



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 2017 AT 10:30AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:50am

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Edward Baker

**2.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members: Edward Baker (Chairperson) , Juie Anderson, Charmaine Stuart, Michelle Allen, Jill Doolan, Sylvana Marks

Councillors: President Roxanne Kenny, Greg Sharman, Louise Cavanagh

Council Employees: David Jagger (Manager Governance and Planning)  
Graham Murnik (Director of vice Centre Delivery)  
Gracie Matteucci (Senior Governance Officer)  
Sam Ashton (Area Manager)  
Gareth Lea (Council Service Coordinator)

Others: Maria Viegas (Dept. Housing and Community Development),  
Eric Turner (Dept. Housing and Community Development),  
Ross Nowland (Dept. Business), Rhys Dick (Tourism NT)

**2.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies: Cr, Richard Doolan, Rosemary Matasia

Absentees: Cr Jacob Hoosan

**2.2 Resignations – Nil**

**2.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct**

**32 RESOLVED (Cr G Sharman/Cr L Cavanagh)**  
**That the Finke Local Authority note the Council Code of Conduct.**

## **2.2 Conflict of Interests**

**33 RESOLVED (Cr G Sharman/Sylvana Marks)**

**That the Finke Local Authority note and declare any conflict of interests.**

## **5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority is to consider the unconfirmed minutes of the previous meeting.

**34 RESOLVED (Cr G Sharman/Jill Doolan)**

**That the Local Authority note and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.**

## **5.2 ACTION REGISTER**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

**35 RESOLVED (Cr G Sharman/Edward Baker)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- 1) Note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received;**
- 2) Close the item regarding signage;**
- 3) Request Council write to Newcrown and Lilla Creek Stations directly about fencing issues, namely their livestock entering the community apparently because of problems with station fencing.**

## **6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT & DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority made a decision on 23 March 2017 to allocate their Project Funds. Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from Department of Local Government and Community Services.

The Discretionary Funds prizes in 2) and 3) below are to be independently judged; and the funds in \$900 divided by the number of houses in the winning street.

**36 RESOLVED (Julie Anderson/Charmaine Stuart)**

**That the Local Authority;**

- 1) Note and accept the progress of their LA projects;**
- 2) Allocate \$900 of their *Discretionary* funds to the Aputula Store for a 'Best Street' tidy towns type prize;**
- 3) Allocate \$300 of their *Discretionary* funds to Bunnings for (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place, each \$100) for a 'Best House' tidy towns type prize.**

## **7.1 SERVICE DELIVERY REPORT**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is a summary of achievements relating to Key Council Service Delivery standards and guidelines in Finke and documents any other relevant issues.

**37 RESOLVED (Sylvana Marks/Cr G Sharman)**

**That the Local Authority note and accept the Service Delivery Report.**

## 7.2 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update to the Local Authority about complaints received regarding Council Service Delivery.  
Nil Complaints Received.

### 38 RESOLVED (Jill Doolan/Charmaine Stuart)

**That the Local Authority note that no complaints were received this reporting period.**

## 7.3 COMMUNITY SERVICE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

### 39 RESOLVED (Cr G Sharman/Michelle Allen)

**That the Local Authority:**

- 1) Note and accept the Community Services report;**
- 2) Request feedback on staffing at the Child Care Centre from Director of Community Services, specifically how to keep the Centre open when both Childcare workers are away for training, because currently the center is not open when they are away training.**

## 7.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY SURVEY

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council is seeking feedback from the Local Authority about being a Local Authority Member, how the meetings are working for them, what is good, what could be different and what could be better.

### 40 RESOLVED (Edward Baker/Jill Doolan)

**That the Local Authority give their feedback to Council about being a Local Authority Member, how the meetings are working for them, what is good, what could be different and what could be better.**

*Lunch break – 12:00pm*

*Meeting resumed – 12:20pm*

## 7.5 MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION AND CANDIDATES

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) election happens every four years; our 12 Councillors serve for four-year terms. The election is due this year, to be held on 26 August. All Councillor positions are available for election, or re-election of Councillors wanting to continue on Council. Candidate nominations close at 12 noon on Thursday 3 August. The election is held in MRC's four wards. A number of Councillors are elected from each ward. The elected Councillors then elect the President and Deputy President of the Council.

### 41 RESOLVED (Julie Anderson/Michelle Allen)

**That the Local Authority note the presentation on this year's MRC election and candidate requirements and give the information presented to other community members.**

## **8.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2017**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2017 in the Local Authority's community.

**42 RESOLVED (Sylvana Marks/Julie Anderson)**

**That the Local Authority note and accept the expenditure report as at 31 March 2017.**

## **9.1 VICTIMS OF CRIME NT – FINKE-APUTULA PROGRAM**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Mandy Pearce, the Project Manager from Victims of Crime NT's Finke-Aputula Program would like to address the Local Authority and give them information regarding this program; or have Council provide the information on her behalf.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority:**

- 1) Note and accept the presentation from Victims of Crime NT;**
- 2) Decide whether they would like to participate in this program.**

**\*\*Note: This presentation was not discussed because of a mix up between Victims of Crime's Mandy Pearce and Council's Governance and Planning staff. It will be presented at the next Finke Local Authority meeting on 28 September 2017.**

## **10.1 FINKE DESERT RACE CORRESPONDENCE**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Council has received correspondence regarding the Finke Desert Race - to be tabled at the meeting.

**43 RESOLVED (Julie Anderson/Sylvana Marks)**

**That the Local Authority note the correspondence from the Finke Desert Race.**

## **10.2 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Housing and Community Development will be in attendance to provide any updates necessary and answer queries from the Local Authority as they arise.

**44 RESOLVED (Cr L Cavanagh/Sylvana Marks)**

**That the Local Authority request a senior Department of Housing representative attend the next Local Authority meeting to answer the following questions raised by members:**

- 1) Why we believe fencing promised about 4 years ago was not delivered; because we are worried for safety, health and privacy;**
- 2) Will we get this fencing?;**
- 3) How maintenance of our houses works;**
- 4) How and when our Housing Reference Group meets and how it works.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER, 2017**

**MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting terminated at 1:45pm.

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