

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY  
25 MAY, 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 M. Paterson  
Councillor C. Satour

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R. Jennings – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Mr D. Nellikat – Manager Developments  
Ms S. Taylor – Director Corporate Services  
Ms E. Williams – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

2. PRAYER

The prayer was read by Pastor Robin Zadow from the Lutheran Church Alice Springs.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. WELCOME

Nil

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Matt Voight asked for information on the Skate Park closure and what is being done about the re-surfacing. Is there a timeline on its re-opening?

The CEO advised that the concerns have been heard and Officers are currently working on both a short-term and long-term solution. A working group will be established with members of the skating community. As yet, there isn't a date on which the Park will be re-opened.

Greg Barnes asked if there was a timeline for when the Skate Park will be re-open?

The Mayor reiterated the previous comments of the CEO that the Officers are working on both short-term and long-term solutions.

Greg went on to ask for more details on the consultation and for the current painted surface to be removed to fast-track the return of the Park to users. Is there a plan for a youth space to be made available in the meantime? Could something be installed in drains etc. and not be removed?

The CEO responded that options around alternative spaces for use in the meantime are being investigated. There are insurance and risks associated with using drains etc. as alternative spaces for skating.

Councillor Paterson replied that in 2018 he proposed installing a three-level Skate Park which was supported but it didn't go forward due to a lack of community support and that he hopes that the next Council support a new Skate Park. A portion of land at Snow Kenna Park is currently with the Northern Territory Government for consideration.

Tamara Burlando spoke as a mother is representing other parents/carers. The Skate Park is inclusive for everyone and asked that there be Skate Parks around town and not just one big one. There are different ability levels accessing the space with a comfortable space for parents/carers to also be installed and can this be included in the plan?

Councillor de Brenni reiterated that community support is required.

Councillor Cocking thanked the gallery for attending which shows the support in Alice Springs for skating.

Billeigh Waaha responded to Councillor Paterson in that there was support for the Newland Park location by the skating community but local residents were against it being installed

The Mayor advised that the community result figures showed that there wasn't local support. Councillor Paterson rephrased his comment to say that there was limited support rather than no support.

Billeigh asked that if it becomes apparent through the working group that second park is

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required, will that be considered?

The Mayor responded that unfortunately it all comes down to funding but with a strong plan, funding bodies could be approached.

Carly Kennedy asked the question that when will decision makers collaborate in the best interests of youth, children and families and look towards of commitment of justice re-investment?

Mayor Ryan responded that an answer to this question may follow after the working group meeting.

Rainer Chlanda asked about the community developing a DIY Skate Park and that other Councils around the world have found ways around the legalities. A new Skate Park needs to be in a central location and part of the community.

Mayor Ryan advised that not all drains are owned by Council and that this will also be part of the working group.

The CEO responded that this will be part of the working group information

Councillor Banks thanked everyone in the gallery representing the skating community and that she will be working towards having the skate park opened asap.

Councillor Melky asked if the petition was being received this evening?

Mayor Ryan advised that if this is done, it can't be discussed for a month.

*The CEO left the Chamber at 6.14pm*

*The CEO returned to the Chamber at 6.15pm*

## 6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

6.1 Councillor Cocking Item 15.3.1 – UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Public Art Advisory Committee – 14 April 2021

6.2 Councillor Cocking Item 15.3.2 – UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Public Art Advisory Committee – 12 May 2021

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting held on 11 May 2021

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Paterson

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held Tuesday 11 May 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.**

CARRIED (21669)

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

7.2.1 Councillor Melky – Community Safety

Councillor Melky advised that at the 11 May 2021 Ordinary meeting that he would be forwarding a Motion around community safety and making the Northern Territory Government accountable. Since then, the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) following the annual conference, has written to the Minister to follow through with a separate resolution addressing the same issue. Instead, a collaborative approach will be made with the other Councils.

The Mayor advised that there is a meeting with the LGANT CEO and President on Friday which all Elected Members have been invited to attend.

7.2.2 Councillor Cocking – Item 13.1 – Technical Services Report

Councillor Cocking asked if the Sustainability Policy would be better sitting under the Corporate Services directorate rather than Technical Services?

CEO responded that consideration can be made to this request.

7.2.3 Councillor Banks – Item 15.1 – Asset Management Plan

Councillor Banks advised that she has not yet received a copy of the Asset Management Plan.

The CEO responded that he believes it was emailed but will confirm that it was sent.

7.2.4 Councillor Banks – Item 16.1 – Skate Park

Councillor Banks raised safety concerns regarding the Skate Park painted surface.

The CEO and Manager Developments took the question on notice but advised that Officers have been working with others to find a solution to the Skate Park surface issues.

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*Councillor Melky left the Chamber at 6.22pm*

*Councillor Melky returned to the Chamber at 6.25pm*

### 7.2.5 Councillor Banks – Item 16.6 – Electronic Signage

Councillor Banks asked if the safety of the brightness of the electronic signage on the Centrepont building has been assessed?

CEO responded that correspondence has been sent to the owner around the brightness, but is unsure if a response has been received.

### 7.2.6 Councillor Banks – Item 16.8 – Traditional Owner Foot Patrol.

Councillor Banks asked for the minutes to include the statistics that were presented in the report (Item 30.3)

## **Week 1 – Week 6**

### Night- time shift (between 2000 hrs to 0200 hrs)

- The TO night shifts take place Wednesday to Saturday every week.
- The work planning for first two weeks was, 2X team leaders, 3X team members plus 1X Ranger which rolled on to Week 3 and 4.
- In Week 5 & 6, the team just started to reach required numbers to facilitate an evening and morning shift. Evening shifts 1x team leader 4x team members with Talice guards with a follow up morning shift 1x team leader 2x team members with 1x ILO.
- The total number of people interacted recorded till Week 6 is 357.

Adult - 85 Children - 84 Total =169 	Adult - 34 Children- 154 Total = 188 
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*Councillor Paterson left the Chamber at 6.28pm*

*Councillor Paterson returned to the Chamber at 6.30pm*

## 8. MAYORAL REPORT

### 8.1 Mayor's Report

Report No. 368 / 21 cncl

Moved – Councillor Auricht

Seconded – Councillor Melky

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

CARRIED (21670)

8.2 Business arising from the Report

8.2.1 Councillor Melky

Councillor Melky, in his role as President of the Rotary Club of Alice Springs, presented Mayor Ryan with a Certificate of Thanks from the Henley on Todd committee for his support of the event.

8.2.2 Councillor Cocking – Item 1.21 – Meeting with Charles Darwin University

The Mayor advised that the Charles Darwin University Professor Scott Bowman AO, Vice-Chancellor has recently commenced in this role and this meeting was part of his visit to Alice Springs.

8.2.3 Councillor Cocking – Item 22 Meeting with Central Land Council

The Mayor advised that this meeting was to discuss CLC and Council connecting the leadership in Alice Springs to work towards bettering the town.

8.2.4 Councillor Cocking – Item 1.26 – Meeting with Flinders Medical School

This meeting was to discuss with the recently appointed Dean Council's views on the Flinders Medical School and what it brings to the town. Also, to discuss other projects the School can be involved in in Alice Springs.

*Councillor Banks left the Chamber at 6.32pm*

*Councillor Banks returned to the Chamber at 6.34pm*

8.2.5 Councillor Cocking – Item 1.31 – Bob Liddle OAM and Hexacon Energy

This meeting was to discuss potential future development in and around Central Australia. Once the information is received from Hexacon Energy, the Mayor will present a report.

8.2.6 Councillor Paterson – Item 1.28 – Meeting with Maree de Lacey

The Mayor met with Ms de Lacey to discuss future training and understanding of that training especially with the new Local Government Act coming into play.

8.2.7 Councillor Paterson – Item 3.12 - Box Rally BBQ

Mayor Ryan participated in the Men's Shed BBQ as part of the Box Rally event leaving from Alice Springs.

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 - Skate Park Users Working Group presentation of motion

9.1.2 Councillor Cocking - Official Memorial for Mr Nelson as part of the next meeting

The CEO will request a piece from CLC and included in the 8 June Ordinary meeting.

9.1.3 Councillor Banks – Skate Park and Federal Funding

Deferred to Confidential.

9.1.4 Councillor de Brenni – Skate Park presentation of motion

The CEO responded that he will need to meet with the user group beforehand but that Council will move as quickly as possible to get the Skate Park re-opened.

*Councillor Melky left the Chamber at 6.47pm*

*Councillor Melky returned to the Chamber at 6.50pm*

10. DEPUTATIONS

10.1 Incite Arts, Virginia Heydon – Unbroken Land 2020

Ms Heydon presented three of the videos which were produced with support from the grant received via Council with the theme being around water.

Elected Members praised and thanked Ms Heydon for her ongoing work in engaging the community through the arts.

11. PETITIONS

Nil

12. MEMORIALS

Nil

13. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Nil

14. FINANCE

14.1. Finance Report  
Report No. 370 / 21 cncl

Moved – Councillor Auricht  
Seconded – Councillor Melky

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

CARRIED (21671)

14.1.1 Business arising from the Report

14.1.1.1 Councillor Auricht congratulated Officers on the quantity of projects delivered within the community and the achievements of Council.

14.1.1.2 Councillor Auricht acknowledged the payment of rates being at 91% which is a positive reflection on the community following on from COVID-19 and asked if this payment percentage is higher than in previous years?

The CEO took the question on notice.

14.1.1.3 Councillor Melky asked the CEO around the approval of the Municipal Plan as to why it isn't being discussed in the Open portion of the meeting?

The CEO responded that it is standard practice for Council to discuss the Municipal Plan in the Confidential portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ryan added that due process needs to be followed and therefore discussed in Confidential.

*Deputy Mayor Price left the Chamber at 7.07pm  
Deputy Mayor Price returned to the Chamber at 7.08pm*

*Councillor Paterson left the Chamber at 7.09pm  
Councillor Paterson returned to the Chamber at 7.10pm*

14.1.1.4 Councillor Paterson asked for a breakdown on the Capital Projects.

The CEO took the question on notice.

- 14.1.1.5 Councillor Banks asked for the line-by-line and draft final budget. Director Corporate Services responded that the documents had been email to the Elected Members on the 24<sup>th</sup> May. Mayor Ryan advised that all the budget meeting information has been available on Diligent. Discussion ensued. Director Corporate Services reiterated that the Municipal Plan is a draft document for 21 days whereby changes can be made before finally being adopted by Council.

15. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

15.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

15.1.1. CEO Report  
Report No. 370 / 21 cncl

Moved – Councillor Banks  
Seconded – Councillor Paterson

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

CARRIED (21672)

15.1.2 Business Arising from the Report

15.1.2.1 Councillor Banks – Item 1 – Alice Plaza

The CEO responded that he met with John Huigen and that he is awaiting the discussions from that meeting in writing.

15.1.2.2 Councillor Banks – Item 3 – CARGO

Councillor Banks asked what are the next steps with CARGO, when will an update come back to Council to set the direction?

The CEO responded that the rationale around CARGO has been included in the Confidential portion of his report. Other information has also been made available which the CEO would happily share with Councillor Banks at a future time.

Councillor Banks asked around next steps on the formalizing of the direction of CARGO and next stages.

CEO took question on notice.

15.2.2.3 Councillor Melky

Councillor Melky asked for the employee figures such as the percentage of indigenous staff and employees in and out be re-introduced into the CEO report. Councillor Cocking agreed that this information is useful.

Councillor Melky asked what is the expectation of the individuals meeting the CEO? Do they all need to be presented to the Elected Members?

The CEO responded that it depends on the meeting and if the Elected Members wish to know more, they can request that information from the CEO.

Discussion ensued.

15.1.2 Call for Nominations to the Development Consent Authority  
Report No. 372 / 21 cncl

- A. That Council nominates an Elected Member to represent the Alice Springs Division of the Development Consent Authority; and**
- B. That Council forwards the above nomination and a short biography to Minister Lawler no later than Friday 4 June, 2021**

DEFERRED

15.1.3 Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Call for Nominations to the Minister's Advisory Council for Senior Territorians  
Report No. 373 / 21 cncl

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Satour

- A. That Council nominates Elected Member(s) in response to the LGANT call for nominations to be a member of the Advisory Council for Senior Territorians; and**
- B. That Council forwards the above nomination and a short biography to LGANT no later than Monday 31 May, 2021**
- C. That Councillor de Brenni be nominated for the position to the Minister's Advisory Council for Senior Territorians.**

CARRIED (21673)

15.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

15.2.1 Draft Municipal Plan and Budget

Report No. 374 / 21 cncI

*Item transferred from Agenda Item 28.2.1*

Moved – Councillor Paterson

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

- A. That Council endorse the draft 2021/22 Municipal Plan and Annual Budget as presented, for the purpose of public consultation. and;**
- B. That pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the *Local Government Act*, and Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations*, the decision, report and attachments, be held in-confidence until presented by the Mayor and CEO on Wednesday 26th May 2021, following this time the decision, report and attachment will be made public on Council's website.**

CARRIED (21688)

Councillor Melky called for a division.

FOR

Councillor Paterson

Councillor Cocking

Councillor de Brenni

Councillor Auricht

Deputy Mayor Price

Mayor Ryan

AGAINST

Councillor Melky

Councillor Banks

Councillor Satour

*Councillor Cocking left the Chamber after declaring a Conflict of Interest at 7.53pm  
Councillor Cocking returned to the Chamber at 7.58pm*

15.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

15.3.1 UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Public Art Advisory Committee - 14 April 2021

Moved – Deputy Mayor Price

Seconded – Councillor Melky

**That the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee held on 14 April, 2021 be received and noted.**

CARRIED (21674)

15.3.1.1 Parks Artwork EOI (Agenda Item 4.8)

Moved – Deputy Mayor Price

Seconded – Councillor Melky

**That the EOI submission from J9 Stanton be accepted to develop the concept proposal from the Parks artwork.**

CARRIED (21675)

15.3.2 UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Public Art Advisory Committee – 12 May 2021

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Auricht

**That the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee held on 12 May, 2021 be received and noted.**

CARRIED (21676)

Councillor Melky asked about the decision on the Skate Park mural and what is the result of the action of the graffiti boards?

The Mayor responded that it has been a request of the committee and the cost stems from the type of boards and materials used.

Councillor Banks requested this item to be deferred due to the issues around the Skate Park.

Councillor de Brenni asked if the Skate Park upgrades can be based around the graffiti wall?

15.3.2.1 ASALC Concept Design (Agenda Item 4.1)

Moved – Councillor de Brenni  
Seconded – Councillor Satour

**That the concept design from Karine Trembley for the ASALC artwork be accepted to progress to the design development stage.**

CARRIED (21677)

15.3.2.2 Graffiti Board Installation (Agenda Item 5.5)

Moved – Councillor de Brenni  
Seconded – Councillor Satour

**That Council approves the installation of two graffiti board at the Skate Park, estimated to cost \$10,000**

DEFERRED

15.3.2.3 Parks Artwork EOI (Agenda Item 5.7)

Moved – Councillor Banks  
Seconded – Councillor Melky

**That the EOI submission from Elliot Rich and Mark Twohig be accepted to develop the concept proposal for the Parks artwork.**

CARRIED (21678)

Mayor Ryan called for a division.

FOR

Councillor Melky  
Councillor Paterson  
Councillor Cocking  
Councillor Satour  
Councillor de Brenni  
Councillor Auricht  
Deputy Mayor Price  
Councillor Banks

AGAINST

Mayor Ryan

15.4 TECHNICAL SERVICES

15.4.1 Climate Action Plan Q3 Report  
Report No. 364 / 21 cncI

Moved – Councillor de Brenni  
Seconded – Councillor Satour

**That this report be received and noted**

CARRIED (21679)

15.4.2 UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Development Committee - 4 May 2021

Moved – Councillor Auricht  
Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

**That the minutes of the Development Committee meeting held on 4 May, 2021 be received and recommendations adopted.**

CARRIED (21680)

15.4.3 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Special Meeting of the Parks Advisory  
Committee – 12 May 2021

Moved – Councillor Paterson  
Seconded – Councillor Cocking

**That the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parks Advisory Committee held on 12 May, 2021 be received and recommendations adopted.**

CARRIED (21681)

16. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

17. GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 Notice of Motion

Moved – Councillor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Melky

**That Council Officers work with the Skate Park Users Working Group to expediate interim and long-term solutions that meet user and expectations with urgency.**

CARRIED (21682)

17.2 Notice of Motion

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

**That Council Officers establish a Skate Park Working Group.**

CARRIED (21683)

18. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

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

19. NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday 8 June 2021 at 5.30pm (Corporate Services)**

20. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at **8.05pm**

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Satour

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

CARRIED (21684)

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CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_