

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY  
16 MARCH 2020, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

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PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor D. Ryan  
Councillor G. Auricht  
Councillor J. Cocking (Chair)  
Councillor E. Melky  
Councillor M. Paterson  
Councillor J. Price (phone-in)  
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  
Ms S. Dominguez - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

The meeting was declared open at 6.20 pm

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor M. Banks - Personal Leave  
Councillor J. de Brenni - Personal Leave

2. WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC VISITORS AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Minutes – Community Development – 10 February 2020

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That the minutes of the open section of the Community Development Committee meeting held on 10 February 2020 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.**

(7 cd)  
**CARRIED**

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, 10.5

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

Nil

6. DEPUTATIONS

6.1 John Bermingham - Alice Springs Running and Walking Club

*This Agenda item was brought forward and held in the Corporate Services Committee at 5.45 pm.*

John Birmingham provided a report on the 2020 Australia Day Fun Run noting the 2020 event attracted 320 participants and thanked Council for its financial and in-kind support for this year's event by way of permit waivers, printing and use of the Andy McNeill room.

John noted:

- it is a zero-landfill event and organisers worked to change habits by encouraging participants to use refillable drink bottles and discouraged the use of single use items.
- this year's event ran at a small deficit due to costs incurred with regard to construction and implementation of a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and lower participation numbers than previous years assuming from the "long hot summer".
- they may seek further assistance from Council in regard to construction and implementation of the TMP next year.

Councillor Melky noted the great work by the Running and Walking Club and highlighted other potential opportunities for grant funding.

7. PETITIONS

Nil

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 Community Development Directorate Update  
Report No. 43/20cd (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.**

9.2 Council Tourism Budget Opportunities  
Report No. 44/20cd (MCCD)

This report is in regards to opportunities for Council to consider, relating to the Tourism (858) budget, that have emerged since the new year.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That Council provides direction in relation to the amounts, and which initiatives it will provide funding for from the Tourism (858) or Tourism, Events and Promotions (851) budget from the following options.**

- A. Partner with Tourism NT's Activate Alice Springs CBD program (\$10,000 ex GST).**
- B. Sponsorship proposal from Brindle Films for the MaveriX TV series (\$50,000 ex GST).**
- C. Sponsorship proposal from the Alice Springs Chamber of Commerce for the 2020 Customer Services Awards (\$5,000 ex GST).**

(9 cd)

Councillor Melky raised the COVID-19 pandemic and enquired what the potential impact would be on to these requests.

Mayor Ryan provided responses in regard to **A. Tourism NT's Activate Alice Springs CBD program**: noting this was to encourage activation of the Alice Springs CBD and assist local business in the mall in the wake of the impact of national bushfires and coronavirus outbreak (COVID 19), **B. MaveriX TV series**: Mayor Ryan noted was a proposal for the making of a show that could ensure longevity and assist with creating community interest, and **C.** noted his support of a \$5,500 Gold sponsorship.

Deputy Mayor Paterson provided support for all three proposals to be funded from Tourism budget line 858.

The Chief Executive Officer noted **A.** was related to a larger \$2M Tourism stimulus package in response to the national bushfires and coronavirus outbreak and there was additional work being done to determine how Council can best support Tourism.

Deputy Mayor Paterson enquired if there a disclaimer in place for Council to recover these funds in the circumstance projects didn't proceed due to the coronavirus outbreak. The Chief Executive Officer advised that council can write such a condition into the contract.

*Mayor Ryan left the Chamber at 6:26pm*

*Mayor Ryan returned to the Chamber at 6:30pm*

Action:

Acting Director Community Development to seek further information on proposals B and C in regard to potential cancellations due to the coronavirus outbreak and provide this to the Elected Members prior to the Ordinary Council meeting.

10. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

10.1 Minutes - Seniors Coordinating Committee - 19 February 2020

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the minutes from the Seniors Coordinating Committee held 19 February 2020 be received and noted.**

(10 cd)

10.2 Minutes - Australia Day Coordinating Committee - 20 February 2020

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the minutes from the Australia Day Coordinating Committee held 20 February 2020 be received and noted.**

(11 cd)

10.3 Minutes - Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee - 27 February 2020

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the minutes from the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee held 27 February 2020 be received and noted.**

(12 cd)

10.3.1 Sponsorship Application - Rapid Ascent (Item 6.1)

An application was received from Rapid Ascent requesting financial sponsorship of \$5,000 (excluding GST) for the Redback MTB Stage Race on 20 to 23 August 2020 and Run Larapinta Stage Race on 26 to 29 August 2020. Both events attract visitation and yield to Alice Springs even outside the published event dates.

The Committee discussed the application and agreed to support the request.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That Council support the application from Rapid Ascent to the value of \$5,000 (excluding GST) for the Redback MTB Stage Race on 20 to 23 August 2020 and Run Larapinta Stage Race on 26 to 29 August 2020.**

(13 cd)

10.3.2 Sponsorship Application - MaveriX TV Series (Item 6.3)

The Committee discussed the application and agreed that MaveriX is a project of a size and scale outside the scope of the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee budget.

The Committee recognises the merit of the project and recommends that Council further considers the project.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee supports the application for the MaveriX TV series in principle, however due to the amount of the sponsorship request seeks Council direction relating to whether Tourism (858) or Tourism, Events and Promotions (851) budget is used and to what amount.**

(14 cd)

10.4 Minutes - Youth Action Group Committee - 4 March 2020

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the minutes from the Youth Action Group Committee held 4 March 2020 be received and noted.**

(15 cd)

10.5 Minutes - Public Art Advisory Committee - 11 March 2020

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the minutes from the Public Art Advisory Committee held 11 March 2020 be received and noted.**

(16 cd)

10.5.1 Public Art Master Plan (Item 4.2)

*Manager Community and Cultural Development advised the Committee that the Public Art Masterplan 2020-3030 has been updated by the consultants after meeting with PAAC in late 2019. The revised version has been circulated to the Committee.*

*The Committee requested the following changes:*

- *Remove reference to Alice Springs News under agencies*
- *Move Northern Territory Government, and add Commonwealth Government, to top of Future Partners*
- *Include Alice Springs Art Foundation and Alice Springs Art Society as Future Partners*
- *Change wording under Strategies to: Consider the environmental impacts of all public art, as per Council's Climate Action Plan, Strategic Plan, Municipal Plan and any other action plans.*
- *Update wording under Support and Resources to: Public art can be sited in an interior or exterior location with the priority being to site works in areas of public access.*
- *Remove specific committees listed under Support and Resources.*

*Mayor Ryan informed the Committee that he does not support the current wording of the Public Art Policy, especially regarding the 'a target of 2% per project must be allocated to public art' reference, with its potential impact on Council's budget. Mayor Ryan also questioned that Council Officers don't bring capital works to Council with an allocation for public art, and the impact of this on budgets.*

*Manager Community and Cultural Development informed the Committee that the references to a 2% target in the Masterplan were directly taken from the Public Art Policy, endorsed by Council in November 2019. The Committee discussed the ‘target of 2% per project must be allocated to public art’ phrase, and sought clarity on how public art budgets were allocated through the Technical Services Department.*

*Manager Technical Services explained to the Committee that they have specific budgets for works projects, and that unexpected extra costs can come up, which doesn’t always allow for a public art component. Acting Director Community Development said in future, the Technical Services Department could provide a list of applicable capital works projects for public art, as per the policy, for Elected Members to consider when setting the 2020/21 and future budgets.*

*Steve Anderson and Councillor Banks discussed the importance of integrating public art at the start and original designs of works projects, and factoring public art into the budget, not as a last-minute consideration.*

*The Chair initiated a vote on whether to suggest changes to the Public Art Policy. The majority of the Committee elected to not make any changes.*

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the draft Public Art Masterplan is approved by Council, with the changes discussed at the 11 March 2020 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting applied to the document.**

(17 cd)

Mayor Ryan noted his concern in regard to the phrase “a target of 2% must be allocated” throughout the document and sought a guarantee from the Director Technical Services that this could be achieved on all projects if the Masterplan is approved by Council. Mayor Ryan suggested the policy be revised if this could not be guaranteed. The Director Technical Services could not provide a guarantee and noted adjustments would need to be made for each project in either quarantining 2% of the estimate or seeking an additional 2% from Council for all eligible capital works.

Mayor Ryan noted in the *Public Art Masterplan*, on page 12 of the document, the phrase “a **target of 2% per project must be allocated to public art**” highlighting the difference between the plan and policy. Councillor Melky supported changing the phrase to reflect the words “up to 2%”.

The Chief Executive Officer reported the original intent was to have a “target of 2%” and suggested some clarity and consistency in both documents were required.

Action:

Acting Director Community Development to review both documents to ensure consistency and provide clarity on the decision-making process for Council (including decisions in regard to exclusions).

10.5.2 Todd Mall Entrance EOI (Item 4.3)

Sue Dugdale and Associates have provided tender documents for the Todd Mall Entrance sign. Miriam Wallace gave a brief overview of the documents. Council will oversee the tender process for this project. Manager Technical Services explained to the Committee that as the project is under \$100,000, multiple quotes will be directly sought from contractors to complete the work.

The Committee proceeded to vote on the project. Miriam Wallace raised that she had a conflict of interest. The Chair advised Miriam to abstain from the vote.

*Miriam Wallace abstained from the vote.*

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the Todd Mall Entrance project goes ahead through a quotation process.**

(18 cd)

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12. NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday 14 April 2020**

The meeting stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

The meeting adjourned at 6.48 pm

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

CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_