

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE FOURTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2022 IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

13. RESUMPTION OF MEETING IN OPEN

14. Opening of the Open Meeting by the Mayor (Chair) and Acknowledgement of Country

Mayor Matt Paterson declared the meeting open at **11:07am** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

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

Mayor Matt Paterson reminded that this meeting is being recorded and will be placed on Council's website. By speaking at a Council meeting, you agree to being recorded. Alice Springs Town Council accepts no liability for any defamatory or offensive remarks or gestures made during the course of this Council meeting.

Media present – ABC Alice Springs

PRESENT

Mayor M. Paterson (Chair)

Deputy Mayor E. Melky

Councillor M. Banks

Councillor A. Bitar

Councillor S. Brown

Councillor J Cocking

Councillor M. Coffey (via Zoom)

Councillor K. Hopper

Councillor M. Liddle

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R. Jennings – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Ms S. Taylor – Director Corporate Services and Acting Director Community Development

Mr M. Goode – Acting Director Technical Services

Ms S. Sherry – Manager, Finance

Mr A. Geppa – Media Officer

Mrs E. Williams – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

15. PRAYER

Katy Spakman from the Living Hope Church

16. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

17. WELCOME

18. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

18.1 Presentation by the Northern Territory Grants Commission

Donna Hadfield, Deputy Chair & Executive Officer of the NT Grants Commission gave an overview of the function of the NT Grants Commission accompanied by:

Meeta Ramkumar, Commissioner / Ex –Officio

Kaye Thurlow, Commissioner

Brian Pedwell, Deputy Commissioner

Matt Paterson, Deputy Commissioner

18.2 Presentation to the Community Grants (2022 Round) Recipients

Organisation

Community Assistance Grant

Birth and Beyond Parent Resource Centre	Central Australian Community Toy Library Inc
Alice Springs Netball Association	Neighbourhood Watch NT
Prison Fellowship Australia	Alice Springs Malayee Association (AMA)

Community Development Grant

Women's Museum of Australia	Central Craft
Tangentyere Artists	Alice Springs World Chamber Orchestra
Central Australian Rough Riders	Incite Arts
Friends of Araluen Inc.	Olive Pink Botanic Garden
Centralian Senior College	Foodbank SA – Central Australia

Araluen Access Grant

Central Australian Art Society	Australian Dance Academy
Sadadeen Primary School	Alice Springs Quilting Club Inc

Youth Development Grant

Alice Springs Clay Target Club

Guts Dance // Central Australia (GUTS)

Sustainability Initiatives

Alice Springs Aeromodellers

18.3 Teddy McDiamond read an open letter on behalf of the community.

Councillors,

*Alice Springs Town Council
93 Todd Street
Mparntwe (Alice Springs), NT*

In response to recent transmisogynistic and transphobic statements by some federal candidates in the upcoming federal election, relating to the involvement of trans & gender diverse people in sport, and their public endorsement by an NT federal candidate, we, signed below, call upon the ASTC and individual Councillors to:

- 1. Alice Springs Town Council release a public statement of support for the inclusion of trans & gender diverse people, including brotherboys & sistersgirls, in all sports in the Northern Territory, and publicly express opposition to transphobia & transmisogyny generally.*
- 2. Alice Springs Town Council review its policies regarding trans & gender diverse inclusion generally, anti-discrimination, and active support measures at a local government level, to be guided/consulted by trans & gender diverse people.*

Versions of this letter will be sent to all candidates in the upcoming federal election in the NT, territory & local governments, and NT sports leagues, on behalf of the signatories, who will have the opportunity to publicly support the trans & gender diverse community, and announce commitments to improving trans & gender diverse inclusion.

Signed,

Amelia Brashaw	AFL
Nic Carson	Alice Community Amateur Basketball
Elyse constable	Alice Springs football
Hayley	Alice springs women's soccer league
Georgia	Ally
Jasmine	Ally to trans people andmember of the LGBTQIA+ community
R Prunty	Basketball
Francesca	Centrals

Alex Vaughan	Citizen
Caz	Concerned NT resident who is against discrimination and bullying and pro inclusion
Kim Hopper	Councillor ASTC
Hayley	Dance (me), soccer (mykid)
Blim	Feds footy, Nyirripi demons, AS Squash, Alice Springs Community Amateur Basketball
Hannah Taylor	FICA W league soccer Alice Springs
Emma	Grubs
Sara Maiorino	Grubs FC
Ace Goddard	Grubs FC, local league football, swimmer
Rachel	Grubs soccer team
Beth Sometimes	Grubs team player
Elizabeth Smith	Grubs, Soccer
Blue	I don't play team sport because there are none that have policies/awareness around trans inclusion
Gabriel Curtin	NA
Brooke O'Connell	Netball
Scoutt Winter	Nipaluna/Hobart Queer Sporting Alliance (basketball) member
Chris	None
Maddison	North Fremantle
Maia Wallace	North Fremantle
Carissa	North Fremantle AFL
Emma Buckley Lennox	NT Greens
Tess Vincent	Player for Stormbirds FC Grubs in Mparntwe
Lucy	Registered nurse
Georgie Sutton	Soccer player - grubs
Elliot Raphael	Social sport in Alice Springs
Hannah	Stormbirds FC
Anna McCauley	Stormbirds FC (Grubs)
Violet Avena	Stormbirds FC (grubs)
Hannah Ekin	supportive community member
Anna Flouris	Tennis
Jorgen Doyle	Termites indoor futsal team, 7 a side summer soccer
Tam Hanson	The grubs
Mo	The Grubs (women's soccer league), Termites (mixed indoor soccer league)
Tess Newport	The Grubs soccer team support
Benicia Acevedo	The Vikings- soccer club
Tully McIntyre	Thorny Devils - Storm-birds Club.

Teddy	Trans action group
Jazmin Willson-Wait	Verdi Soccer Club
Leah Heritage	Verdi Soccer Team
Heather Edmonds	Verdi women's footballteam
Charlie Freedman	Westies footy, termitesfutsal
Kiri Davies	Women's soccer league - Grubs(Stormbirdsclub)

19. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Nil

20. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

20.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting held on 22 March, 2022

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 22 March, 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED (22155)

20.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

20.2.1 Councillor Cocking – Item 8.2.1 – Youth Apprenticeships Program

Councillor Cocking asked for the document to be re-circulated.

The Mayor responded that it is located on Diligent but that another copy would be distributed.

20.2.2 Councillor Cocking – Community Safety Summit

Councillor Cocking asked for an update on the Community Safety Summit.

The Mayor responded that the process has commenced and a willingness has been expressed by the Northern Territory Government but that Council are awaiting formalisation.

20.2.3 Councillor Hopper – Item 26.2.1 – Review of Term Deposits

Councillor Hopper asked about the timing of the review on the Term Deposits and the divestment before maturation.

The Director Corporate Services and Acting Director Community Development responded that this process has commenced.

Discussion ensued.

21. MAYORAL REPORT

21.1 Mayor's Report
Report No. 56 / 22 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That the Mayor's report be received.

CARRIED (22156)

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That Council support the Central Australia Show Society (CASS) for the 2022 Alice Springs Show for the amount of \$20,000 and that the amount requested be transferred from the Working Capital Reserves

CARRIED (22157)

Discussion ensued.

21.2 Business Arising from the Report

21.2.1 Councillor Banks – Attachment 4 – Letter from Senator Bridget McKenzie

Councillor Banks gave an overview of the meeting with Bridget McKenzie where she and the Deputy Mayor attended the presentation at the Chamber of Commerce.

22. ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

22.1.1 Councillor Hopper – Regional Skate Park naming

22.1.2 Councillor Hopper - Policy Review around Inclusive Language

22.1.3 Deputy Mayor Melky - Regional Development Australia NT – Seed Funding Opportunity.

22.1.4 Councillor Coffey – Henley on Todd

23. MEMORIALS

Nil

24. PETITIONS

Nil

25. NOTICES OF MOTION

25.1 Deputy Mayor Melky – Funding Plan

The Alice Springs Mayor Matt Paterson has tasked me with researching a pathway to fund a project that involves the development of new and upgrading existing Council infrastructure for our Library, Parks and CBD revitalisation. It is proposed that a total amount of \$15,000,000.00 could be achieved through the following opportunity.

Firstly, the Council would look to a lending facility to borrow a minimum of \$5,000,000.00 and then look to the NTG and Federal Government to co fund the agreed project by providing matching grants of a minimum of \$5,000,000.00 each, with the strong possibility of a higher amount should council choose to borrow more than \$5m.

During our recent Long-term Finance planning it was highlighted that any plans to build new, upgrade existing or maintain infrastructure will add to the already challenging future financing of such projects.

I propose this finance strategy that will assist in funding such projects with the help of NTG and Federal Lending and Grant funding programs, while at the same time creating relief on our rate payers into the future.

One example is the NAİF which will allow us to create a loan with better financial loan support than what may be available from regular Funding Institutions at current commercial interest rates.

The matching grants will add to our ability to fund new and upgrade existing infrastructure in the areas of the Library, CBD revitalisation and Parks. These areas have been identified by the Mayor as key infrastructure and town development areas often mentioned and regularly considered as priority by other elected members. It is his desire to ensure as a collective, we get things done that we have all spoken about at some point in time as a priority. If we are successful we can be a can-do Council that achieves for our community.

The purpose of this motion is to seek support from elected members and ensure a budget line is created, following which we can work through and firm the project development planning details pending a successful loan and grant application.

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Mayor Paterson

- A. That Council apply to the relevant Northern Territory Government Minister to authorise Council to borrow an amount of money, no less than \$5,000,000.00 and up to an amount considered feasible in line with an approved Council project**
- B. Apply to a suitable Lending institution and or to a Government Division That provides loans, such as the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAİF)**
- C. Create a new budget line for the minimum amount of \$200,000.00 ongoing, for the purpose of making ongoing interest payments for the term of the loan**
- D. Approach the NTG and the Federal Governments for matching Grants minimum of \$5m each.**

CARRIED (22158)

Discussion ensued.

25.2 Councillor Banks – Minuting of Meetings

Forum: A place for discussion.

Workshop: A brief, intensive course of education for a small group, emphasizing interaction and practical problem solving.

Legislation Database (nt.gov.au)

Section 101 - Minutes

1. The CEO must ensure that proper minutes of meetings of an audit committee, a council, a council committee and a local authority are kept.
2. The minutes must be in writing and:
 - (a) must set out:
 - (i) the names of the members present at the meeting; and
 - (ii) the business transacted at the meeting; and
 - (iii) any confidential business that was considered at the meeting; and
 - (iv) any other information required by regulation; and
 - (b) must include references to any written reports or recommendations considered in the course of the meeting together with information about how to obtain access to the reports or recommendations.
3. The audit committee, council, council committee or local authority must, at its next meeting, or next ordinary meeting, confirm the minutes (with or without amendment), including any confidential business considered at the meeting, as a correct record of the meeting.
4. The minutes of an audit committee, a council committee or a local authority must be tabled at the next meeting of the council.
5. The minutes of a local authority must be included in the agenda for the next ordinary meeting of the council and the council's response to those minutes must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the council.
6. The council must report back to the local authority on its response to the local authority's minutes.

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That all meetings of Council, including Workshops and Forums, are minuted in accordance to Section 101 of the Northern Territory Local Government Act 2019,-and presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council for resolution.

WITHDRAWN

Moved – Councillor Banks
Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

That the Motion be withdrawn

CARRIED (22159)

Moved - Councillor Cocking
Seconded – Councillor Banks

That all workshops and forums have notes taken and agreed actions shared via email to Elected Members along with the link to the recording.

CARRIED (22160)

*Councillor Liddle left the Chamber at 12.07pm
Councillor Liddle returned to the Chamber at 12.10pm*

Discussion ensued.

26. FINANCE

26.1 Finance Report Report No. 49 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Coffey
Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22161)

26.2 Business Arising from the Report

26.2.1 Councillor Hopper – Streetlights Power account

Councillor Hopper asked the Director Corporate Services and Acting Director Community Development asked why the streetlight power account is double the amount this quarter from the previous period.

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

26.2.2 Councillor Hopper - Contractor payments and tallying of services/suppliers

Councillor Hopper asked for the tallying of suppliers/contractors be presented which will assist in capturing the data of each supplier.

The CEO responded that the presentation of data is in line with the Act.

Discussion ensued.

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

26.2.3 Councillor Coffey – ASALC Electricity Account

Councillor Coffey asked if the solar issues are any closer to being resolved.

The Director Corporate Services and Acting Director Community Development responded that Council are still working through the issues.

Councillor Coffey went on to ask for a timeline. The Director Corporate Services and Acting Director Community Development took the question on notice.

26.2.4 Councillor Coffey – Netball Stadium Flooring Maintenance

Councillor Coffey asked for more detail around the 50/50 split as presented in the papers.

The CEO responded that this has been resolved and that practices around caring for the floor have been reviewed and revised.

Discussion ensued.

27. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

27.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

27.1.1 CEO Report
Report No. 54 / 22 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That the CEO report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22162)

27.1.2 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

27.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

27.2.1 Budget Revision April 2022
Report No. 58 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Banks

That Council adopts the amendments to the budget as detailed, pursuant to Section 203 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

CARRIED (22163)

27.2.2 Business Arising from the Report

27.2.2.1 Councillor Cocking – Budget Revision Process

Councillor Cocking asked for clarification around the process.

The CEO gave a response around how the figure came to be.

Discussion ensued.

27.2.2.2 Councillor Coffey – Capital Transfers

Councillor Coffey asked what the \$1.5m Capital Transfer was?

Manager Finance responded that it came from Council Resolutions that have been raised during the year.

Discussion ensued.

The CEO will provide the detail and previous resolutions of Council.

Councillor Bitar left the Chamber at 12.59pm

Councillor Bitar returned to the Chamber at 1.02pm

Councillor Brown left the Chamber at 1.03pm

Councillor Brown returned to the Chamber at 1.04pm

27.2.3 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

27.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

27.3.1 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Tourism, Events and Promotions
Committee – 31 March 2022

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

**That the minutes from the Tourism, Events and Promotions
Committee held on 31 March, 2022 be received.**

CARRIED (22164)

27.3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Banks gave an overview of the recommendations and why they weren't able to receive the full amounts requested.

Discussion ensued.

Deputy Mayor Melky left the Chamber after Declaring a Conflict of Interest at 1.07pm

Deputy Mayor Melky returned to the Chamber at 1.15pm

27.3.3 Recommendations of Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee – 31 March 2022

27.3.3 (1) Sponsorship Application – Bangtail Muster Parade (Agenda Item 7.1)

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

- A. That Council support the application from Rotary Club of Alice Springs to the value of \$5,000 (incl. GST) for the Bangtail Muster Parade on 2 May 2022, and that Council draw from the Working Capital Reserve to fund the sponsorship.**
- B. That Council review supports provided to local events around Traffic Management Plans and Council’s financial and in-kind contribution for consistency of process.**

CARRIED (22165)

27.3.3 (2) Sponsorship Application – Beanie Festival (Agenda Item 7.2)

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

- A. That Council support the application from the Alice Springs Beanie Festival for the Festival opening night to be held on 24 June 2022 to the value of \$2,500 (incl. GST) from the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee budget.**
- B. That Council support the remaining \$2,500 drawn from the Working Capital Reserve.**

CARRIED (22166)

27.3.3 (3) Sponsorship Application – Sustainable Couture (Agenda Item 7.3)

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

A. That Council support the annual Sustainable Couture parade and marketplace to be held on 26 June 2022 to the value of \$2,500 (incl. GST). from the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee budget.

B. That Council support the remaining \$1,615 to come from the Working Capital Reserve.

CARRIED (22167)

Council broke for lunch at 1.24pm and returned at 1.55pm

27.3.4 Protect Alice Update
Report No. 53 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22168)

27.3.5 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

27.3.6 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Seniors Co-ordinating Committee – 20 April 2022

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Liddle

That the minutes from the Seniors Co-ordinating Committee held on the 20th April, 2022 be received.

CARRIED (22169)

27.3.7 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

27.3.8 Recommendations of Seniors Coordinating Committee – 20 April 2022

27.3.8 (1) Terms of Reference and Committee Membership Update (Agenda Item 5.3)

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Liddle

That the new Terms of Reference be adopted and officers circulate an Expression of Interest for members.

CARRIED (22170)

27.3.9 CONFIDENTIAL Community Grants Program – 2022 Round Report No. 48 / 22 cncI

Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 8.3.1

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Banks

- 1. That Council disapproves the deferred 8CCC Community Radio application for a 2022 community grant.**

CARRIED (22149)

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Banks

- 2. That Council notes the Multicultural Services of Central Australia (MCSCA) grant application is ineligible under current community grant guidelines.**

CARRIED (22150)

27.4 TECHNICAL SERVICES

27.4.1 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Development Committee – 4 April, 2022

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Mayor Paterson

That the minutes from the Development Committee meeting held on the 4th April, 2022 be received.

CARRIED (22171)

27.4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

That the names on the attendance list for Councillor Coffey and Councillor Hopper be corrected

That the spelling of Mayor Paterson to be corrected.

27.4.3 Preliminary Recycled Water Use Report
Report No. 57 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That Council note this report.

CARRIED (22172)

27.4.4 Business Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Cocking spoke to the graph around the low amount of water usage, is this seasonal? Is this volume measured in Megalitres or Kilolitres? It is Kilolitres.

Discussion ensued.

Councillor Hopper asked if there had been any discussions with Power and Water around working with Council?

The Acting Director Technical Services responded that yes, there had been previous conversations.

Discussion ensued.

Councillor Bitar recommended that Minister Lawler be invited to a future meeting / forum to discuss this matter.

Discussion ensued.

27.4.5 Deputy Mayor Melky – Garden Cemetery Road Naming

Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 7.1

A letter was received by Ms Sandy Taylor on the 25th March, 2002 proposing that the road at the Alice Springs Garden Cemetery which runs from the second set of gates on Norris Bell Avenue, past the Sydney Kinsman Monument and on to the Chapel loop be named Sydney Kinsman Drive.

The Family have been approached and have provided their support for the proposal to be put to Council.

This would be a fitting way for Council to honour Mr Sydney Kinsman as a valuable member of our community.

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

That the Alice Springs Town Council accept a proposal as presented by Ms Sandy Taylor to naming the road at the Alice Springs Garden Cemetery which runs from the second set of gates on Norris Bell Drive, past the Monument and to the Chapel loop as “Sydney Kinsman Drive”

CARRIED (22145)

28. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

28.1 Councillor Banks – Pedestrian / Bike path through the Gap

Councillor Banks asked the CEO around the status of a bike / pedestrian path through the Gap.

The CEO responded that this will be discussed at a future Forum

29. GENERAL BUSINESS

29.1 Councillor Hopper – Regional Skate Park

Councillor Hopper asked for clarification around the name of the Skate Park and the use of consistent language and the kind of park be clear to avoid disappointment and confusion within the community.

Mayor Paterson responded that it has stemmed from the language he has used. More discussions will take place at the upcoming community consultations.

Discussion ensued.

29.2 Councillor Hopper – Policy Review Around Inclusive Language

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

- A. A public statement of support by council and councillors for trans inclusion in sport.**
- B. We invite LGBTIQAP+, Sistergirls and Brotherboys present a specific regional diversity and inclusion workshop to all Elected Members.**

CARRIED (22173)

Discussion ensued

Councillor Banks left the Chamber at 2.43pm

Councillor Banks returned to the Chamber at 2.50pm

29.3 Deputy Mayor Melky – Regional Development Australia NT – Seed Funding Opportunity.

Deputy Mayor Melky tabled a funding opportunity through RDANT which has a closing date of the 23rd May, 2022. He will distribute the information to the Elected Member group.

Discussion ensued.

Councillor Banks left the meeting at 2.57pm

Discussion ensued.

29.4 Mayor Paterson – Ilparpa Road Bicycle Path

Mayor Paterson has received a request from a community member asking when the last 500m of bicycle path up to the railway line at Ilparpa in Stage 2 be completed; also, when will Stage 3 commence?

The Acting Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

29.5 Councillor Coffey – Henley on Todd

Councillor Coffey advised that he has received communication from the Henley on Todd organising committee asking if the Kwatja Water Park location will interfere with their event and have asked to be consulted as part of the process.

30. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

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

31. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 24 May, 2022 at 8.30am

32. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Matt Paterson declared the meeting closed at **3.02pm**

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Liddle

The Council stands adjourned.

CARRIED (22174)

Confirmed on _____

CHAIRPERSON _____

Date _____