

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
10 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 5.30 PM IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

1. **ATTENDANCE**

1.1 Opening of the Meeting by the Mayor (Chair)

Mayor Damien Ryan declared the meeting open at **5.32pm** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

Alice Springs News, and ABC Alice Springs were present.

Mayor Ryan acknowledged the Central Arrernte people who are the traditional owners and custodians of Alice Springs.

PRESENT

Mayor Damien Ryan (Chair)

Councillor M. Banks

Councillor J. Cocking

Councillor E. Melky

Councillor M. Paterson

Councillor C. Satour

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R. Jennings - Chief Executive Officer

Ms S. Taylor - Director Corporate Services

Mr S. Allen - Director Technical Services

Ms. K. Sutton - Director Community Development

Mrs C. Ashard - Media and Communications

Ms S. Dominguez - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

2. **PRAYER**

The prayer was read by Captain Dean Clutterbuck, The Salvation Army.

3. APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor J. Price - Personal Leave
Councillor G. Auricht - Personal Leave
Councillor J. de Brenni - Personal Leave

Moved: Councillor Paterson
Second: Councillor Cocking

That the apologies be accepted.

CARRIED (21287)

4. WELCOME AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Banks noted that a conflict of interest no-longer applies in regard to *Council Agenda item 12.4 – Hardship Policy Review*.

The Chief Executive Officer declared a conflict of interest in regard to *Council Agenda item 7.1.1 - List of questions taken on notice from media and members of the public*.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting of Council held on 27 October 2020

Moved: Councillor Melky
Seconded: Councillor Cocking

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held 27 October 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of those meetings.

CARRIED (21288)

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6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

- 6.2.1 Councillor Banks raised *Council Agenda Item 16.1 – 24-hour Youth Centre*, sought support to *advocate that Government perform an audit of youth services*, and asked if a response had been received in regard to the letter that had been written to the Chief Minister about a *joint response to community safety*. The Chief Executive Officer advised a response had not been received and took the question on notice to follow up in regard to the *joint response to community safety* letter.

7. ORDERS OF THE DAY

7.1. That Elected Members and Officers provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

- 7.1.1. Councillor Banks - List of questions taken on notice from media and members of the public
- 7.1.2. Councillor Cocking - Letter from Mr Gabrielle Waterford, Alice Springs Swimming Club
- 7.1.3. Councillor Cocking - Email from Mr Greg Barnes re Skate Park
- 7.1.4. Councillor Cocking - Update in regard to LGANT motions
- 7.1.5. Director Technical Services - Technical Services Directorate updates

8. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

9. PETITIONS

Nil

10. MEMORIALS

Nil

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Nil

12. REPORTS OF CORPORATE SERVICES

12.1. Corporate Services Report to Council
Report 232 / 20 cncI (DCS)

This report provides a quarterly departmental update and review of the Corporate Services Directorates.

Moved: Councillor Paterson

Second: Councillor Cocking

RESOLVED:

That the Corporate Services Report to Council 232/20cncI be received and noted.

CARRIED (21289)

Mayor Ryan noted that the Director Corporate Services is going to remove the *Grants, Sponsorship and Donations Internal Audit* and re-address this item. The Director Corporate Services advised in the affirmative.

12.2. ASTC Public Places Liquor Permits
Report 233 / 20 cncl (MG)

This report provides advice to Council regarding changes to the Liquor Act, details a new liquor permit process and seeks approval for alcohol consumption in some public places subject to an application supported by NT Police and approved by the CEO.

It is recommended that:

- A. Pursuant to Section 200 of the Liquor Act 2019, Council gives permission for the consumption of liquor every day, subject to a person applying and receiving permission to do so from Council and complying with any conditions imposed, in the following public places:**
- (i) the whole of Anzac Oval at Lot 678**
 - (ii) the whole of Anzac Hill Carpark at Lot 8199**
 - (iii) the whole of Traeger Park at Lot 8128**
 - (iv) the whole of Jim McConville Park at Lot 3132**
 - (v) the whole of Albrecht Oval at Lot 6774**
 - (vi) the whole of Flynn Drive Oval at Lot 3672**
 - (vii) the whole of Rhonda Diano Oval at Lot 4150**
 - (viii) the whole of Ross Park Soccer Fields at Lot 766**
 - (ix) the whole of Pat Gallagher Netball Centre at Lot 766**
 - (x) the whole of Sadadeen Oval at Lot 10042**
 - (xi) the whole of Totem Theatre at Lot 0678**
 - (xii) the whole of the Andy McNeill Function Room and Lawns at the Alice Springs Town Council Civic Centre at Lot 5133**
 - (xiii) the whole of the lawns at the Alice Springs Library at Lot 5133**
- B. Council approve the guidelines and conditions for permit approval as presented in the Liquor Permit Application Form at Attachment A.**
- C. Council authorise the CEO, or their delegate, to assess and approve liquor permit applications that are supported by NT Police and using the approved application process and form.**

DEFERRED

Councillor Cocking enquired if *Traeger Park at Lot 8128* is included the Tennis facility. The Director Corporate Services took the question on notice to determine if Tennis is included in Traeger Park Lot 8128 and report back to Elected Members prior to the next meeting.

Mayor Ryan enquired about the last time Council had used *the whole of the lawns at the Alice Springs Library at Lot 5133*, and if this could be included in the previous point which also related to Lot 5133. The Director Corporate Services took the question on notice to review the items relating to Lot 5133.

Councillor Paterson left the Chamber at 5:57pm

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12.3. Christmas Period Holiday Arrangements
Report 234 / 20 cncl (DCS)

Council is requested to approve meeting arrangements and community facility opening times for December 2020 and January 2021 period.

Moved: Councillor Melky

Second: Councillor Cocking

RESOLVED:

That the following is approved by Council that:

- A. Only one Ordinary Council meeting be held in December to cover Finance, and scheduled for Tuesday 8 December 2020.**
- B. Only one Ordinary Council meeting be held in January for the Community Development Quarterly Report and Finance, and scheduled for Thursday 28th January 2021.**
- C. The Depot and Civic Centre be closed to the public after 3:30pm and 5:00pm respectively, on Thursday 24 December 2020 and reopen Monday 4 January 2021.**
- D. The Alice Springs Public Library be closed to the public on Friday 25 and Monday 28 December 2020 and New Year's Day Friday 1 January 2021, with service hours during the Christmas and New Year period of Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 December 2020 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.**
- E. The Aquatic and Leisure Centre be closed Christmas Day, Friday 25 December 2020 only.**
- F. The Regional Waste Management Facility be closed Christmas Day, Friday 25 December 2020 and New Year's Day, Friday 1 January 2021; with the Rediscovery Centre being closed from Friday 25 December 2020 reopening on Monday 4 January 2021.**

CARRIED (21290)

12.4. Hardship Policy Review
Report 235 / 20 cncl (MG)

This is a report on the scheduled review of the Pandemic Financial Hardship Policy and Public Benefit Concessions Policy for Commercial and Residential Ratepayers. It is recommended that the policies remain in place with a further report to come to Council at the February 2021 Ordinary meeting with Corporate Service Directorate update.

Moved: Councillor Melky
Second: Councillor Cocking

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation that Council note this report

CARRIED (21291)

12.5. 2019 / 2020 ASTC Annual Report
Report 236 / 20 cncl (MF)

This report provides the Alice Springs Town Council 2019/2020 Annual Report, inclusive of the audited financial statements, for Council adoption.

Moved: Councillor Cocking
Second: Councillor Satour

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

- A. That this report be received and noted.**
- B. That Council adopt the Alice Springs Town Council Annual Report 2019/2020 as per Attachment A.**
- C. That Council note that in accordance with Section 199 of the *Local Government Act*, the adopted Alice Springs Town Council 2019/2020 Annual Report will be provided to the Minister for Local Government no later than 15 November 2020.**
- D. That Council note that in accordance with Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations*, the audited financial statements will be provided to the NT Grants Commission no later than 15 November 2020.**

CARRIED (21292)

Mayor Ryan noted his thanks to Officers for their preparation of the *2019/2020 ASTC Annual Report*.

12.6. Municipal Plan FY21 – Quarterly Progress Report
Report 241 / 20 cncl (MG)

This report provides Council with a progress update against commitments within the Service Delivery Plan and Performance Targets provided in the Alice Springs Town Council Municipal Plan for FY21.

Moved: Councillor Cocking

Second: Councillor Satour

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation that Council note this report

CARRIED (21293)

12.7. Risk Management and Audit Committee - Terms of Reference
Report 244 / 20 cncl (MG)

This report provides revised Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) Terms of Reference, endorsed by the RMAC committee to be adopted by Council.

Moved: Councillor Melky

Second: Councillor Paterson

RESOLVED:

That the revised Risk Management and Audit Committee Terms of Reference be adopted.

CARRIED (21294)

12.8. Risk Management and Audit Committee Interview Panel
Report 237 / 20 cncl (R&CO)

This report provides recommendations, subject to approval of the revised Terms of Reference also presented at this meeting, for Council to establish an interview panel as part of the Expression of Interest process to appoint new independent external members for the Risk Management and Audit Committee.

Moved: Councillor Cocking

Second: Councillor Satour

RESOLVED:

It is recommended that Council:

- A. Establish an interview panel, consisting of three (3) members, who will review nominations and interview for the positions of Independent Chairperson and Independent Member of the Risk Management and Audit Committee.**
- B. Appoint the following individuals as members of the Risk Management and Audit Committee interview panel:**
 - **Councillor Melky**
 - **CEO**
 - **Director Corporate Services.**

CARRIED (21295)

The following nominations for one Elected Member to join the interview panel for the Risk Management and Audit Committee were received:

Nomination: Mayor Ryan

Moved: Councillor Paterson

Seconded: *Lapsed for want of a seconder*

Nomination: Councillor Melky

Moved: Councillor Cocking

Seconded: Councillor Satour

12.9. UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Risk Management and Audit Committee - 16 October 2020

Moved: Councillor Paterson

Seconded: Councillor Cocking

RESOLVED:

That the minutes from the Risk Management and Audit Committee meeting held 16 October 2020 be received and recommendations be adopted.

CARRIED (21296)

Moved: Councillor Banks

Seconded: Councillor Cocking

RESOLVED:

That the minutes from the Risk Management and Audit Committee meeting held 2 November 2020 be received and recommendations be adopted

CARRIED (21297)

Moved: Councillor Cocking

Seconded: Councillor Melky

RESOLVED:

That thanks be given to Mr Iain Summers for his term as Independent Chairperson of the Risk Management and Audit Committee

CARRIED (21298)

12.10. ASTC Covid-19 Measures - Financial Progress Report
Report No. 230 / 20 cncl (MF)

Item transferred from CONFIDENTIAL Agenda Item 25.1 into OPEN

This report details the COVID-19 related expenses incurred by Council as at 23 October 2020.

Moved: Councillor Cocking
Seconded: Councillor Satour

RESOLVED

That it be recommended to Council:

That this report be noted and moved from Confidential into Open

CARRIED (21299)

12.11. MyAlice Update
Report No. 239 / 20 cncl (MF)

Item transferred from CONFIDENTIAL Agenda Item 25.3 into OPEN

This report is to provide Council with an update on the implementation of the local business voucher scheme ('MyAlice').

Moved: Councillor Paterson
Seconded: Councillor Melky

RESOLVED

That it be recommended to Council:

1. **That this report be received and noted.**
2. **That Council approve the transfer of \$200,000 from the COVID-19 reserve to match the \$200,000 contribution from Northern Territory Government to fund the local business voucher scheme ('MyAlice').**
3. **That Council approve one (1) full time Project Manager for a period of six (6) months to coordinate major COVID-19 projects to be funded from COVID-19 reserves.**
4. **That Council approve one (1) full time Administration Officer position for a period of six (6) months to coordinate the local business voucher scheme ('MyAlice') to be funded from COVID-19 reserves.**

CARRIED (21300)

13. REPORTS OF OTHER DIRECTORATES

13.1. NIL Withdrawn

Nil

13.2. UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Sports Facilities Advisory Committee - 29 October 2020

Moved: Councillor Cocking

Seconded: Councillor Melky

RESOLVED:

That the minutes from the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee meeting held on the 29 October 2020 are received and recommendations be adopted

CARRIED (21301)

13.2.1. Outdoor Netball Resurfacing and Rebuild Options (Agenda Item 3.2.1)

Moved: Councillor Cocking

Seconded: Councillor Melky

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation from the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee to Council

That Council undertakes a professional geotechnical and foundational analysis of the Outdoor Netball Courts and Tennis Courts at an estimated cost of \$17k per facility, to be funded through the SFAC budget

CARRIED (21302)

13.2.2. Electric Scoreboards - Anzac Oval (Agenda Item 3.2.4)

Moved: Councillor Cocking

Seconded: Councillor Melky

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation from the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee to Council

1. **That Council approve the purchase and installation of a replacement scoreboard at Anzac Oval at a cost of \$50k from the SFAC budget on the condition that NT Sport and Recreation agree to relocate the scoreboard if the acquisition of Anzac Oval occurs, and**
2. **That any agreement about the relocation of the scoreboard is to the CEO's satisfaction.**

CARRIED (21303)

13.2.3. Electric Scoreboards - Albrecht Oval (Agenda Item 3.2.4)

Moved: Councillor Cocking

Seconded: Councillor Melky

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation from the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee to Council

1. **That Council approve the purchase and installation of a replacement scoreboard at Albrecht Oval at a cost of \$50k from the SFAC budget, and**
2. **That Council approve the purchase of one mobile trailer mounted scoreboard at a cost of \$33k from the SFAC budget**

CARRIED (21304)

13.2.4. Anzac Oval Lighting (Agenda Item 3.2.5)

Moved: Councillor Cocking

Seconded: Councillor Melky

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation from the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee to Council

That Council goes out to tender for the LED lighting upgrade at Anzac Oval, to be funded from the SFAC budget

CARRIED (21305)

13.2.5. Letter to Council from West Cricket Club (Agenda Item 4.1)

Moved: Councillor Cocking

Seconded: Councillor Melky

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation from the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee to Council

That Council contribute \$8844.60 from the SFAC budget towards the West Cricket Club's project to construct new cricket nets at Jim McConville Oval

CARRIED (21306)

13.2.6. Albrecht Oval Management Group (Agenda Item 6.1.1)

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation from the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee to Council

That the Albrecht Oval Management Group – Terms of Reference be endorsed

Refer to Council Agenda item 13.3, Report No. 242 / 20 cncI - Albrecht Oval Management Group – DRAFT Terms of Reference

13.2.7. Re-zoning application (Agenda Item 6.1.3)

Moved: Councillor Cocking

Seconded: Councillor Melky

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation from the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee to Council:

2. **That community access to Albrecht Oval does not change.**
3. **That there be no storage of alcohol at Albrecht Oval.**

CARRIED (21307)

13.3. Albrecht Oval Management Group - DRAFT Terms of Reference
Report No. 242 / 20 cncl (DTS)

This report presents the recommended *Albrecht Oval Management Group - Terms of Reference* for Council's consideration and endorsement.

Moved: Councillor Melky

Seconded: Councillor Satour

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council endorse the Albrecht Oval Management Group - Terms of Reference.

CARRIED (21308)

13.4. Alice Springs Public Library Consultative Committee - DRAFT Terms of Reference Report No. 243 / 20 cncl (DCD)

This report presents the recommended *Alice Springs Public Library Consultative Committee - draft Terms of Reference* for Council's consideration and endorsement.

Moved: Councillor Melky

Seconded: Councillor Cocking

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council adopt the Alice Springs Public Library Consultative Committee - Terms of Reference

CARRIED (21309)

The Terms of Reference were endorsed with the following amendments: the wording under Membership is to be changed from from *Ex-Officio Members* to *Council Officers*

14. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

The CEO left the Chamber at 6:11pm due to a conflict of interest

The Director Corporate Services assumed the role of Acting CEO at 6:11pm

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1. Questions taken on notice from media and members of the public

Councillor Banks tabled a document with a list of the following questions that she had taken on notice from media and members of the public:

- *How will Council work towards tackling youth crime and anti-social behavior?*
- *Will Council progress a youth drop-in center?*
- *What happened to the Meeting Place?*
- *Did the Baha'i directed program sideline the Meeting Place project?*
- *Is Council working with locals in knowledge sharing and building better relationships to address antisocial behaviour and youth outcomes?*
- *What are the details of the Baha'i directed program Council has committed to funding? Is it being run by a FIFO facilitator in the Andy McNeill Room? What details can be shared about who this program is aimed towards?*
- *How is the perception of conflict of interest being managed by the CEO and the Council given the CEO involvement with the Baha'i community? What is the track record of the program in youth work and in specific with indigenous youth?*
- *Will youth officers be reinstated at the library?*

The Acting CEO / Director Corporate Services took the questions on notice to provide a response at the next meeting.

The Director Corporate Services relinquished the role of Acting CEO at 6:17pm

The Director Technical Services left the Chamber at 6:17pm

The Director Technical Services returned to the Chamber at 6:18pm

The CEO returned to the Chamber at 6:18pm

15.2. Letter from Mr Gabrielle Waterford - Alice Springs Swimming Club

Councillor Cocking acknowledged a letter from Mr Gabrielle Waterford from the Alice Springs Swimming Club in regard to the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee, and requested an update. Mayor Ryan noted he had met with Mr Waterford and had agreed to work on a proposal to present to Council.

15.3. Email from Mr Greg Barnes re Skate Park

Councillor Cocking noted an email from Mr Greg Barnes in regard to the Speed Street Skate Park, his appreciation for the maintenance that had been undertaken, concern that this maintenance constituted upgrades after the consultation process that had been undertaken, and enthusiasm from the skating community for further upgrades. The Director Technical Services responded in regard to the consultation process, and advised any further upgrades would be included in a list of shovel-ready projects for Elected Members future consideration.

15.4. Update in regard to Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT) motions

Councillor Cocking provided an update in regard to the LGANT Annual General Meeting held on 5 and 6 November 2020, advising that the following motions, were tabled and supported unanimously:

That LGANT recognises that the development and expansion of the resources sector (Oil, gas and mining) poses significant risks for local communities and that local government be engaged fully in the process to minimise the impact on and maximise the opportunities for Territory communities

That LGANT work to ensure local governments are supported to engage in the environmental, social, cultural and economic assessment processes for resource projects and industrial developments.

Councillor Cocking acknowledged Mayor Ryan's nine years as President of LGANT.

Mayor Ryan noted mandatory training that all Elected Members will need to undertake after the next Local Government Election.

Officers to load LGANT meeting papers to Diligent for all Elected Members information.

15.5. Technical Services Directorate Updates

The Director Technical Services provided updates on the following Technical Services projects:

- ASALC Refurbishment
- Albrecht Oval Lights
- Jim McConville Oval Lighting - Public Consultation
- Spencer Park
- Tucker Park
- Oleander Park
- Hockey Shed replacement
- Jim McConville Oval Fence
- Ross Park Lighting Upgrade
- Rhonda Diano Oval Facility Upgrade
- Rotorac Park
- CBD Lighting Projects
- Climate Action Plan - Elected Members workshop

The following apologies were noted for meetings this week:

- Councillor Cocking - Climate Action Plan workshop - Thursday 12 November 2020
- Councillor Melky - Climate Action Plan workshop - Thursday 12 November 2020
- Mayor Ryan - Jim McConville Public Consultation meeting - Thursday 12 November 2020

16. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

Media matters will be covered via the media attendance at this meeting.

17. NEXT MEETING

(Finance) Tuesday 24th November 2020, 5.30pm

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18. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at **6.34pm**

Moved: Councillor Paterson

Seconded: Councillor Cocking

The Council stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

CARRIED (21310)

Confirmed on _____

CHAIRPERSON _____

Date _____