a follow up report could be tabled to the Ordinary Council.

Mayor Ryan asked how many takeaway businesses have been approached by NTCC regarding this project. He had spoken to some of them and expressed that although they enjoy the takeaway in the early parts of COVID-19, it is still a free service which is costing some businesses considerably. Mayor Ryan has concerns that there is no breakdown of the actual costs of the app presented in the report.

Action:

Director Corporate Services to follow this up with Chamber of Commerce NT.

Councillor Banks asked if there was any discussion around 'buy local', as opposed to just focusing on food providers, to support all businesses. Is the long-term sustainability of this initiative considered? If Council is supporting this, it should broaden the scope to include more than just takeaway businesses. If Council is going to have partnership with NTCC, Councillor Banks suggested producing some 'buy local' campaigning to help support all businesses.

Mayor Ryan advised that Council is already partnering with Imparja with the local campaigning, thanks to Claire Ashard and the Media and Communications team.

Councillor Banks asked that if this goes ahead to ensure that the app is open to all businesses registered in Alice Springs and not just to NTCC members.

Action:

Council officers to come back with a report on costings.

Councillor de Brenni returned to the meeting at 8:42pm.

10. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

10.1 Minutes - Seniors Coordinating Committee – 18 March 2020

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes from the Seniors Coordinating Committee held 18 March 2020 be received and noted.

(27 cd)

10.2 Minutes - ASALC Committee – 24 March 2020

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes from the ASALC Committee held 24 March 2020 be received and noted.

(28 cd)

10.3 Minutes - Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee – 26 March 2020

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes from the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee held 26 March 2020 be received and noted.

(29 cd)

10.3.1 Sponsorship Application – GUTS Dance (Item 6.1)

An application was received from GUTS Dance Central Australia Inc requesting financial support of \$5,000 to contribute to employing local crew, decorating the hub space, providing consumables and documentation of the Spring-Loaded Dance event.

The Manager Community and Cultural Development has talked to the organisers of this event who advised that at this stage, it will go ahead in October 2020 as planned or if not, it will be rescheduled.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council support the application from GUTS Dance Central Australia to the value of \$5,000 (exc. GST) towards the Spring-Loaded Dance event in October 2020, under the proviso that the event goes ahead.

(30 cd)

10.4 Minutes - Public Art Advisory Committee – 1 April 2020

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes from the Public Art Advisory Committee held 1 April 2020 be received and noted.

(31 cd)

10.4.1 Todd Mall Entrance EOI (Item 4.3)

The Manager Community and Cultural Development advised that quotations were received on Monday COB. The quotes for the proposed design are over the original budget, which was \$30,000 (GST excl) including design.

There is budget available through PAAC and also Todd Mall Promotions (*used for marketing and events to attract people to the Mall*) which due to COVID-19 will be unlikely to be spent in the next 12 weeks of the financial year.

- PAAC budget available: \$46,129
- Todd Mall Promotions budget: \$18,000
- Total budget: \$64,129 (GST excl)

Technical Services Department has advised that removal of stones and relocation of furniture can be done by Depot and have also advised removing the paving element of the project, which would reduce the costs below the available funding. Councillor Banks enquired what the impact of removing the paving would have on the sign. Miriam Wallace advised that the paving could be removed without affecting the overall integrity of the project.

With the different elements of the job, such as electrical, steel work, concrete work etc. this would also provide opportunity for local work and investment. There will also be an opportunity to have the project in place for Parrtjima, and other events and help in revitalising the space after the uncertainty of COVID-19.

Mayor Ryan advised that it wasn't within the remit of PAAC to make decisions on spending other budgets, such as the Todd Mall Promotions budget, and that a report to Council would be necessary, with the project being overbudget, for Council to decide if it would like to contribute additional funds. The Committee, after discussion, agreed to progress the project, subject to Council identifying additional funds required to complete the project.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the Todd Mall Entry project proceed, subject to Council identifying additional funds of \$18,000 to \$27,000 (GST excl.) required to complete the project.

(32 cd)

10.5 Minutes - Youth Action Group Committee - 25 March 2020

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes from the Youth Action Group Committee held 25 March 2020 be received and noted.

(33 cd)

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12. NEXT MEETING: **Monday 11 May 2020**

The meeting stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm

Confirmed on _____

CHAIRPERSON _____

Date _____