

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
11 MAY 2021 AT 7:00 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 7:02 pm 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 D. Ryan (Chair)
Deputy Mayor J. Price
Councillor G. Auricht
Councillor M. Banks
Councillor J. Cocking
Councillor J. de Brenni
Councillor E. Melky
Councillor M. Paterson
Councillor C. Satour

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R. Jennings – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Mr S. Allen – Director Technical Services
Ms S. Taylor – Director Corporate Services
Ms B. Lang – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

2. PRAYER

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

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3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. WELCOME

Nil

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 28 April 2021

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Auricht

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held Wednesday 28 April 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of those meetings.

CARRIED (21643)

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

7.2.1 Councillor Banks – Item 7.2.1, Alice Hub Consortium

Councillor Banks requested an update on when the assessment into the Alice Hub consortium will be completed and presented to Council.

The CEO has received a first draft and has had a meeting with the Consortiums representative, John Huigen, to seek additional information on key elements. The completion of the final assessment will depend on when the consortium is able to provide the requested information.

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7.2.2 Councillor Banks – Item 7.2.2, Traditional Owner Community Safety Patrol
Councillor Banks requested a report on the Traditional Owner Community Safety Program be provided to Elected Members before the June Corporate Services Ordinary Meeting of Council.

The Director of Corporate Services responded by stating that a report in June will have more data as that will mark the halfway point of the program. The Director will provide an update under general business.

Deputy Mayor Price declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 7.07pm.

Deputy Mayor Price returned to the meeting at 7.09pm

7.3 Minutes of the Open Resolution from the Confidential Ordinary Meeting on 27 April 2021

Moved – Councillor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Banks

That the minutes of the Open Resolution of the Confidential Ordinary Meeting of the Council held Tuesday 27 April 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of those meetings.

CARRIED (21644)

7.4 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

8. ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

8.1.1 Councillor Cocking – Skatepark Surface

8.1.2 Councillor Cocking – Diversionary Programs

8.1.3 Councillor Cocking – CBD Revitalisation Update

8.1.4 Councillor Melky – The Ghan

8.1.5 Councillor Melky – Council and Government accountability of Community Safety

8.1.6 Councillor Banks – Electronic signage

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*Councillor Melky left the Chamber at 7.10pm
Councillor Melky returned to the Chamber at 7.11pm*

9. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

10. PETITIONS

Nil

11. MEMdORIALS

Nil

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

12.1 Grandmother's Group Initiative Funding - Councillor Catherine Satour

I, Councillor Catherine Satour hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion:

Moved - Councillor Satour

Seconded -

MOTION:

That the Alice Springs Town Council appropriately fund the Grandmother's Group for a 6 month period to provide the Grandmothers Group program 2 nights a week Friday and Saturday night and at other time deemed necessary. The funds to be allocated from the reserves of unspent COVID-19 emergency funding commencing and backdated to 29th April 2021 with the program to be reviewed at the end of 6 months.

DEFERRED

Councillor Satour deferred the motion until the Traditional Owners Patrol report is presented at the June Ordinary Meeting of Council and the budget is confirmed.

13. REPORTS OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

13.1 Technical Services Report to Council
Report No. 358 / 21 cncI

Moved – Councillor Melky
Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

That the Technical Services Report to Council be received and noted

CARRIED (21645)

A question was raised in regards to the development of the sustainability policy.
The Director of Technical Services took the question on notice.

13.2 Minutes of the Development Committee – 6 April 2021

Moved – Councillor de Brenni
Seconded – Councillor Auricht

That the minutes of the Development Committee meeting held 6 April 2021 be received.

CARRIED (21646)

13.2.1 Development Committee Status (Agenda Item 8.1)

Moved – Councillor de Brenni
Seconded – Councillor Auricht

That Council Officers write a report on the effectiveness and timing of the Development Committee meeting with a review of the process to be presented to the Committee at the next Development Committee meeting.

CARRIED (21647)

13.3 UNCONFIRMED MINUTES - Parks Advisory Committee - 20 April 2021

Moved – Councillor Paterson

Seconded – Councillor Melky

That the minutes of the Parks Advisory Committee meeting held 20 April 2021 be received.

CARRIED (21648)

13.3.1 Madigan Park (Agenda Item 6.3)

Moved – Councillor Paterson

Seconded – Councillor Melky

That Council proceed with the project to develop half of Madigan Park, with an emphasis on Councils policy towards affordable housing.

CARRIED (21649)

13.4 UNCONFIRMED MINUTES - Sports Facilities Advisory Committee - 22 April 2021

Moved – Councillor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Melky

That the minutes of the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee meeting held 22 April 2021 be received.

CARRIED (21650)

13.4.1 Minutes of the Albrecht Oval Management Group Meeting held on 2 March 2021 (Agenda Item 6.7.2 (1))

Moved – Councillor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Melky

That minutes of the Albrecht Oval Management Group from the meeting held on 11 August 2020 be amended to include a transcript of the audio recording

CARRIED (21651)

13.4.2 Live Communication Channel (Agenda Item 6.7.2 (2))

Moved – Councillor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Melky

That the live communication channel be open for an initial review and feedback by the Albrecht Oval Management Group at the next meeting

CARRIED (21652)

13.4.3 Letter from Softball to Sports Officer - Point 3 Sprinkler Installation (Agenda Item 7.1)

Moved – Councillor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Melky

That Officers obtain quotes for the installation of sprinklers on Diamonds 2,3 and 4 at Jim McConville Oval and return quotes to the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee for consideration

CARRIED (21653)

13.5 Access Advisory Committee – Expression of Interest (EOI)
CONFIDENTIAL Report No. 362 / 21 cncI

Item transferred from Confidential (Agenda Item 27.2)

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Second – Councillor de Brenni

That Council reviews the received Access Advisory Committee (AAC) general member EOIs, and appoints two (2) general committee members.

CARRIED (21661)

Approved general committee members:

Jacinta Cordner

Sandy Robinson

14. REPORTS OF OTHER DIRECTORATES

14.1 UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Risk Management and Audit Committee - 16 April 2021

Moved – Councillor Auricht
Seconded – Councillor Melky

That the minutes of the Risk Management and Audit Committee meeting held 16 April 2021 be received.

CARRIED (21654)

14.2 Application for New Liquor Licence – Blade Davis-Roundhill
Report No. 364 / 21 cncI

The Director of Liquor Licensing has written to Council seeking comment about an application for a new liquor licence from Mr Blade Davies-Roundhill. This license will be used for a nightclub to be located at 21 Hartley Street, Alice Springs.

Moved – Councillor Paterson
Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

Not object to the liquor license application.

CARRIED (21655)

Discussion ensued on the application and the overriding opinion that the Social Impact section of the report wasn't balanced as it didn't address the economic benefits, opportunity for employment and the fact that it is a legal business.

15. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

15.1. Councillor Banks – CARGO

Councillor Banks questioned the CEO as to where all information relating to CARGO is accessible for Elected Members as she is concerned that not all Elected Members have a full understanding of the program.

The CEO will send all correspondence in regards to CARGO to Elected Members.

Councillor Banks also questioned if there was a current Masterplan document.

Mayor Ryan advised that the presentation on the Asset Management Plan is the start of the Masterplan process and in budget discussion it was discussed how those works are moving forward.

The CEO will send the Asset Management Plan presentation to Councillor Banks.

15.2. Councillor Melky – Update on the Media Policy Review

Councillor Melky requested an update on the Media Policy Review.
The CEO took the question on notice

15.3 Councillor Melky – Council Meeting Structure Review

Councillor Melky asked for an update on the meeting structure review which is now due.
The CEO took the question on notice

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1. Councillor Cocking – Skate Park

Councillor Cocking requested an update on an email received in regards to the safety of the skatepark. It has been claimed that the new paint used on the surface of the skatepark is too slippery.

The Director of Technical Services confirmed receiving the email and is investigating the claims.

The Director of Technical Services will circulate the email to all Elected Members.

16.2 Councillor Cocking – Diversion program

Has Council looked at diversion programs as an opportunity for offenders to complete community service rather than being incarcerated? These programs could help reduce Council funds in litter collection and graffiti removal.

The Director of Technical Services can confirm two historical cases of offenders completing community service with Council.

Youth Officers will look at diversion opportunities and report back to executives.

16.3 Councillor Cocking – CBD

Update on the CBD revitalisation given the reduced budget passed down in the recent Northern Territory Government's announcement.

The CEO has spoken with in the last week, and was informed that the lighting in the CBD have been upgraded and have completed the smaller signage project. The larger projects are still in the procurement stage.

The question was raised if there has been allocation reduced CBD revitalisation budget.

The CEO mentioned that the details of the allocation are unknown as yet, however will raised the question at the next meeting with Chief Minister's Office.

16.4 Councillor Melky – Ghan

Councillor Melky received a phone call from one of the train drivers of the Ghan who voiced their concern of the regular hazards such as rock throwing, youth jumping onto the moving trains, abandoned cars on the tracks, over grown grass and trees along the track, the many holes and damage done to the fence around the station and identified a drain system that allows people access into the train yard. The drivers main concern was someone coming to serious harm. The Driver is aware of the role of Council, but felt that these issues needed to be reported.

Executives will contact Sarah Fairhead and relay these issues and concerns. This is an opportunity for Council and Government to work together to solve some of these issues.

16.5 Councillor Melky – Motion

Councillor Melky raised a motion that was presented by Mayor Ryan to the local government association meeting in Darwin recently. The motion was looking for support to seek legal counsel in regards to the Local Governments ability to hold the Northern Territory Government to account for cutting crime, supporting Northern Territory Police and putting victims first, however it was not support by the other Councils in attendance.

Councillor Melky has received information from a solicitor and will send to the CEO who will then circulate the motion along with the received advice.

16.6 Councillor Banks –Electronic Signage

Councillor Banks raised concerns over the brightness of the electronic sign located on the Centrepoint building and asked if Officers could investigate and report back to Council on whether the screens can be dimmed.

The CEO will talk to the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics.

16.7 Director Technical Services –Kunoth Street

The Director gave an update on the issues raised in the April 13 Ordinary Meeting of Council in regards to traffic movement and speeding cars down Kunoth Street. The Director reported that permanent solar powered LED speed signs will be installed down Kunoth Street and that Officers are still waiting on the report on traffic movement down Priest Street and Kunoth Street.

16.8 Director Corporate Services – Traditional Owner Patrol Update

Item transferred from Confidential (Agenda Item 30.3)

Deputy Mayor Price declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 8.30pm.

Deputy Mayor Price returned to the meeting at 9.02pm

The Director Corporate Services provided Elected Members with an update on the Traditional Owner Community Safety Program.

Concerns were raised around the lack of reporting to Elected Members and details regarding which Traditional Owners are employed in the program to enable Elected Members to declare a conflict of interest if needed, the current budget status and compliance with the Fair Work act.

Mayor Ryan noted that the supported resolution stated that a report would be provided at the end of the 16-week trial.

The Director Corporate Services assured Elected Members that a conflict can't be declared if they are unaware that one exists. She confirmed that Council are not in breach of Council's Enterprise Agreement or the Fair Work Act and that the program is operating within budget.

It was suggested that a review on how trials are implemented and reported.

17. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

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

18. NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 25 May 2021, 5.30pm (Finance)

19. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at 7.56 pm

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

The Council stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

CARRIED (21656)

Confirmed on _____

CHAIRPERSON _____

Date _____