

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY  
31 AUGUST 2020 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 **6.00pm** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

Alice Springs News, The Centralian Advocate and ABC Alice Springs were present

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

PRESENT

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R. Jennings – Chief Executive Officer  
Mr S. Allen – Director Technical Services  
Ms S. Taylor – Director Corporate Services  
Ms K. Sutton – Director Community Development  
Mrs C. Ashard – Media and Communications  
Mrs E. Williams – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

2. PRAYER

The prayer was read by Dr Steve Bevis, Alice Springs Uniting Church

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Simon Petit asked the following questions regarding the re-zoning of Albrecht Oval:

1. *With respect to Robert's advice that...**"The rezoning process is a requirement for Council to be compliant with its existing use of this space which includes public use of the oval for activities outside sports"**, could you please confirm which "current uses" are non-compliant and need to be addressed by a rezoning? As I understood the **"public use of the oval for activities outside sports"** is allowed in the current PS (Public Open Space) zone (in fact, it was and is the main purpose and intent of "PS" zoned land), as well as "Leisure & Recreation" ie. organised sports on a commercial basis, which was a use already approved in association with the recent previous EDP floodlights process?*

Council have been advised on many occasions by the planning department that the site must be appropriately rezoned to reflect its historical and current use.

2. *Or are you referring to the existing **"horticulture/plant nursery"** use which I note is a "prohibited" use in both the current "PS" and proposed "OR" zones (and which was first commenced sometime between circ Sept 2013 and July 2015 (per Google Earth imagery) and has been an ongoing and expanding operation ever since)?*



The tree nursery will be reviewed following a review in line with the rezoning application.

3. *Are Council looking to remove / relocate this existing “prohibited use” plant nursery as part of the rezoning application? And,*

The tree nursery location will be reviewed following a review in line with the rezoning application

4. *Thereafter redevelop this space as a Park for general public access/use as suggested / recommended in last years, most recent Sports Facility Masterplan?*

A decision regarding the location of the tree nursery will be compiled following a review in line with the rezoning application

5. *Could you also please advise how many previous past” rezoning” applications of ASTC (ie ratepayer) owned land has been processed without elected Councillor’s consideration/motion/resolution/approval?*

Council has no records of previous rezoning applications submitted

6. *Mr Scott Allen (Director Tech Services) recently advised on ABC radio that the rezoning of AO was to align it with other ANZAC, Ross Park, Rhonda Diano sports facilities which were zoned “OR” (Organised Recreation). Given these other facilities (including Jim McConville Oval) are all currently Zoned “PS” (Public Open Space) and not “OR”, which wasn’t previously recognised or perhaps misunderstood, there now appears to be no requirement for rezoning Albrecht Oval to “OR”. Is this the case? And if so, will the current rezoning application be revoked?*

Council have been advised on many occasions by the planning department that the site must be appropriately rezoned to reflect its historical and current use.

7. *Mr Jamie de Brenni (Acting Mayor) advised on ABC radio recently that the rezoning of AO was only to make it “compliant” with the newly minted and implemented 2020 Northern Territory Planning Scheme. From my understanding the Albrecht Oval facility already complies with the requirements of the new 2020 NTPS and previous EDP18/0007 approval (refer following) which allows its’ use for specific “Leisure & Recreation” purposes (refer to attached NTPS zoning matrix), and therefore doesn’t require a rezoning to be “compliant”. Is this not the case, and if not, what are the current non-compliance issues that need to be addressed by a rezoning?*

As per NTPS 2020 the extracts from the definitions below, indicate that uses for **clubs** (sporting) and **Car Park** are listed as prohibited uses in the table provided under zone **PS**. This is consistent with advice from the DIPL planning department to rezone this facility. “**leisure and recreation** means the provision indoors or outdoors of recreation, leisure or sporting activities and includes cinemas, theatres, sporting facilities, gymnasiums and the like as a commercial enterprise but does not include a **club** or **community centre**.” “**club** means premises used by persons associated for social, political, sporting, athletic or other similar purposes for social interaction or entertainment.”

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Planning Act - section 40

EXCEPTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

EDP18/0007

DESCRIPTION OF LAND THE SUBJECT OF THE PERMIT

Lot 06774  
Town of Alice Springs  
8 ALBRECHT DR, LARAPINTA

APPROVED PURPOSE

To use and develop the land for the purpose of leisure and recreation and the installation and operation of 4 x 34.5m high lighting towers (ancillary to leisure and recreation), in accordance with the attached schedule of conditions and the endorsed plans.

8. *Have the other "PS" (Public open Space) zoned ANZAC Oval, Ross Park, Rhonda Diano and Jim McConville "Organised Recreational" sporting facility spaces previous received approval to be used for specific "Leisure & Recreation" purposes, to align them with the requirements of the past and current 2020 NTPS (ie previously "Prohibited" and currently "Impact Assessable" uses in zone "PS" under the current 2020 scheme -refer attached)? If not, will these apparently non-compliant spaces/uses be addressed on a priority application-to-rezone basis (given there may be associated insurance risks for the users)?*

All sporting ovals will be reviewed and recommendations will be made to Council regarding your query pertaining to rezoning

9. *There has also been a suggestion that Albrecht/ANZAC/Ross Park/Rhonda Diano & Jim McConville, which all provide for "Organised Recreational Sports" in the "PS" (Public Open Space) zone, will be rezoned to "OR" in due course. Is this correct, and if so will they be processed via one, all-inclusive concurrent rezoning application to save everyone's (ie the ASTC's, the NT Planning Commission, the NTG Department of Lands & Planning, and ASTC ratepayers) time and resources?*

All sporting ovals will be reviewed and recommendations will be made regarding your query pertaining to rezoning

10. *Given the potential severe and adverse impacts (too many to mention) of "land rezoning" on adjacent, ratepayer owned land, is there not any formal or legal requirement (ie of the Local Government Act or other) for proposals to rezone ASTC (ie ratepayer) owned land to be first considered, motioned and formally resolved/approved by the accountable Elected Members / Councillors at an ASTC Ordinary Meeting? Even if the proposed rezoning is purportedly only for "operational" matters? And finally,*

Council will review its processes and practices for rezoning applications

11. *Should the current proposed rezoning of Albrecht Oval to zone "OR" not be revoked and continue, and in due course be approved by the Minister, will ASTC refuse to accept any future applications for a "liquor license" from the main NT AFL/Cricket sports body users of the site? Or allow such future applications?*

There have been significant changes to the liquor licencing act which are being reviewed by Council

- 4.2 Roxanne Highfold asked the following question regarding the Co-opting Motion:

In 2017, the constituents of the Alice Springs Town Council region voted in the current council members in good faith the Councillors would be representative of their views and desires for a better productive future for Alice. The uniqueness of that election was the council members voted in are from diverse and political backgrounds - this was a clear reflection of our town's diverse population. And, consequently any motions/decisions put forward would be pragmatically considered with robust debate based on a fair and balanced view from Councillors.

A couple days ago, news broke of the Mayor's Jamie de Brenni and Cnr Jacinta Price giving notice of a motion to "co-opt" previous CLP party members Jenny Mostran and Brendan Heenan, as council members. I am deeply troubled as a constituent that the two individuals the Mayor and Cnr Jacinta Price have earmarked for the new council positions have:

1. Not being voted in by the constituents and,
2. If appointed, this can be perceived as 'stacking' the Council in favour of CLP values.

This move could also impact on the previous Council members Damien Ryan, Matt Patterson, Marli Banks and Catherine Satour ability to return to Council as reinstated members.

My question to Council is:

*'Is it usual Council 'business' to allow for co-opting of members before previous Council members get an opportunity to declare their intentions of returning to Council after running in elections?' If so, Why?*

The CEO took this question on notice and will provide a response to Ms Highfold.

## 12. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

13. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting of Council held on Monday 27 July 2020

Moved – Deputy Mayor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Melky

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held Monday 27 July 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of those meetings.**

CARRIED (21136)

6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

- 6.2.1 Deputy Mayor Cocking asked for an update on the questions without notice that were put forward in the July Ordinary meeting, namely;  
Cloth Nappy Rebate. The CEO took this question on notice.  
Illegal Dumping on Crown Land. The Director Technical Services advised that there was no further update at this time.

7. MAYORAL REPORTS AND MINUTES

7.1. Mayor's Report

Report No. 200/20cncI

Moved – Deputy Mayor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Price

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

CARRIED (21137)

7.2. Business arising from the Report

Nil

8. ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

8.1.1 Councillor Melky – Co-opting Policy

8.1.2 Deputy Mayor Cocking – Painting of the Skate Park Surface

9. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

10. PETITIONS

Nil

11. MEMORIALS

A minute's silence was held for Mr Russell Naismith, Alderman from 1996 to 2004 and Deputy Mayor from 2000 to 2001 who passed away on 14 August, 2020.

Russell Naismith born on 17<sup>th</sup> December 1943, former Alderman of Alice Springs for 8 years from 1996 to 2004 and Deputy Mayor from 2000 to 2001, died on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of August, 2020. He was 76 years of age.

Over the years, Russell was involved in many sporting clubs in Alice Springs including the Rovers Football Club. He served locally as President for the Central Australian Football League and Central Australian Rugby League and he later played Indoor Cricket in the Masters Games.

In 1999 Russell was named Centralian of the Year at the Australia Day Centralian Awards.

Russell started the Variety Club Bash events in Alice Springs after being heavily involved with the charity in South Australia.

Russell spent 25 years as a respected prison officer attaining the rank of Acting Superintendent in Alice Springs and Gunn Point. During this time, he instigated the Community Support Program within Correctional Services which still runs today.

Following retirement from Corrections, Russell owned and operated "Naisy's Private Hire" for several years chauffeuring many politicians and dignitaries including the American Minister for Defence and HRH Prince Charles.

Russell's most recent working life was spent serving various bush communities with his signature gusto.

Russell is survived by his wife Maxine, of Alice Springs, and their children, Alana and Rohan, and his former partner Rosemary, of Murray Bridge, and their children, Melinda and Simon.

A celebration of Russell's life was held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 at the Alice Springs Garden Cemetery Chapel.

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

12.1 Co-opting Casual Vacancies as a Result of the Northern Territory Government 2020 Election

Moved – Mayor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Price

RESOLVED:

That Alice Springs Town Council:

- A. Resolves to adopt a Filling of Casual Vacancy Policy that stipulates the requirements for the co-opting of persons to fill casual vacancies under section 39(5) of the Local Government Act 2008.**

DEFERRED  
UNANIMOUS

Moved – Mayor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Price

- B. That Alice Springs Town Council resolves to, in accordance with section 39(5)(a) of the Local Government Act 2008 and the Filling of Casual Vacancy Policy referred to in item A, co-opt four persons to fill the four casual vacancies created by the resignations of four Elected Members for the purposes of contesting the 2020 Territory Election, with each co-opted person appointed to fill the casual vacancy created by the resignation of a specific Elected Member.**

- C. The co-opted members of Alice Springs Town Council referred to in item B are each appointed to fill the relevant casual vacancy until 28 August 2021 or otherwise the date of the next Council general election pursuant to section 39(5) of the Local Government Act 2008, unless and until the relevant resigned Elected Member applies to the Chief Executive Officer to be reinstated to Council in accordance with section 39(6) of the Local Government Act 2008.**

WITHDRAWN  
UNANIMOUS

13. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1. Corporate Services Committee

13.1.1 Minutes from the Corporate Services Committee meeting held 13 July 2020 (Agenda Item 4.1)

Moved – Councillor Auricht

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Cocking

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That the minutes of the Open Section of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on 13 July 2020 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of those meetings.**

(52 cs)

CARRIED (21138)

13.1.2 Corporate Services Directorate Update (Agenda Item 9.1) Report No. 182/20 cs (DCS)

This report provides an update of current Corporate Services projects, programs and events.

Moved – Councillor Auricht

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Cocking

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That the August 2020 Corporate Services Committee Directorate Update Report be received and noted**

(53 cs)

CARRIED (21139)

13.1.3 Acquittal of NT Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Grant (Agenda Item 9.2)  
Report No. 181/20 cs

On 17 June 2020 Council received the Energy Efficiency & Sustainability Grant from 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 report is provided, as required, for Council to formally authorise the CEO to sign the acquittals.

Moved – Councillor Auricht

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Cocking

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

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

**An acquittal for the Energy Efficiency & Sustainability Grant of \$118,642 with expenditure of \$14,732 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 2020 acquittal as required by the funding agreement. The remaining grant funding of \$103,910 has been carried forward to be expended in 2020/21 financial year.**

(54 cs)

CARRIED (21140)

13.1.4 Hardship Policy Review (Agenda Item 9.3)  
Report No. 183/20 cs

This is a report on the scheduled review of the Pandemic Financial Hardship Policy and Public Benefit Concessions Policy for Commercial and Residential Ratepayers.

Moved – Councillor Auricht

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Cocking

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That Council note this report.**

(55 cs)

CARRIED (21141)

13.1.5 Tertiary Education Bursary Policy (Agenda Item 9.4)  
Report No. 184/20 cs

This report provides Council with a draft Tertiary Education Bursary policy for approval.

Moved – Councillor Auricht

Seconded – Councillor Melky

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

- A. That Council note the new Tertiary Education Bursary Policy at Attachment A.**
- B. That Council approves the \$10,000 allocation from cash reserves for tertiary education bursaries to commence in FY21.**

(56 cs)

CARRIED (21142)

Councillor Auricht asked if these funds will be available at the end of this financial year for students, one from each of the four secondary schools? Is Council looking for the schools to nominate or is there a nomination process? Director Corporate Services advised that if approved in this meeting, a budget line will be established. The process around schools and student nomination is yet to be finalised.

CEO left the meeting at 6.29pm

CEO returned to the meeting at 6.31pm

13.1.6 Council Meeting Structure (Agenda Item 9.5)  
Report No. 188/20 cs

As part of the ongoing consideration being given to Council meeting structure, this report provides a proposed, updated structure, aiming to strike a balance between providing Elected Members with an effective means of fulfilling their role, whilst also providing for a more efficient reporting schedule. This will further serve to reduce safety concerns that have been noted by Elected Members and Council Officers.

Moved – Deputy Mayor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Melky

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council to:

- 1. Cease conducting Standing Committee Meetings, and adopt twice a month Ordinary Meetings of Council with a 5:30pm start and no later than 8:30pm finish, on the second and fourth Monday of each month, commencing on 14 September 2020.**
- 2. Adopt a twelve-week cycle of directorate reports, major projects and strategy updates, commencing on 28 September 2020.**

(57 cs)

DEFERRED

*The above Item to be discussed in Item 14.2.1*

Director Technical Services left the meeting at 6.33pm

Director Technical Services returned to the meeting at 6.34pm

13.2 Community Development Committee

13.2.1 Minutes from the Community Development Committee meeting held 13 July 2020 (Agenda Item 4.1)

Moved – Deputy Mayor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Price

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That the minutes of the Open Section of the Community Development Committee meeting held on 13 July 2020 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of those meetings.**

(79 cd)

CARRIED (21143)

13.2.2 Community Development Directorate Update (Agenda Item 9.1)  
Report No. 189/20cd (DCS)

This report provides an update of current Community Development projects, programs and events.

Moved – Deputy Mayor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Price

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the August 2020 Community Development Directorate report be received and noted.**

(80 cd)

CARRIED (21144)

13.2.3 Skate Park Mural Project (Agenda Item 9.2)  
Report No. 191/20cd (MCCD)

This report is in regards to developing a mural at the Alice Springs Skate Park.

Moved – Deputy Mayor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Auricht

RESOLVED:

**That it be a recommendation to Council:**

**That Council endorses the installation of a mural at the Alice Springs Skate Park, with a budget of \$4,000 GST excl.**

(81 cd)

CARRIED (21145)

Deputy Mayor Cocking advised that feedback from users of the Skate Park is that the new painted surface has made it slipperier and that it's unsafe.

Director Technical Services advised that it has already been reviewed but that he would investigate this further.

*CEO left the meeting at 6.35pm*

*CEO returned to the meeting at 6.36pm*

13.2.4 Ranger Vehicle Ergonomics (Agenda Item 9.3)  
Report No. 192/20cd (RU)

This report recommends a mechanical animal lifter to alleviate the work health and safety (WHS) issues to Rangers relating to dog bite and potential musculoskeletal injury when securing uncooperative animals in the vehicle mounted cages.

Moved – Deputy Mayor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Price

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That Council approves the replacement of the current animal management service cages on the Ranger vehicles with ergonomically approved mechanical animal lifting devices.**

(82 cd)

CARRIED (21146)

13.2.5 Minutes - Seniors Coordinating Committee – 15 July 2020 (Agenda Item 10.1)

Moved – Deputy Mayor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Price

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the minutes from the Seniors Coordinating Committee held 15 July 2020 be received and noted.**

(83 cd)

CARRIED (21147)

13.2.6 Minutes - Tourism, Events & Promotions Committee – 30 July 2020  
(Agenda Item 10.2)

Moved – Deputy Mayor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Price

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the minutes from the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee held 30 July 2020 be received and noted.**

(84 cd)

CARRIED (21148)

13.2.7 Minutes - Public Art Advisory Committee – 5 August 2020 (Agenda Item 10.3)

Moved – Deputy Mayor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Price

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the minutes from the Public Art Advisory Committee held 5 August 2020 be received and noted.**

(85 cd)

CARRIED (21149)

13.3 Technical Services Committee

13.3.1 Minutes of Open Technical Services meeting held 13 July 2020 (Agenda Item 4.1)

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Cocking

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That the minutes of the open section of the Technical Services Committee meeting held on 13 July 2020 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting**

(4732 ts)

CARRIED (21150)

13.3.2 Technical Services Directorate Update (Agenda Item 9.1)  
Report No. 176/20ts (DTS)

This report provides an update of current Technical Services projects, programs and events.

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Cocking

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That the August 2020 Technical Services Directorate Update be received and noted.**

(4733 ts)

CARRIED (21151)

13.3.3 Minutes - Cemeteries Advisory Committee - 4 August 2020 (Agenda Item 10.1)

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Cocking

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That the minutes from the Cemeteries Advisory Committee meeting held 4 August 2020 be received and noted.**

(4734 ts)

CARRIED (21152)

13.3.4 Under 20 Weeks – Alice Springs Garden Cemetery (Agenda Item 10.1.1)

Moved – Councillor Melky

Carried – Councillor Price

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That a garden at the Alice Springs Garden Cemetery be named the “Garden of Angels” to remember babies lost before 20 weeks of gestation.**

(4735 ts)

DEFERRED

Director Technical Services has received further information from Pastor Holmes representing the Minister’s Fraternal regarding the name “Garden of Angels”. Following input from Traditional Owners, the recommendation has been made to change the name to Ampe-Kerne (Baby Place).

Following discussion, the item was deferred to allow further consideration at the next Cemeteries Advisory Committee.

13.3.5 Todd Mall Entrance - Re-Award Tender (Agenda Item 20.4)

CONFIDENTIAL Report No. 179 / 20ts (DTS)

*Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 26.3.5*

This report provides Council with an update regarding proposed change of the contractor due to price increases for the Todd Mall Entrance Signage Project.

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Cocking

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That Council endorse Blueprint Constructions to construct the Todd Mall Entrance Sign.**

(4740 ts)

CARRIED (21177)

13.3.6 Hockey Shed Replacement

Confidential Report No. 198/20 cncl

*Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 27.4.1*

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Auricht

RESOLVED

This report provides information about quotes received in regard to the replacement storage shed at the Traeger Park Hockey field

1. **That Council approve the replacement of the existing Hockey Storage Shed at Traeger Park at a cost of \$79,285.00 inc GST by LTC Construction, and**
1. **The decision in regard to this matter be moved from Confidential to Open to allow the project to be awarded**

CARRIED (21178)

13.3.7 Jim McConville Picket Fence Tender  
Confidential Report No. 199/20 cncl

*Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 27.4.2*

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Price

This report is to provide information on the tender submissions received for the Jim McConville Picket Fence tender 2020-09ST and to recommend that Council award the project.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED:**

- 1. That tender 2020-09ST be awarded to Complete Fencing for the amount of \$138,942.00 including GST for the construction of a powder coated picket fence around the playing surface of Jim McConville Oval**
- 2. That the Jim McConville Picket Fence tender 2020-09ST instrument of agreement be signed under Council seal**
- 3. That the decision in regard to this Jim McConville Picket Fence tender 2020-09ST be moved from Confidential into Open to allow the contract to be awarded**

CARRIED (21179)

13.3.8 Director Technical Services – Acknowledgment of Staff in Preparing TIO  
Traeger Park

*Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 29.4*

The Director Technical Services thanked and acknowledged all staff for their efforts into getting the oval up to AFL standard for the game on Saturday 29 August, 2020. The General Manager AFL Game Development, Andrew Dillon was very complimentary of the ground and asked for this to be passed onto those concerned.

The Elected Members asked that a thank you to the Depot staff also be passed on.

(CARRIED 21180)

14. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

14.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

14.1.1. CEO Report

Report No. 201/20cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Auricht

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

CARRIED (21153)

Deputy Mayor Cocking asked for an update on community engagement around the new library closing times.

Director Corporate Services advised that this information will be communicated through the Council website and also displayed on the main doors of the library.

Councillor Auricht suggested that the new library hours be communication in the Council Connect Newsletter.

Deputy Mayor Cocking asked for clarification regarding the payment of \$4,956.90 (GST excl.) to the Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia (MCSCA).

The CEO took the question on notice.

Deputy Mayor Cocking asked for an update on the Apmere Angkentye-Kenhe Legacy Project.

The CEO took the question on notice.

Deputy Mayor Cocking asked for an update regarding the workshop on escalating Climate Urgency.

The Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

14.2. DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

14.2.1 Council Meeting Structure  
Report No. 204/20cncl

Moved – Councillor Price

Seconded – Councillor Auricht

RECOMMENDATION:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

- A. That Council Cease conducting Standing Committee Meetings, and adopt twice a month Ordinary Meetings of Council with a 5.30pm start and no later than 8.30pm finish, on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month; and**
- B. Adopt a twelve-week cycle of directorate reports, major projects and strategy updates, with the exception of Finance reports, which will be presented at the later meeting of each month. Council forums will be conducted immediately after these meetings; and**
- C. Begin this updated structure and reporting cycle as of 29 September 2020 with two improvement reviews in 6 month intervals as a result of consultation between Council and senior officers.**

CARRIED (21154)

Discussion was had around the recommendation being deferred until the return of the Elected Members unsuccessful in the Northern Territory Election or adopted before the return of those Members.

A division was called:

**FOR**

Councillor Price

Councillor Auricht

Mayor de Brenni

**AGAINST**

Deputy Mayor Cocking

Councillor Melky

14.3 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Nil

14.4 DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

14.4.1 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Development Committee 4 August, 2020

Moved – Deputy Mayor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Price

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That the minutes from the Meeting of the Development Committee meeting held 1 June 2020 be received and noted.**

CARRIED (21155)

14.4.2 Climate Action Plan Update  
Report No. 203/20 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Auricht

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the Climate Action Plan update be received and noted**

CARRIED (21156)

Deputy Mayor Cocking asked if Item 6.1.24, the providing of information on household and business solar included batteries?

The Director Technical Services took the question on notice

Deputy Mayor Cocking asked if the Item 6.5.41, the increase awareness of the science of, potential impacts, and mitigating actions of climate change within Council staff and within the community of Alice Springs could be commenced?

The Director Technical Services took question on notice

Councillor Auricht asked if any work had been done on how to recycle solar products at the Waste Management Facility.

The Director Technical Services advised that Council are awaiting Federal Government advice on recycling solutions.

Councillor Auricht requested that this be included in the Climate Action Plan.

The Director Technical Services took this question on notice.

Councillor Auricht asked the Deputy Mayor that in his position on the Board of Desert Knowledge Australia was this something that they were working on?

Deputy Mayor Cocking advised a Conflict of Interest and therefore unable to respond to the question.

Councillor Auricht withdrew the question.

*Director Community Development left the meeting at 7.26pm*

*Director Community Development returned to the meeting at 7.28pm*

Following discussion, the below recommendation was tabled.

Moved – Deputy Mayor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Auricht

**RESOLVED:**

That Council:

- A. Investigate potential options for managing waste associated with the renewable energy industry.**
- B. Advocate for a national approach the management of waste associated with the renewable energy industry.**
- C. That the Environmental Advisory Committee are included in the process.**

CARRIED (21157)

15. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 Councillor Melky – Co-opting Policy

Refer to Item 12.1

16.2 Deputy Mayor Cocking – Painting of the Skate Park Surface

Refer to Item 13.2.3

16.3 Director Technical Services – Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre

The Director Technical Services advised that the splashpad upgrades are at 50% completion with the estimated opening being at three to four weeks. The kiosk works are at 40% completion with the estimated completion of stage 1 also at three to four weeks.

17. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

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

18. NEXT MEETING:

**Monday 28 September 2020 at 6.00pm**

19. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor de Brenni declared the meeting adjourned at **7.50pm**

Moved – Councillor Auricht

Seconded – Councillor Price

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

CARRIED (21158)

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

CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_