

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY  
27 JULY, 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 **5.31pm** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

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

Media present Alice Springs News, ABC Alice Springs.

PRESENT

Mayor D. Ryan (Chair)  
Deputy Mayor J. Price  
Councillor G. Auricht (via Zoom)  
Councillor M. Banks  
Councillor J. Cocking  
Councillor E. Melky  
Councillor M. Paterson  
Councillor C. Satour

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R. Jennings – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Mr D. Nellikat – Acting Director Technical Services  
Ms S. Taylor – Director Corporate Services and Acting Director Community Development  
Mrs E. Williams – Executive Assistant (Minutes)  
Mrs K. Sanders - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

2. PRAYER

Pastor Ben Matson from the Alice Springs Christian Family Centre delivered the prayer for the meeting.

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3. APOLOGIES

Councillor J. de Brenni

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

**That the apology be accepted.**

CARRIED (21794)

4. WELCOME

Nil

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Storm Vincent asked about the Skate Park progress and when it may be open again?

The Mayor advised this will be addressed by the CEO later in the meeting.

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

6.1 Deputy Mayor Price – Item 15.3.1 – Many Hands Iltja Ntjarra Steel Works Report No. 408 / 21 cncl

6.2 Councillor Cocking – Item 15.3.3.2 – Karine Tremblay Deputation – Final Concept Presentation, ASALC Mural (Agenda Item 5)

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting held on 13 July 2021

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 13 July 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.**

CARRIED (21795)

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#### 7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

##### 7.2.1 Councillor Banks – Skate Park

Councillor Banks asked for an update on the Skate Park. The CEO advised that it is listed for discussion later in the meeting.

##### 7.2.2 Councillor Cocking – Item 13.2 – Creative Arts Recovery Grants Program Update, Report No. 395/21 cncl

Director Corporate Services Sabine Taylor advised that no response had been received to date.

##### 7.2.2 Councillor Cocking - Item13.5 – Rough Sleeper Program, Report No. 398/21 cncl

Director Corporate Services Sabine Taylor advised that Council is working with Police and other agencies. Once finalised, it will be brought to Council.

##### 7.2.3 Councillor Cocking – Item 16.1 Bike Paths, Herbert Park Footpath

Acting Director Technical Services Dilip Nellikat advised that the works have commenced.

#### 8. MAYORAL REPORT

##### 8.1 Mayor's Report

Report No. 409 / 21 cncl

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

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

CARRIED (21796)

##### 8.2 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

The Mayor thanked the Elected Members individually, the CEO and Directors.

Councillor Melky responded by thanking the Mayor for his work and commitment in his role for the last thirteen years as Mayor of Alice Springs Town Council.

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

9.1.2 Councillor Cocking - Multicultural Action Plan

9.1.3 Deputy Mayor Price – Alternative Pathways program

9.1.4 Councillor Banks – Community Safety / Youth Hub / Arrernte Boxing Academy

10. DEPUTATIONS

10.1 Mr Benjamin Erin – 8CCC Community Radio, Quick Response Grants

Councillor Cocking thanked Ben for his presentation and asked he was able to provide any anecdotal examples of the Arts Quick Response Grant?

Benjamin advised that this was a quick response grant, it would be great to see an ongoing investment from Alice Springs Town Council.

Councillor Melky thanked Benjamin for the work he has done as the Station Manager of 8CCC.

Benjamin responded that 8CCC are currently celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday and are dedicated to providing a continuous practice of providing access and a voice to the community.

Councillor Banks asked about partnering with 8CCC in the future to broadcast Council meetings live. Benjamin advised that 8CCC would be happy to discuss this with Council in the future.

Councillor Paterson congratulated Benjamin and the work of 8CCC for what they bring to the community.

11. PETITIONS

Nil

12. MEMORIALS

Nil

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13. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

14. FINANCE

14.1. Finance Report  
Report No. 404 / 21 cncl

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

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

CARRIED (21797)

14.1.1 Business Arising from the Report

14.1.1.1 Councillor Melky – Cash Reserves, Attachment 2A

Councillor Melky suggested that Council nominees meet with the CEO individually or in groups to discuss project ideas they have to understand if Council has the budget for the projects.

The CEO responded that he is happy to extend that invitation to Nominees.

14.1.1.2 Councillor Cocking – Energy use increases for Library and ASALC

Councillor Cocking asked why the energy use increased especially during the COVID-19 lockdown in 2020.

CEO took the question on notice.

15. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

15.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

15.1.1. CEO Report  
Report No. 411 / 21 cncl

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Satour

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

CARRIED (21798)

15.1.2 Business Arising from the Report

15.1.2.1 Councillor Cocking – Skate Park

The CEO responded that the skate park user group met following the 11 June Ordinary meeting. Convic were consulted and met with the user group at the skate park. A report has been received and there are three options. Council will proceed with option one, which will be under \$100,000.

1. *Have the work done to get everyone skating again. The CEO will speak with Convic to get the work started and will then meet with the skate park user group. Landscaping of the space has commenced. The report identified three levels of skate park – Local, District and Regional. The skate park currently sits in District but could be Regional.*

Councillor Cocking thanked the skating community present at the meeting and thanked Officers for responding in the way they did after being told the surface was dangerous.

The Mayor also thanked Technical Services and Kaitlyn Weekes.

15.1.2.2 Councillor Banks – Skate Park

Councillor Banks asked when the report will be made available to the Elected Members. The CEO responded that he will meet with Convic prior to presenting the report.

Councillor Banks asked about the decision to close the Skate Park and the CEO advised that it was an urgent item for Officers.

Councillor Paterson thanked Technical Services and spoke about the funding of shovel ready projects for 2022.

The CEO responded that the two million is present in the report from Convic.

15.1.2.3 Councillor Melky – Skate Park

Councillor Melky asked the CEO if it would assist by providing a resolution to commence the work during caretaker mode.

The Mayor responded that the costings are within the CEO delegation.

15.1.2.4 Councillor Cocking – Council Connects Newsletter

Councillor Cocking asked if there is any data available around the engagement of the Newsletter.

The CEO took the question on notice.

15.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

15.2.1 Caretaker Policy Review  
Report No. 405 / 21 cncI

Moved – Deputy Mayor Price

Seconded – Councillor Melky

**That Council adopt the revised Caretaker policy provided at Attachment A to this report.**

CARRIED (21799)

15.2.2 Cemeteries Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference  
Report No. 410 / 21 cncI

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Auricht

**That Council endorse the attached Terms of Reference (Attachment B) that include a position for the two local funeral service providers in Central Australia:**

- **Centre Funeral Services, and**
- **Desert Funerals Limited**

CARRIED (21800)

*Deputy Mayor Price left the Chamber at 6.26pm after declaring a conflict of interest*

15.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

15.3.1 Many Hands Itjja Ntjarra Steel Works  
Report No. 408 / 21 cncI

Moved – Councillor Paterson

Seconded – Councillor Auricht

- A. That Council approves the purchase of the five (5) steels works from Itjja Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation.**
- B. That Council withdraw funds from the Public Arts Advisory Committee reserve to the amount of \$23,947 and the balance from the Todd Mall Beautification reserve.**
- C. That Council approves the installation of these works along the Todd River Corridor.**

LOST

The Mayor raised his concerns about this process not going out for EOI to the market place and that the money comes from the CBD Revitalisation fund, rather than the Public Art Fund.

Councillor Paterson suggested that some of the funds come out of the Public Art Fund and that it not all come out of the CBD fund.

Councillor Melky noted that the funds need to be spent out of the correct funds.

Director Corporate Services Sabine Taylor advised that she would need to question the Terms of Reference for the Public Arts Advisory Committee recommending using funds from another budget line.

Discussion ensued.

15.3.1.1 Many Hands Iltja Ntjarra Steel Works  
Report No. 408 / 21 cncI

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Melky

- A. That Council approves the purchase of the five (5) steels works from Iltja Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation.**
- B. That Council allocates funding from the CBD Revitalisation reserve of \$37,947 for the five artworks.**
- C. That Council approves the installation of these works along the Todd River Corridor for \$20,000 from the CBD Revitalisation reserve.**

CARRIED (21801)

*Councillor Paterson left the Chamber at 7.01pm*

*Councillor Paterson returned to the Chamber at 7.03pm*

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

15.3.2 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Public Art Advisory Committee – 14 July 2021

Moved – Councillor Satour

Seconded – Councillor Paterson

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

CARRIED (21802)

The Executive Assistant for Corporate Services is to update the figures in the minutes with the correct figures for the Many Hands Ittja Ntjarra Steel Works.

*Councillor Banks left the Chamber at 7.09pm*

*Councillor Banks returned to the Chamber at 7.11pm*

*Councillor Cocking left the Chamber at 7.10pm declaring a conflict of interest*

15.3.3.2 Karine Tremblay Deputation – Final Concept Presentation, ASALC Mural (Agenda Item 5)

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

**That the concept proposal presented by Karine Tremblay for the ASALC mural wall be accepted, acknowledging feedback that was provided by the Public Art Advisory Committee.**

CARRIED (21803)

*Councillor Cocking returned to the Chamber at 7.11pm*

15.3.4 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee – 15 July 2021

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Satour

**That the minutes of the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee Meeting held on 15 July, 2021 be received and noted.**

CARRIED (21804)

15.3.5 RECOMMENDATIONS of the Tourism, Events and Promotions – 15 July 2021

15.3.5.1 Sponsorship Application – Desert Song Festival (Agenda Item 4.2)

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Paterson

**That Council support the application from Central Australian Singing Inc. for the Desert Song Festival to be held from 10 to 19 September 2021, to the value of \$5,000 from the TEPC**

**budget and Council to identify alternative budget to fund the other \$5,000.**

CARRIED (21805)

15.4 TECHNICAL SERVICES

15.4.1 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Development Committee Meeting – 5 July 2021

Moved – Councillor Auricht

Seconded – Councillor Melky

**That the minutes of the Development Committee Meeting held on 5 July, 2021 be received and recommendations adopted.**

CARRIED (21806)

15.4.2 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Environment Advisory Committee Meeting – 14 July 2021

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Banks

**That the minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 July, 2021 be received and noted.**

CARRIED (21807)

15.4.3 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Parks Advisory Committee Meeting – 20 July 2021

Moved – Councillor Paterson

Seconded – Councillor Melky

**That the minutes of the Parks Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 July, 2021 be received and noted.**

CARRIED (21808)

15.4.4 RECOMMENDATIONS of the Parks Advisory Committee Meeting - 21 July 2021

15.4.4.1 Lyndavale Park

Moved – Councillor Paterson

Seconded – Councillor Melky

**That Council Officers re-engage with the Landscape Architect to refine the proposed quotation and Council fund the consultancy fees from the Parks budget line.**

CARRIED (21809)

15.4.4.2 Tucker Park

Moved – Councillor Paterson

Seconded – Councillor Melky

**That Council demolish the existing footpath at Tucker Park and re-surface the path with concrete.**

CARRIED (21810)

15.4.4.3 Davidson Street – Old East Side Planting

Moved – Councillor Paterson

Seconded – Councillor Melky

**That Council support the request from Alice Springs Landcare Inc. to install a memorial garden at Davidson Street and that Council provide financial support of up to \$2,000.00**

CARRIED (21811)

15.4.4.4 Neat Streets request for park bench at Maynard Park

Moved – Councillor Paterson

Seconded – Councillor Melky

**That Council install a park bench at Maynard Park.**

CARRIED (21812)

15.4.5 Moth Shade Structures – Todd Mall Revitalisation Project – Tender 2021 – 03ST

Report No. 407 / 21 cncI

*(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda item 28.4.2)*

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Paterson

- 1. That tender 2021-03ST be awarded to SWEL PTY LTD for the amount of \$180,391.80 including GST for Option A – Pip McManus**

**Artwork – for the construction of three Moth Shade Structures designed by Susan Dugdale & Associates in the Todd Mall adjacent to Lot 8145, Todd Mall Alice Springs.**

- 2. That the Moth Shade Structures – Todd Mall Revitalisation Project tender 2021-03ST instrument of agreement be signed under Council seal.**
- 3. That the decision in regard to this Moth Shade Structures – Todd Mall Revitalisation Project tender 2021-03ST be moved from Confidential into Open to allow the contract to be awarded.**

CARRIED (21821)

16 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

16.1 Councillor Banks – 8CCC Station Manager and broadcasting

Councillor Banks requested that Council have a conversation with the 8CCC Station Manager regarding the current broadcast and potential in the future to broadcast Council meetings.

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 Councillor Cocking – Multicultural Action Plan

Councillor Cocking asked that Council investigate the opportunity for a Multicultural Advisory Committee through a report to Council.

The CEO Robert Jennings noted the importance of this item.

*Mayor left the Chamber at 7.28pm after declaring a conflict of interest  
Deputy Mayor Price took the role of Chair*

17.2 Deputy Mayor Price – Alternative Pathways program

Deputy Mayor Price advised that Holyoake are keen to support the program going forward. The CEO Robert Jennings responded that he would ensure this is actioned.

*The Mayor returned to the Chamber at 7.31pm*

17.3 Councillor Banks – Community Safety

Councillor Banks raised community safety and requested an updated regarding conversations with the NT Government regarding community safety based on the Council resolution below from the meeting held on 27 October 2021.

***That Council write to the Chief Minister, Michael Gunner, Minister for Territory Families, Kate Worden and the Minister for Education Selena Uibo to coordinate a meeting on a joint response towards community safety.***

CARRIED (21276)

The CEO Robert Jennings confirmed that correspondence has been sent to the Chief Minister and other Ministers with a number of responses being received.

Another letter is being sent this week to the Deputy Chief Minister with regards to Protect Alice. Council is holding regular meetings with the NT Police and officers from the Department of the Chief Minister. Operational meetings are also held between Council Rangers and NT Police around the Rough Sleeper Program.

The Mayor advised that a number of Council officers attend the fortnightly Interagency Tasking and Co-Ordination Group meeting.

*Councillor Paterson left the meeting at 7.37pm declaring a conflict of interest*

17.4 Councillor Banks – Arrernte Boxing Academy

Councillor Banks raised the issue around a suitable space for the Arrernte Boxing Academy and combining it with a Youth Hub.

The CEO Robert Jennings responded that there is a Youth Empowerment Strategy and other negotiations are taking place. A response is pending.

He also advised that an update was provided at the Council meeting held on 13 July 2021: *Youth Program Update Report No. 397/21 cncl*

Council sourced a grant valued at \$16,500 for the Arrernte Community Boxing Academy that is delivering two sessions per week. There have been 333 participants over the 26 sessions.

*Councillor Paterson returned to the meeting at 7.46pm*

17.5 Councillor Melky – COVID-19 Impact on the Tourism Industry

Councillor Melky raised the tourism industry being impacted by COVID-19 lockdowns throughout the country. He asked if Council through the COVID-19 Emergency Fund could allocate, following an application process, \$50,000 to assist those impacted by the border closures.

The Mayor responded that following tonight's meeting, during the caretaker period major funds are unable to be spent.

The CEO Robert Jennings responded that it will take a period of time to investigate the proposal, however officers can prepare a report for the new Council that identifies a framework that could be appropriate.

Discussion ensued.

Councillor Banks responded that there was an underspend of \$60,000 from the Creative Arts Recovery package that could be used.

The Director Corporate Services Sabine Taylor responded that there was a shortfall

but that was part of the 20/21 budget and is no longer available as part of this package.

Discussion ensued.

Councillor Melky put forward the following motion:

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Banks

**That Council make a one-off payment to Tourism Central Australia of \$50,000 from the Tourism reserve fund to assist tourism businesses in financial hardship**

**LOST**

Councillor Melky called for a division.

DIVISION

FOR

Councillor Banks

Councillor Melky

AGAINST

Councillor Satour

Councillor Cocking

Councillor Paterson

Deputy Mayor Price

Councillor Auricht

Councillor Paterson raised his concerns around providing money to Tourism Central Australia when they haven't approached Council to ask for assistance.

17.6 Deputy Mayor Price

Deputy Mayor Price thanked the 13th Alice Springs Town Council and wished those running for the 14<sup>th</sup> Council good luck.

18. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

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

19. NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday 24 August 2021 at 5.30pm (Finance)**

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20. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at **8.11pm**

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Paterson

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

CARRIED (21813)

*Councillor Auricht left the meeting at 8.12pm*

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

CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_