

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY  
22 JUNE, 2021 AT 5:30PM IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

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1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Opening of the Meeting by the Mayor (Chair)

Mayor Damien Ryan declared the meeting open at **5.30pm** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

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

Media present Alice Springs News, ABC Alice Springs and NT News

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 C. Satour

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R. Jennings – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Mr D. Nellikat – Manager Developments

Ms S. Taylor – Director Corporate Services and Community Development

Mrs A. Signor – Senior Executive Assistant (Minutes)

Mrs K. Sanders - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

2. PRAYER

Father Prakash from Our Lady of Sacred Heart Church Alice Springs gave his apology for the meeting.

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3. APOLOGIES

Councillor Matt Paterson

Moved – Councillor Auricht

Seconded – Councillor Satour

**That the apology be accepted.**

CARRIED (21725)

4. WELCOME

The CEO welcomed Karen Sanders, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and CEO.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting held on 08 June 2021

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held Tuesday 08 June 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.**

CARRIED (21726)

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#### 7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

##### 7.2.1 Councillor Melky – Alice Plaza

Councillor Melky asked for an update on the motion to arrange a meeting with the Northern Territory Government regarding Alice Plaza.

The CEO responded that an updated will be provided in the Confidential meeting.

##### 7.2.2 Councillor Banks – Electronic Signage

Councillor Banks asked if the changes to the electronic signage have yet come into effect.

The Acting Director Technical Services advised it should have come into effect already but will follow this up.

##### 7.2.3 Councillor Banks – Skate Park

Councillor Banks asked for an update on the meeting with the skate park users.

The CEO advised that a successful meeting was held with the skate park users. Agreed that Council would wait for the consultant to provide advice on the skate park and then another meeting would be setup with the skate park users.

##### 7.2.4 Councillor Banks – Traditional Owner Patrol

Councillor Banks asked for an update on the program.

The Director Corporate Services and Community Development advised that the Program is still operating on a daily basis.

#### 8. MAYORAL REPORT

##### 8.1 Mayor's Report

Report No. 386 / 21 cncl

Moved – Councillor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Melky

**That the Mayor's Report be received.**

CARRIED (21727)

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#### 8.2 Business Arising from the Report

##### 8.2.1 Councillor Auricht – Road Transport Hall of Fame Reunion

Councillor Auricht what progress has been made with the Transport Hall of Fame Reunion planning?

The Mayor advised that a Manager has been recruited and the business is doing well with many visitors. Working towards an event in August and meet regularly with Government agencies to ensure they are on top of issues to bring it back to its former glory.

#### 9. ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

9.1.1 Councillor Cocking – Dog Walking at Ross Park

9.1.2 Councillor Banks – No More Campaign

#### 10. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

#### 11. PETITIONS

Nil

#### 12. MEMORIALS

12.1 Mr Jakamarra Nelson

Central Land Council – Media Release – 1 February 2021

VALE JAKAMARRA NELSON, LAND RIGHTS CHAMPION OF THE FIRST HOUR

“Members and staff of the Central Land Council are mourning the passing of executive member and long-term delegate Jakamarra Nelson and send their deepest condolences to his family and friends.

“Jakamarra was a land rights champion of the first hour and commanded enormous respect,” CLC chief executive Joe Martin-Jard said.

“He worked as a Warlpiri interpreter during the early land council meetings and represented his community of Yuendumu on the council since 1988.

“He was a thorough gentleman who walked with ease in two worlds. We will all miss his wisdom and his humour.”

Born on Mount Doreen Station, Mr Nelson was six years old when his family was moved to Yuendumu, a welfare ration depot, around 1946.

He was the fifth of nine siblings and his father had four wives.

Even though he only attended the community’s school until grade five, he benefited from additional tuition by Baptist missionary Tom Fleming.

“I was lucky,” he recalled in the CLC’s oral history collection Every Hill Got A Story.

“The whitefella missionary used to teach me after hours ... to give me extra education. That’s where I managed to pick up my command of English.”

He considered himself blessed to have received a two-way education, with regular breaks from settlement life.

“You’d go to church every Sunday, practice our culture every night if possible”, he said.

On regular trips to his family’s country “we had explained to us how far, how long it would take from A to B to get there – walking that is, cross-country with no map recorded, except in your mind. I think I could still do that – but I can’t walk!”

After a mechanic apprenticeship Mr Nelson attended teacher’s college in Darwin and returned to the Yuendumu school to teach, becoming one of the first Aboriginal teachers in Central Australia.

After five years teaching he joined the Department of Aboriginal Affairs to support the outstation movement as an assistant community advisor.

“He was a champion of Aboriginal-led economic development, serving on the advisory committee of the Aboriginal Benefits Account and as a director of Yuendumu’s Yapa-Kurlangu Ngurrara Aboriginal Corporation,” Mr Martin-Jard said.

A lifelong advocate for truth-telling, one of Mr Nelson’s last public appearances was as MC at the 90th anniversary Coniston Massacre commemoration at Yurkurru in 2018.

Following the last CLC elections, in 2019, he told the many new young delegates why he was not yet ready to retire.

“We are still very strong and still battling with the government and others who are damaging our country. I’m talking about the mining companies. That’s why I joined the land council,” he said.

Our thoughts are with Mr Nelson’s wife Lynette, his children and families.”

Moved – Councillor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Auricht

**That the memorial for Mr Jakamarra Nelson be received**

CARRIED (21728)

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

13.1 Deputy Mayor Price - Youth Apprenticeship Program Proposal

I, Deputy Mayor Jacinta Nampijinpa Price hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion:

Moved - Deputy Mayor Price

Seconded - Councillor de Brenni

MOTION:

That the 13th Alice Springs Town Council broaden our existing Apprentice & Training Program by:

1. **Developing the Youth Apprenticeship Proposal in partnership with key stakeholders.**
2. **Pursue the Federal Governments support for funding toward the YAP through the Australian Economic Recovery Plan.**
3. **Endeavour to provide alternative pathways to incarceration by providing training and apprenticeship opportunities to youth who are likely to benefit from such prospects.**

CARRIED (21729)

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Melky

**That standing orders be removed.**

CARRIED (21730)

Councillor Cocking asked around the CARGO involvement in this process?

Councillor Cocking went on to ask if those groups involved in CARGO had been approached around this Program?

The CEO responded that this is a guide rather than a definitive source of information. Deputy Mayor Price advised that this is a working document and a foundation to provide to the Federal Government for funding support. This proposal applies to any youth in the community.

Councillor Auricht shared his historical experience around these kinds of programs and the success achieved by them.

Councillor de Brenni spoke about how Council can use this initiative to lead and develop these kinds of programs.

Councillor Banks asked were conversations had with the Redtails and how do they see being able to support this program?

Deputy Mayor Price advised that Mr Rob Clarke is happy to work with Council as part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that Central Australia Football has with Council. The Police Association have also been provided with the proposal.

Councillor Banks went on to ask Indigenous Liaison Position / Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) – What progress has Council made with the RAP in regards to Indigenous employment and youth.

Director Corporate Services and Community Development advised that Council are in Phase One (Reflect Phase) of the RAP. Looking how to engage more with youth employment at Council.

The CEO responded that this proposal presented by the Deputy Mayor is more grassroots that is externally focussed and differs from how the RAP is being structured.

Director Corporate Services and Community Development advised that this proposal presented by the Deputy Mayor is more grassroots.

Councillor Melky asked where does CARGO sit in relation to Council priorities?

The CEO responded that the project presented by Deputy Mayor Price has merit however it is framed, whether it's connected to CARGO or not.

Councillor Banks referenced minutes from 24 November 2020 Ordinary Meeting, specifically Item 14.3.3 - Youth Initiatives Plan – Progress Report, Report No. 256 / 20 cncI

Moved – Deputy Mayor Price

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

**That standing orders be resumed.**

CARRIED (21731)

14. FINANCE

14.1. Finance Report  
Report No. 389 / 21 cncI

Moved – Councillor Auricht

Seconded – Councillor Satour

**That the report be received and noted.**

CARRIED (21732)

*Councillor Banks left the Chamber at 7.01pm*

*Councillor Banks returned to the Chamber at 7.03pm*

14.1.1 Business Arising from the Report

14.1.1.1 Councillor Melky – Page 35, Attachment 1

Councillor Melky asked for clarification around the User Charges & Fees and why there is additional income.

The Director Corporate Services and Community Development took the question on notice.

The CEO referenced Page 2 of Report No. 389/21 cncl, reference to higher than expected income

14.1.1.2 Councillor Melky proposed the below recommendation.

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Banks

**That Council in October of 2021 on the final assessment of the Council surplus/deficit that any surplus identified in the positive from the 2020/21 financial year is to be considered for allocation back to the reserves.**

CARRIED (21733)

14.1.1.3 Councillor Cocking – Capital Projects

Councillor Cocking asked for an explanation on Page 38, Attachment 1a, various capital projects carried out.

The Director Corporate Services and Community Development advised that it is numerous projects throughout Council that are non-material.

14.1.1.4 Councillor Cocking – RWMF

Councillor Cocking acknowledged and congratulated the team on reaching \$300,000.

14.1.1.5 Councillor de Brenni – Page 40 (Diligent)

Councillor de Brenni asked about the South Edge Estate defective works

Acting Director Technical Services took the question on notice

15. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

15.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

15.1.1. CEO Report  
Report No. 387 / 21 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Price  
Seconded – Councillor Cocking

**That the CEO report be received and noted.**

CARRIED (21734)

15.1.2 Business Arising from the Report

15.1.2.1 Councillor Melky – HR Report

Councillor Melky requested that the HR Report to be included in the CEO Report.

The CEO advised that these details are included in the Corporate Services quarterly report.

The most recent HR report Report No. 381/21 cncl was included in the 8 June 2021 confidential meeting papers.

15.1.2.2 Councillor Cocking – Multicultural Policy

Councillor Cocking asked where this policy is currently sitting.

Director Corporate Services and Community Development advised that this Policy is still under review.

*Councillor Melky left the Chamber at 7.31pm  
Councillor Melky returned to the Chamber at 7.33pm*

15.1.2.3 Councillor de Brenni – Livestreaming Status for Cemetery

Councillor de Brenni asked for an update on the livestreaming capabilities at the Cemetery.

Director Corporate Services and Community Development advised that the equipment has been purchased and is awaiting installation.

15.1.2.4 Councillor de Brenni – Animal Management Cages on Ranger Vehicles

This item requires updating in the Smartsheet as completed.

15.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

15.2.1 Rates Declaration 2021/22  
Report No. 391 / 21 cncI

Moved – Councillor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

1. **To note the Chief Executive Officer’s Certificate of Assessment in accordance with section 24(1) of the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations 2008, and;***
2. **To approve the Alice Springs Town Council declaration of rates and charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2022 as per section 155(1) of the *Local Government Act 2008.***

CARRIED (21735)

15.2.2 Adoption of Municipal Plan 2021/22 and Annual Budget  
Report No. 392 / 21 cncI

Moved – Councillor Auricht

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

1. **Council adopt the Alice Springs Town Council Municipal Plan 2021/22 as per section 24(1) of the *Local Government Act 2008, and***
2. **Council adopt the Annual Budget 2021/22 as per section 128(1) of the *Local Government Act 2008, and***
3. **Council resolved to approve the Elected Member allowances in accordance with section 71(2) of the *Local Government Act 2008.***

CARRIED (21736)

15.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Nil

15.4 TECHNICAL SERVICES

15.4.1 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Access Advisory Committee – 25 May 2021

Moved – Councillor Auricht

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

**That the minutes of the Access Advisory Committee Meeting held on 25 May, 2021 be received and noted.**

CARRIED (21737)

15.4.2 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Regional Waste Management Facility Committee – 4 June 2021

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Banks

**That the minutes of the Regional Waste Management Facility Committee held on 4 June, 2021 be received and noted.**

CARRIED (21738)

15.4.3 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Development Committee – 7 June 2021

Moved – Councillor Auricht

Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

**That the minutes of the Development Committee Meeting held on 7 June, 2021 be received and recommendations adopted.**

CARRIED (21739)

Councillor Banks asked if the new Development Committee meeting structure will commence in July.

The Acting Director Technical Services confirmed that yes, the new meeting structure will commence in July

15.4.4 Environment Advisory Committee Expressions of Interest

CONFIDENTIAL Report No. 390 / 21 cncI

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item No. 28.4.1)*

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

**1. That Council endorse the following nominations for a Community Organisation position on the Environment Advisory Committee:**

- **Community Organisation - Land for Wildlife**

CARRIED (21747)

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item No. 28.4.1)*

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

**2. That Council select the following General Community Members from the Expressions of Interest for the Environment Advisory committee:**

- **Community Member – Brigita Bezjak**
- **Community Member – Rod Cramer**
- **Community Member – Jacqueline Arnold**

CARRIED (21748)

The Acting Director Technical Services will notify the unsuccessful Environment Advisory Committee Community Member.

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item No. 28.4.1)*

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Satour

**3. That these memberships apply for a two-year term from the first meeting after June 2021; and**

CARRIED (21749)

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item No. 28.4.1)*

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Satour

- 4. That Officers continue to work to fill the two (2) remaining vacancies for Community Organisations in order to reach a quorum for the first meeting of this newly endorsed Committee.**

CARRIED (21750)

That officers advertise to fill the two (2) remaining vacancies for Community Organisations on the Environment Advisory Committee.

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item No. 28.4.1)*

Moved – Councillor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

- 5. That the Acting Director Technical Services report back on Tuesday 13 July if the Terms of Reference for the Environment Advisory Committee are a true and correct record.**

CARRIED (21751)

15.4.5 Attachment B: Environment Advisory Committee - Expression of Interest (EOI)

Report No. 367 / 21 cncl

*(Report deferred from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25 May 2021)*

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 28.4.2)*

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

- 1. That Council endorse the following nominations for positions on the Environment Advisory Committee:**

- **Youth Member - Jasmine Story**
- **Community Organisation - Arid Lands Environment Centre (Alex Vaughan)**
- **Northern Territory Government (NTG) - John Gaynor**

CARRIED (21752)

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 28.4.2)*

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

- 2. That these memberships apply for a two-year term from the first meeting after June 2021; and**

CARRIED (21753)

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 28.4.2)*

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

- 3. That Officers continue to work to fill the remaining vacancies in order.**

CARRIED (21754)

16. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

16.1 Councillor Banks – Governance Officer Position

Councillor Banks asked for an update on the Governance Officer position.

Director Corporate Services and Community Development advised that the position is still vacant.

Councillor Banks advised that the position is due for review.

16.2 Councillor Cocking – Dog walking on Ross Park Oval

Councillor Cocking asked if an alternative arrangement could be considered during school hours for off lead dogs.

Director Corporate Services and Community Development advised that the by-laws will need to be checked.

The CEO asked Councillor Cocking to pass on to the concerned parties the Council contact details so that Council can hear the resident's views.

16.3 Councillor Banks – No More Campaign

Councillor Banks spoke on the Code of Conduct Elected Member Policy and No More campaign.

Council have adopted the NO MORE campaign within Councils policy and actively advocate against domestic violence and bullying.

We also have an internal Council Policy Resolution Number 21073 which we approved as the 13th Council of the ASTC on 27/07/2020 and is due for review 30/06/2021.

Within this policy, it outlines clearly our Prohibition on bullying and that “a member must not bully another person in the course of performing official functions. Bullying is repeated unreasonable behaviour directed towards another member or officer of Council and that behaviour creates a risk to the health and safety of that other member or threatens another person.

A broad range of behaviour can be considered to be bullying. Some examples of behaviour that may constitute bullying are:

- verbal abuse, insults or name-calling
- continually making jokes about a person, or singling out one person for remarks more often than others in the group
- personal attacks, threats, intimidation and misuse of power
- deliberate exclusion or isolation
- deliberately withholding information from someone where that information is essential to their ability to perform their work effectively”.

I announce that I am 26 weeks pregnant, and that I have been managing my pregnancy throughout the year and during the budget process. Respecting my privacy, I have chosen not to disclose my personal reasons for any absences I may have had during this time and have offered apologies on all occasions.

Acting within process during this time I have accessed information and recordings, and have attended all formal meetings and participated in discussions up until the acceptance of the Municipal Plan tonight. Requests for additional meetings and conversations surrounding the budget and the Draft Municipal Plan have been held within the Local Government Requirements. Tonight, has demonstrated that discussion should be encouraged without inflammatory personal attacks discussions can be undertaken in a respectful courteous manner.

I have accepted others absences without prejudice.

However, throughout the budgeting process I have been personally attacked whilst performing my official functions. This has happened on more than one occasion. I have been:

1. Criticized for my attendance
2. Accused of grandstanding; and
3. Sworn at.

These are all forms personal attacks and verbal abuse and are all bullying behaviours. The Principal Member should not allow this behaviour in the Chamber and should have called points of order on all occasions.

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The issue of attendance should not have been allowed to have escalated in the Chamber and should not have been commented on by the Principal during an interview on ABC radio.

I raise these issues of bullying due to the health and safety risks they pose for me personally and I will not tolerate this any further.

No more!

*Councillor Banks left the Chamber at 7.51pm*

*Councillor Satour left the Chamber at 7.51pm*

17. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

18. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

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

19. NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday 13 July 2021 at 5.30pm (Community Development)**

20. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at **7.52pm**

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Melky

**The Council stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.**

CARRIED (21740)

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

CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_