

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE FOURTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER, 2021 AT 7.00PM IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

1. OPENING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

1.1 Opening of the Meeting by the Mayor (Chair)

Mayor Matt Paterson declared the meeting open at **7.00pm** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

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

Media present ABC Alice Springs

PRESENT

Mayor M. Paterson (Chair)

Councillor A. Bitar

Councillor S. Brown

Councillor J Cocking

Councillor M. Coffey

Councillor K. Hopper

Councillor M. Liddle

Councillor E Melky

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R. Jennings – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

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

Mr T. Charlie – Acting Director Technical Services

Mr A. Geppa – Media Officer

Mrs E. Williams - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

Mrs K. Capangpangan – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

2. PRAYER

Nil

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Marli Banks

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Melky

That the apology be accepted.

CARRIED (21845)

4. WELCOME

Mayor Paterson welcomed the outgoing Mayor Damien Ryan to the gallery and thanked him for his 13 years of service and read an overview of his achievements:

“Since the time you commenced on the 20th March 2008 as Mayor, we thank you for your commitment and advocacy for Alice Springs. During this time, you have overseen the terms of three Councils – the 11th, 12th and 13th Councils.

You have been a Mayor who has been keen for action, and to celebrate this “doing” nature, we have identified a list of key projects that you have driven that have and will continue to benefit the community over many years to come.

There have been many key infrastructure projects:

- *Todd Mall revitalisation*
- *Garden Cemetery chapel*
- *Anzac Centenary memorial*

Projects associated with sports and recreation:

- *Netball stadium*
- *Albrecht oval carpark & grandstand*
- *ASALC Splashpad & stage 2 upgrade*
- *\$6.2 sporting upgrades*

Council events and community support:

- *Expansion of night markets and ASTC community events*
- *School bursary program*
- *Development of first art and cultural plan plus public art master plan circa 2015/2016*

Your passion for sustainability projects has shone through:

- *Solar installations above the Civic Centre roof to power the Public Library, above the Civic Centre car park, at the Rediscovery Centre, and at the Aquatic and Leisure Centre. Alice Springs becoming a Solar City*
- *The Glass Crusher*
- *The Cash for containers program (which kick started an NT wide program)*
- *ASTC's first Climate Action Plan*
- *Upgrade of the RWMF. Including the expansion of recycling efforts to landfill (compared to what was before, to now – cardboard, fluorescent tubes, coffee pods, cans, bottles etc) and composting trial.*

We know the one you are particularly proud of is the 2,616 citizenships that you officiated.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

6.1 Councillor Coffey – Item 15.1.1 – CEO Report

7. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting held on 24 August 2021

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 24 August 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED (21846)

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

7.2.1 Councillor Cocking – Item 15.1.2.1 update on old TCA Building

Director Corporate Services and Acting Director Community Development Sabine Taylor responded that there has been no update received from the Northern Territory Government regarding the building.

8. MAYORAL REPORT

8.1 Mayor Ryan's Report
Report No. 12 / 21 cncl

Moved – Councillor Melky
Seconded – Councillor Coffey

That Mayor Ryan's Report be received and noted.

CARRIED (21847)

8.2 Business Arising from the Report

8.2.1 Councillor Cocking – Item 1.7 – Tour of Regional Waste with Minister Trevor Evans MP

Councillor Cocking asked about the tour of the RWMF with Mayor Ryan and Minister Evans.

Mayor Paterson took the question on notice.

9. ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Nil

10. MEMORIALS

Mayor Paterson attended the Police Remembrance Day service on behalf of Council and recited the meaning behind the day:

The first National Police Remembrance Day for police in Australia was held on 29 September 1989.

The seed of National Police Remembrance Day was sown by Commissioner Brian Bull of the Western Australia Police Force, when he sponsored an Agenda Item at the Conference of Australasian Police Commissioners in 1988.

Commissioner Bull, in his address, sad inter alia:

"Law enforcement is a unique procession that should promote pride in service and dedication to duty, fostering a sense of camaraderie among police officers throughout Australia and to a lesser extent, throughout the world".

“A National Police Remembrance Day for police officers killed on duty will encourage police officers and their families to honour the memory of colleagues, who have given their lives in a service to their community and focus public attention on the men and women of the police forces, throughout Australia, whose responsibility it is to ensure peace and good order, and the difficulties they face in bearing that responsibility”.

The conference resolved that 29 September, St Michael’s Day, was the suitable day of remembrance as St Michael is the Patron Saint of Police Officers.

Today, in Australia, National Police Remembrance Day commemorates police officers throughout Australasia and the South-West Pacific region who were killed on duty or who died whilst serving.

11. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

12. PETITIONS

Nil

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14. FINANCE

14.1. Finance Report
Report No. 3 / 21 cncI

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED (21848)

14.1.1 Business Arising from the Report

Councillor Melky asked about the formatting and presentation of the information given as part of the report.

The CEO responded that the new format is guided by the legislation of the Northern Territory Government with the compulsory template but that it can be tailored to best suit the Elected Members.

Councillor Coffey asked about the credit card transactions for Mayor Ryan. The Director Corporate Services and Acting Director Community Development Sabine Taylor responded that it is an administration error which will be amended and the correct information provided.

Councillor Cocking requested a workshop to further understand the new format of the financial reporting.

15. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

15.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

15.1.1. CEO Report Report No. 5 / 21 cncl

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That the CEO report be received and noted.

CARRIED (21849)

15.1.2 Business Arising from the Report

15.1.2.1 Councillor Melky – Item 5 Carolina Silva and Liberty Bridgman (Sprout) re. CARGO

Councillor Melky asked the CEO for background on the meeting with Sprout.

The CEO responded that this meeting was with the graphic designers for CARGO.

15.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

15.2.1 Mayors Casting Vote
Report No. 2 / 21 cncl

Moved – Councillor Melky
Seconded – Councillor Cocking

- A. That this Council adopts the policy that the Mayor may exercise a second or casting vote on any question arising for decision before a meeting of Council in the event that there is an equality of votes on the question; or**

CARRIED (21850)

- B. That this report only be noted (i.e. not adopt the Mayor's casting vote).**

NOT CARRIED

15.2.2 Council Meeting Structure
Report No. 16 / 21 cncl

Moved – Councillor Cocking
Seconded – Councillor Brown

- A. Cease conducting twice a month Ordinary Meetings of Council, and adopt once a month Ordinary Meeting of Council on the fourth Tuesday of each month, to be reviewed in 6 months.**

Option 1 – with a 9.30am start and no later than 2.15pm finish; or

CARRIED (21851)

Option 2 – with a 3.00pm start and no later than 7.30pm finish.

NOT CARRIED

- B. That Council begin this updated structure and reporting cycle as of 26 October 2021.**

CARRIED (21852)

- C. Officers prioritise a report on the implementation of live streaming of Council meetings.**

CARRIED (21853)

Councillor Cocking asked if Council were to go with Option 1, would video-conferencing options be available to allow for public attendance.

The CEO responded that there were explorations being made around radio broadcasting.

The Acting Director Technical Services Takudzwa Charlie advised that an update on equipment is being explored as it will be more than the original \$10k quote received.

Councillor Hopper advised that 8CCC have offered to support the playing of the meetings.

Councillor Melky asked that the decision be deferred for further discussion.

Councillor Brown responded that even though it is a break with tradition holding the meetings during the day, a trial would be welcomed.

Councillor Hopper requested that if going with Option 1 that it be broken down rather than as a complete change.

Councillor Coffey advised that Option 1 supports Officers to be efficient in their roles but asked for the meeting be available for streaming to the public.

Councillor Bitar asked that Option 1 be trialled and that it be made available to the public either through live-streaming or recording.

Councillor Cocking asked for the time for receiving papers be made 5 days rather than the current 3 days.

The CEO responded that Officers will aim for a 5-day turnaround for papers being made available. The only impediment will be the Finance papers being available.

Mayor Paterson responded that with changing the time of the meeting to during the day it still needs to be made available to the public.

The CEO responded that he supports the 6-month trial and that the live streaming proposal will be made a priority.

15.2.3 Annual Election of the Deputy Mayor and Committees
Report No. 1 / 21 cncl

Moved – Mayor Paterson
Seconded – Councillor Hopper

Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2019* Section 95(7) Council can unanimously decide that the vote be done by secret ballot.

CARRIED (21854)

Moved – Mayor Paterson
Seconded – Councillor Hopper

A. That an Elected Member be appointed to be the Deputy Mayor for the year to end August 2022 in accordance with Section 59(2), Section 61(3) and Section 62(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and with council policy ‘Appointment of Deputy Mayor’.

CARRIED (21855)

Moved – Mayor Paterson
Seconded – Councillor Hopper

B. That Elected Members be appointed on Council Advisory Committees and as representatives of Council on external committees for the year to end August 2022, as per the terms outlined in Attachment A and in accordance with council policy ‘Appointment of Representatives to Council Committees’.

CARRIED (21856)

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky
Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That Alice Springs Town Council nominate the Mayor plus one Council Representative to the LGANT Representative Committee.

CARRIED (21857)

Deputy Mayor Position		Council or External Committee	Nomination Mover / Seconded	Elected
Deputy Mayor		Council	Nomination – Councillor Allison Bitar Mover – Councillor Allison Bitar Seconded – Mayor Matt Paterson Nomination – Councillor Jimmy Cocking Mover – Councillor Jimmy Cocking Seconded – Mayor Matt Paterson Nomination – Councillor Eli Melky Moved – Councillor Mark Coffey Seconded – Mayor Matt Paterson	Councillor Eli Melky
Directorate Report Chair / Executive Committee		Council or External Committee	Nomination Mover / Seconded	Elected
CS	Corporate Services Quarterly Directorate Report Chair	Council	Nomination – Councillor Mark Coffey Mover – Councillor Eli Melky Seconded – Councillor Allison Bitar	Councillor Mark Coffey
TS	Technical Services Quarterly Directorate Report Chair	Council	Nomination – Councillor Kim Hopper Mover – Councillor Eli Melky Seconded – Councillor Jimmy Cocking Nomination – Councillor Allison Bitar Mover – Councillor Allison Bitar Seconded – Councillor Mark Coffey	Councillor Allison Bitar

Directorate Report Chair / Executive Committee		Council or External Committee	Nomination Mover / Secondar	Elected
CD	Community Development Quarterly Directorate Report Chair	Council	Nomination – Councillor Kim Hopper Mover – Councillor Allison Bitar Secondar – Councillor Steve Brown Nomination – Councillor Jimmy Cocking Mover – Councillor Mark Coffey Secondar – Councillor Kim Hopper	Councillor Kim Hopper
Internal Consultative Committee		Council or External Committee	Nomination Mover / Secondar	Elected
CS	Risk Management and Audit Committee Mayor + 2 Councillors (Independent Chair) (Quarterly meetings – 4 per year)	Council	Nomination – Councillor Allison Bitar Moved – Councillor Allison Bitar Seconded – Councillor Kim Hopper Nomination – Councillor Jimmy Cocking Moved - Councillor Mark Coffey Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky	Mayor Matt Paterson Councillor Allison Bitar Councillor Jimmy Cocking

Advisory Committee		Council or External Committee	Nomination Mover / Secunder	Elected
CD	<p>Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee Mayor + 3 Councillors (meets the last Thursday of each month at 4:00pm)</p>	Council	<p>Nomination – Councillor Kim Hopper Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Secunder – Councillor Allison Bitar</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Marli Banks Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Secunder – Councillor Allison Bitar</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Coffey Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Secunder – Councillor Allison Bitar</p>	<p>Mayor Matt Paterson Councillor Kim Hopper Councillor Marli Banks Councillor Mark Coffey</p>
CD	<p>Public Art Advisory Committee Mayor + 3 Councillors (meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm)</p>	Council	<p>Nomination – Councillor Allison Bitar Mover – Councillor Mark Coffey Secunder – Councillor Kim Hopper</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Marli Banks Mover – Councillor Mark Coffey Secunder – Councillor Kim Hopper</p> <p>Nomination – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Mover – Councillor Mark Coffey Secunder – Councillor Kim Hopper</p>	<p>Mayor Matt Paterson Councillor Allison Bitar Councillor Marli Banks Deputy Mayor Eli Melky</p>
CD	<p>Seniors Coordinating Committee Mayor + 2 Councillors (meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm)</p>	Council	<p>Nomination – Councillor Michael Liddle Mover – Councillor Kim Hopper Secunder – Councillor Jimmy Cocking</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Steve Brown Mover – Councillor Kim Hopper Secunder – Councillor Jimmy Cocking</p>	<p>Mayor Matt Paterson Councillor Michael Liddle Councillor Steve Brown</p>

Advisory Committee		Council or External Committee	Nomination Mover / Secunder	Elected
CD	<p>Access Advisory Committee (AAC) Mayor + 1 Councillor (meets the last Tuesday, every 3 months at 1pm)</p>	Council	<p>Nomination – Councillor Hopper Mover – Councillor Mark Coffey Secunder – Councillor Allison Bitar</p>	<p>Mayor Matt Paterson Councillor Kim Hopper</p>
TS	<p>Sports Facilities Advisory Committee Mayor + 3 Councillors (meets the last Thursday of every second month at 12:15pm)</p>	Council	<p>Nomination – Councillor Mark Coffey Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Secunder – Councillor Kim Hopper</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Steve Brown Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Secunder – Councillor Kim Hopper</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Michael Liddle Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Secunder – Councillor Kim Hopper</p>	<p>Mayor Matt Paterson Councillor Mark Coffey Councillor Steve Brown Councillor Michael Liddle</p>
TS	<p>Cemeteries Advisory Committee Mayor + 3 Councillors (meets the first Tuesday, every 3 months at 12:30pm)</p>	Council	<p>Nomination – Councillor Steve Brown Mover – Councillor Kim Hopper Secunder – Councillor Mark Coffey</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Allison Bitar Mover – Councillor Kim Hopper Secunder – Councillor Mark Coffey</p>	<p>Mayor Matt Paterson Councillor Steve Brown Councillor Allison Bitar</p>

Advisory Committee		Council or External Committee	Nomination Mover / Secunder	Elected
TS	<p align="center">Environment Advisory Committee Mayor + 3 Councillors (meets the first Monday, every 3 months at 4:30pm)</p>	Council	<p>Nomination – Councillor Jimmy Cocking Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Secunder – Councillor Mark Coffey</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Kim Hopper Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Secunder – Councillor Mark Coffey</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Allison Bitar Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Secunder – Councillor Mark Coffey</p>	<p align="center">Mayor Matt Paterson Councillor Jimmy Cocking Councillor Kim Hopper Councillor Allison Bitar</p>
TS	<p align="center">Parks Coordinating Committee Mayor + 3 Councillors (meet the last Tuesday, every second month at 4:30pm)</p>	Council	<p>Nomination – Councillor Jimmy Cocking Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Secunder – Councillor Steve Brown</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Allison Bitar Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Secunder – Councillor Steve Brown</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Marli Banks Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Secunder – Councillor Steve Brown</p>	<p align="center">Mayor Matt Paterson Councillor Jimmy Cocking Councillor Allison Bitar Councillor Marli Banks</p>

External Committee Required ASTC Representative	Council or External Committee	Nomination Mover / Secunder	Elected
<p>Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council Steering Committee (MoU) Mayor + 3 Councillors (meetings as required)</p>	<p>Council Committee combined with Tangentyere Council</p>	<p>Nomination – Councillor Jimmy Cocking Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Secunder – Councillor Kim Hopper</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Allison Bitar Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Secunder – Councillor Kim Hopper</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Michael Liddle Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Secunder – Councillor Kim Hopper</p>	<p>Mayor Matt Paterson Councillor Jimmy Cocking Councillor Allison Bitar Councillor Michael Liddle</p>
<p>Alice Springs Town Council & Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) Partnership Committee (Agreement) Mayor + 3 Councillors (meetings as required)</p>	<p>Council Committee combined with LAAC</p>	<p>Nomination – Councillor Jimmy Cocking Mover – Councillor Kim Hopper Secunder – Councillor Steve Brown</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Mark Coffey Mover – Councillor Kim Hopper Secunder – Councillor Steve Brown</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Allison Bitar Mover – Councillor Kim Hopper Secunder – Councillor Steve Brown</p>	<p>Mayor Matt Paterson Councillor Jimmy Cocking Councillor Mark Coffey Councillor Allison Bitar</p>
<p>Outback Highway Development Council Inc (Outback Way) Mayor + 1 Councillor (CEO is alternate) Annual membership AGM October 2020 (Monthly meeting by phone & once a year attendance at AGM)</p>	<p>External</p>	<p>Nomination – Councillor Mark Coffey Mover – Councillor Allison Bitar Secunder – Councillor Jimmy Cocking</p>	<p>Mayor Matt Paterson Councillor Mark Coffey</p>

External Committee Required ASTC Representative	Council or External Committee	Elected Member (Incumbent)	Nomination Mover / Second	Elected
<p>LGANT General Representative 2 Council Representatives (2 meetings per year) ASTC may remove or appoint at anytime</p>	External	Damien Ryan Councillor Cocking	<p>Nomination – Councillor Jimmy Cocking Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Second – Councillor Kim Hopper</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Mark Coffey Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Second – Councillor Kim Hopper</p>	<p>Mayor Matt Paterson Councillor Mark Coffey</p>
<p>LGANT Executive Positions Vice President, Executive Board Member</p>	External		<p>Vice-President Nomination – Mayor Matt Paterson Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky Second – Councillor Kim Hopper</p> <p>Board Nomination – Mayor Matt Paterson Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky Seconded – Councillor Mark Coffey</p>	<p>Mayor Matt Paterson</p>
<p>RedHOT Arts Central Australia Inc. 1 Councillor + alternate nomination 3-year term- due to expire Sept 2020(Monthly meetings – 3rd Wed of month)</p>	External	Catherine Satour Councillor Banks (alternate)	<p>Nomination – Councillor Kim Hopper Mover – Councillor Mark Coffey Second – Councillor Steve Brown</p>	<p>Councillor Kim Hopper</p>
<p>Tourism Central Australia</p>	External	Damien Ryan	<p>Nomination – Mayor Matt Paterson Mover – Councillor Kim Hopper Second – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky</p>	<p>Mayor Matt Paterson</p>
External Committee Other - (Current representatives and terms being reviewed for Elected Members no longer on Council)	Council or External Committee	Elected Member (Incumbent)	Nomination Mover / Second	Elected
<p>Alice Springs Art Foundation 1 Council nomination (First Monday of the month at 5:30pm)</p>	External	Jamie de Brenni	<p>Nomination – Councillor Allison Bitar Mover – Councillor Kim Hopper Second – Councillor Steve Brown</p>	<p>Councillor Allison Bitar</p>

External Committee Other - (Current representatives and terms being reviewed for Elected Members no longer on Council)	Council or External Committee	Elected Member (Incumbent)	Nomination Mover / Seconder	Elected
50+ Community Centre Committee 1 Council Representative (Meets monthly) AGM scheduled Monday 5 October 2020	External	Damien Ryan	Nomination – Councillor Kim Hopper Mover – Councillor Jimmy Cocking Seconder – Councillor Allison Bitar	Councillor Kim Hopper
Multicultural Society Alice Springs Request for an ASTC Councillor to be on the Committee will be taken to the next AGM in November 2021.	External		Nomination – Councillor Jimmy Cocking Mover – Councillor Allison Bitar Seconder – Councillor Kim Hopper	Councillor Jimmy Cocking

The following committees are under review:

Development Committee

ASALC

Library Consultative Committee

RWMF

Administrative Review Committee

Australia Day Coordinating Committee

Community Grants / Araluen Access Grants Committee

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 30.1)

Ministerial Appointed Committee ASTC Representative - (Current representatives and terms being reviewed for Elected Members no longer on Council)	Council or External Committee	Elected Member (Incumbent)	Nomination Mover / Secondar	Elected
<p align="center">Development Consent Authority (2-year appointment) 2 ASTC Council Representatives + alternate (meets every 2nd Wednesday each month at 9:00am) Note: Appointed by the Minister for 2-year fixed term until 3rd December 2021.</p>	External	<p align="center">Jacinta Price, Councillor Cocking, Glen Auricht Jamie de Brenni</p>	<p>Nomination – Councillor Allison Bitar Mover – Councillor Steve Brown Secondar – Councillor Michael Liddle</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Steve Brown Mover – Councillor Steve Brown Secondar – Councillor Michael Liddle</p> <p>Nomination – Councillor Cocking Mover – Councillor Steve Brown Secondar – Councillor Michael Liddle</p> <p>Nomination – Jamie de Brenni (community member) Mover – Councillor Steve Brown Secondar – Councillor Michael Liddle</p>	<p align="center">Councillor Allison Bitar Councillor Steve Brown Councillor Jimmy Cocking Jamie de Brenni (community member)</p>
<p>Northern Territory Heritage Council Note: Appointed by the Minister.</p>	External	Damien Ryan	<p>Nomination – Councillor Michael Liddle Mover – Councillor Allison Bitar Secondar – Councillor Jimmy Cocking</p>	<p align="center">Councillor Michael Liddle</p>
<p>Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Note: Appointed by the Minister.</p>	External	Sabine Taylor	<p>Nomination – Sabine Taylor Mover – Deputy Mayor Eli Melky Secondar – Councillor Jimmy Cocking</p>	<p align="center">Sabine Taylor</p>

15.2.4 Elected Member Policies
Report No. 14 / 21 cncI

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

1. That Council rescind the following Elected Member policies:

A. Conflicts Management Policy

CARRIED (21858)

B. Media Relations Policy

DEFERRED

2. That Council adopt the following Elected Member policies:

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

C. Breach of Code of Conduct – Members

CARRIED (21859)

D. Conflict of Interest Policy

CARRIED (21860)

3. That Council defers the adoption of the following Elected Member policies:

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

E. Delegations – Policy for Members

F. Obligations of Council Members

G. Media Policy

CARRIED (21861)

Deputy Mayor Melky recommended that this item be deferred to allow for better reading of the policies presented.

The CEO responded that B, E, F, G could be deferred but that A, C and D would need to be actioned.

15.2.5 Acquittal of NT Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Grant
Report No. 4 / 21 cncI

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That Council authorises the CEO to sign the following acquittals on behalf of Council:

- A. An acquittal for the residual Energy Efficiency & Sustainability Grant of \$103,910 with expenditure of \$111,417.50 provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development to install photovoltaic (PV) solar systems at four of Council’s new change room facilities that are currently under constructions at the ovals of Jim McConville, Flynn Drive, Albrecht and Ross Park. This is the 30 June 2021 final acquittal as required by the funding agreement.**

CARRIED (21862)

15.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Nil

15.4 TECHNICAL SERVICES

15.4.1 Technical Services Report to Council
Report No. 11 / 21 cncI

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

That the Technical Services Report to Council be received and noted.

CARRIED (21863)

Councillor Cocking asked that the Infrastructure Department Report, Project Planner Item I be corrected to say that a 4th flagpole is being installed and not a 5th.

Councillor Cocking asked if the plantings of 118 plants were trees or shrubs? The Acting Director Technical Services Takudzwa Charlie responded that they are trees.

Councillor Bitar asked about the Skatepark repair.

The Acting Director Technical Services Takudzwa Charlie responded that the works are being staged. The contractor is currently being held up by COVID-19 and not able to cross the border.

Councillor Coffey asked if there was a revised completion date for the Skatepark repair?

The Acting Director Technical Services Takudzwa Charlie responded that yes, it will be revised once a better understanding of the contractors travel movements is known.

Councillor Hopper asked if there were any local contractors available to carry out the work.

The CEO advised that there is no one local with the specialty equipment required to do the work.

Discussion ensued.

Councillor Hopper asked about the moths and caterpillars funding being sourced. Is that funding coming from the existing grant for CBD revitalization?

The CEO responded that there are two separate projects – one looked at the shade structures and the other looked at the roundabouts. The CEO went on to explain the project in more depth.

Councillor Brown asked about the tree planting and if there has been an update on the number of trees being planted?

The Acting Director Technical Services Takudzwa Charlie responded that the species list has been updated around those that have less impact on powerlines. Discussions are being had with Alice Springs Nursery around species that will offer better shade without impacting infrastructure.

Discussion ensued.

Further information will be presented at a future forum.

Councillor Hopper asked if there was a propagation scheme.

The Acting Director Technical Services Takudzwa Charlie advised that there is a tree farm next to Albrecht Oval

Councillor Melky left the Chamber at 8.37pm

Councillor Melky returned to the Chamber at 8.39pm

Councillor Hopper went on to ask if Council had a tree canopy target?

The Acting Director Technical Services Takudzwa Charlie took the question on notice.

Cr Cocking asked around the Climate Action Plan and heat mitigation, shade and trees as part of the review process.

The CEO responded that the Northern Territory Government are currently undertaking the CBD revitalization which includes shaded structures and tree planting.

Councillor Bitar asked around the Memorial Cemetery Environmental conditions.

The Acting Director Technical Services Takudzwa Charlie responded that there have been issues around buffel grass control but that work is being done on strategies around better control.

15.4.2 Deputy Mayor Melky – Skate Park

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 30.3)

INTERNAL BRIEFING PAPER

To	Elected Members
From	Robert Jennings - CEO
Subject	Alice Springs Skate Park

The Alice Springs Skate Park was closed on 20 May 2021 due to safety concerns from members of the community. It remains closed today.

A plan for repairs on the Alice Springs Skate Park has been created with works beginning on 8 September 2021. This will include the removal of paint causing the park to be slippery, as well as other necessary repair works such as the repairing of cracks. These works have been identified through an external audit conducted by skate park consultants Convic.

Convic inspected the skate park in person and engaged with users meaningfully while compiling the audit. Due to the nature of the Skate Park and expertise required for the repairs, a specialist contractor is required to undertake the works as recommended by Convic. Council have identified and engaged a suitable contractor, however they are located in regional Victoria with the COVID-19 pandemic delaying the start to works. Council made attempts to seek a local lead contractor in order to expedite the works, however due to the expertise required made the decision that there was not a suitable local option.

A local sub-contractor was engaged to begin intermediate works, predominately the grinding back of paint. Grinding of flat surfaces is complete, however the ramps cannot be completed until the arrival of the interstate lead contractor.

The lead contractor Skatecon has applied for a border exemption pass to allow them into the Northern Territory. It is hoped this would see them arrive on 4 October for 2 weeks quarantine before works take place.

TIMELINE

DATE/RESOLUTION	ACTION
<p>25 November 2019</p> <p>A. That Council carry out trial repairs to the Skate Park on Speed Street with different products and report back to Council with the results.</p> <p>B. Council investigates an inter-changeable modular skate park system for the vacant space at the Southern end of skate park.</p> <p>C. That the inter-changeable modular skate park system [second stage (option B)] is to remain a shovel ready project.</p>	<p>Nigel onsite painting today. Testing repair products. Inviting feedback from users.</p> <p>Public Meeting to be scheduled, options of modular skate park to be provided to users for selection</p>
<p>9 December 2019</p> <p>To take on Part C (above).</p>	<p>Report expected in March TS Committee</p>
<p>27 April 2020</p> <p>A. That Council approves the Skate Park plans in principal</p> <p>B. That Council tables Report No. 58/20ts regarding the proposed extension to the Skate Park at the 2020 / 2021 budget discussions</p> <p>C. That Council identify funding opportunities for the Skate Park extension project.</p>	<p>Council to provide direction on funding project during budget discussions.</p>
<p>14 May 2021</p>	<p>Council emails companies to provide an audit for the skate park and starts to gain quotes.</p> <p>Council provides working group sign-up sheet at Ordinary Council Meeting.</p>
<p>20 May 2021</p>	<p>Council closes the skate park due to safety concerns from the community.</p>
<p>25 May 2021</p> <p>That Council Officers establish a Skate Park Working Group.</p> <p>That Council Officers work with the Skate Park Users Working Group to expedite interim and long-term solutions that meet user and expectations with urgency.</p>	<p>Council officers have met with skate park users and are in the process of forming a working group.</p> <p>Council officers have been proactive in meeting with the Skate park users to explore and action an interim solution consistent with user groups request, while also focussing on a long-term solution.</p>

DATE/RESOLUTION	ACTION
26 May 2020	Council raises Purchase Order for Convic to audit skate park
11 June 2021	<p>Council holds first working group meeting at ASALC. Actions proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove slippery surface completely; - Suppress dust by either concreting or by landscaping the area - Organise for a professional to audit the skate park in order to properly identify the high risk impacts to the skate park; - Open the skate park ASAP; - Long term goals: new skate park.
8 July 2021	Convic arrives in Alice Springs to conduct audit. Council organises for members of the community to meet with Convic to raise concerns and talk about the process of the audit.
23 July 2021	Council receives final issue of audit
28 July 2021	Council provides CONVIC with scope of work to conduct repairs on skate park. CONVIC provides alternative contractors due to availability and COVID-19.
16 August 2021	<p>Skatecon awarded PO for first stage high risk works.</p> <p>Works commencing 13th of September.</p> <p>Skatecon can try for works permit as in rural VIC and driving.</p> <p>Skatecon has everything ready to go to drive to NT, works are still 3 weeks away</p> <p>Local contractor grinding skatepark while Skatecon arrive. Potentially works commence 6 September 2021.</p>
2 September 2021	Skate Park working group meeting has been set up for 4.30pm.
8 September 2021	Local sub-contractor Alice Springs Floors began grinding the flat surfaces of the skate park and completed this work on 10 September. Ramps could not be grinded until Skatecon's arrival.

15.4.3 Acting Director Technical Services Takudzwa Charlie – Kilgariff Two-way Street Naming

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 30.2)

The Acting Director Technical Services Takudzwa Charlie advised that the two-way street naming had been completed and approved by the Place Names Committee for Stage 2 of the Kilgariff Estate.

Road 1 – Aherte Crescent

Road 2 – Unyerre Crescent

Road 3 – Irrarnte Street

Park (yet to be named) – Ankerre Park

16. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

17. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

18. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

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

19. NEXT MEETING

26th October, 2021 at 11.15am

20. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Matt Paterson declared the meeting adjourned at **8.43pm**

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

The Council stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

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Confirmed on _____

CHAIRPERSON _____

Date _____