



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBERS OF THE ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL ON FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2024 AT 10:00 AM

1 MEETING OPENED – at 10.08am

2 WELCOME

3 DECLARATION OF ELECTED MEMBER

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Declaration of Elected Member

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This Business Paper outlines the procedure for the signing of the declaration by the newly elected member.

OCM2024-165 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lisa Sharman)

That the newly appointed Elected Member for the Ljirapinta Ward, Maryanne Malbunka, cites her declaration and signs her Declaration Certificate.

4 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Attendance and Apologies

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Dalton McDonald, Councillor Marlene Abbott, Councillor Mark Inkamala, Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Jason Minor, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Tommy Conway and Councillor Maryanne Malbunka.

Staff:

Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, Keith Hassett – Director Council Services, Sheree Sherry – Chief Financial and Information Officer, Barbara Newland – Manager Governance and Strategy, June Crabb – Governance Coordinator.

Guests:

Ms Alison Anderson, Greg Drew and Cameron Miller – Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation (NPNAC).

Apologies:

Nil.

OCM2024-166 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Jason Minor)**That Council :**

- a) notes the Elected Members attendance as this meeting;
- b) notes that there we no apologies received for this meeting; and
- c) records the absence of Cr Aloyischois Hayes, without notice, for this meeting.

5 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	Requests for Future Leave of Absence

OCM2024-167 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**That Council:**

- a) receives no requests for future leave of absence received for this Ordinary Council meeting;
- b) notes the movements of the following executive staff:
 - the CEO will be taking leave from 17 Feb – 7 March with the Director Council Services acting in the position; and
 - the Chief Financial and Information Officer will be taking short periods of leave in January and February but relief will not be required.

6 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

OCM2024-168 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes the Council Code of Conduct.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

OCM2024-169 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Tommy Conway)

That Council confirms the unconfirmed Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council meeting held 25 October 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

8 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Notification of General Business Items and Non-Council Business Items

OCM2024-170 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Jason Minor)

That members raised the following items of concern they wished to be discussed:

- Councillor Davis requested that the CEO invite the CAFL to the February meeting of Council – this is to be an action item by the CEO;
- At the suggestion of Ms Anderson the CEO of the CLC is to be invited to attend the February meeting of Council.

Minute Note: The representatives from Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation attended this meeting as guests of Council. They engaged in general conversation with the Elected Members and it was noted that a Memorandum of Understanding between NPNAC and MRC is currently under review.

Minute Note: The CEO took the opportunity to remind members about this evening's Christmas party. She also advised Members that there will be an additional workshop day prior to the February meeting to commence strategic planning for the Regional Plan.

ITEM NUMBER:	8.2
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

OCM2024-171 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Dalton McDonald)

That the agenda papers for this Council meeting as presented be received for consideration at this meeting.

9 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

OCM2024-172 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Abraham Poulson)

That Council:

- a) notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) notes that Elected Members did not declare any conflicts of interest.

10 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

13 LOCAL AUTHORITY

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	Draft Minutes of Local Authority Meetings
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council considers the minutes of each Local Authority Ordinary Meeting or Provisional Meeting at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

Attached are the draft (unconfirmed) minutes of the Local Authority meetings that have occurred since or could not be prepared prior to the last Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Local Authority meetings covered in this report include:

- Docker River – 3 October 2024
- Imanpa – 10 October 2024
- Finke – 22 October 2024
- Mt Liebig – 30 October 2024
- Papunya – 31 October 2024
- Wallace Rockhole – 12 November 2024
- Hermannsburg – 14 November 2024
- Areyonga – 21 November 2024
- Santa Teresa – 26 November 2024
- Titjikala – 27 November 2024
- Amoonguna – 28 November 2024

OCM2024-173 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

- a) **approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority meetings held in Docker River, Imanpa, Mt Liebig, Papunya, Wallace Rockhole, Hermannsburg, Areyonga, Santa Teresa, Titjikala and Amoonguna**
- b) **approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Provisional Local Authority meeting held in Finke.**
- c) **notes the new projects established by the Authorities as follows:**
 - **Imanpa Local Authority:**
 - **Music Mixing Console for Youth Board, allocating \$2,249.00**
 - **Finke Local Authority:**
 - **Shade cover over the front office playground, allocating \$5,000.00**
 - **Mt Liebig Local Authority:**
 - **Solar lights for the Cemetery, allocating \$20,000.00**
 - **Music equipment for the Church, allocating \$15,000.00**
 - **Sporting equipment for the Youth Board, allocating \$1,000.00**

- **Papunya Local Authority:**
 - Healthy Community event, allocating \$45,000.00
 - 1 x Bin Trailer, allocating \$18,000.00
- **Wallace Rockhole Local Authority:**
 - Movie equipment, allocating \$1,000.00
 - Sporting supplies, allocating \$500.00
- **Hermannsburg Local Authority:**
 - Industrial fans for the Rec Hall, allocating \$10,000.00
- **Areyonga Local Authority:**
 - 1 x Bin Trailer, allocating \$18,000.00
 - Solar light at the Entrance, allocation \$4,000.00
- **Santa Teresa Local Authority:**
 - 2 x Bin Trailers, allocating \$35,000.00
- **Titjikala Local Authority:**
 - 1 x Bin Trailer, allocating \$18,000.00
 - Fence around North Playground, allocating \$45,338.38
- **Amoonguna Local Authority:**
 - 2 x Stealth lighting for the Sorry camp, allocating \$14,378.41

d) notes the correction to the Papunya LA minutes to record the attendance of the President.

ITEM NUMBER:	13.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Resignations and Nominations
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As recorded in the minutes of the Authority meetings, the recommendations put forth to Council are to accept and endorse the nominations submitted for membership on the Local Authorities and accept the resignations received.

OCM2024-174 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lisa Sharman)

That Council:

- a) approves the nominations to the Authorities as follows:
 - Ruth Katarintja for the Wallace Rockhole Local Authority;
 - Alfie Inkamala for the Hermannsburg Local Authority; and
 - Henry Oliver and Teresa Alice for the Amoonguna Local Authority; and
- b) endorses the recommendation of the Authorities to accept the resignations as received:
 - Caroline Peters of the Amoonguna Local Authority; and
 - Sammy Butcher of the Papunya Local Authority.

ITEM NUMBER:	13.3
TITLE:	Terminations of Local Authority Memberships
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council is being asked to endorse the recommendations of the Local Authorities and revoke the membership of members who were absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

OCM2024-175 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Abraham Poulson)

That Council accepts and endorses the revocation of the membership from the Local Authorities as follows:

- **Elaine Churchill from the Titjikala Local Authority;**
- **Richard Doolan, Jill Doolan, Charmaine Stuart and Michelle Allen from the Finke Local Authority;**
- **Lillian Inkamala from the Imanpa Local Authority; and**
- **Ann-Marie Burke from the Docker River Local Authority.**

ITEM NUMBER:	13.4
TITLE:	Council Meeting Planner 2025
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 2025 Council Meeting Planner proposes suitable meeting dates for all meetings of Ordinary Council, Special Council, Finance and Risk and Audit committee meetings as well as the Local Authority meetings.

OCM2024-176 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Mark Inkamala)

That Council:

- a) **discusses locations to hold the Special Council Meeting and the Ordinary Council Meetings in 2025;**
- b) **decides to hold the May Special Council meeting at Docker River;**
- c) **decides to hold the August Ordinary Council meeting at Finke; and**
- d) **asks that a special version of the calendar be produced for Members with their respective wards uniquely colour-coded.**

14 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

ITEM NUMBER:	14.1
TITLE:	Correspondence Report
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides Council with an update on correspondence received and sent by the Council President and CEO in the period since the October 2024 Council meeting

OCM2024-177 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes the correspondence received and sent.

15 PRESIDENT, COUNCILLORS' AND CEO'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER:	15.1
TITLE:	Council President's Report
AUTHOR:	Anya Riley, Executive Assistant to CEO & President

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details the meetings attended by President Roxanne Kenny since the October meeting of Council.

OCM2024-178 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Dalton McDonald)

That Council receives the President's report for the period since the October meeting of Council, noting her attendance at the Papunya Local Authority meeting.

ITEM NUMBER:	15.2
TITLE:	CEO Report
AUTHOR:	Belinda Urquhart, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details the events and meetings attended by CEO Belinda Urquhart during the reporting period.

OCM2024-179 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

That Council receives the CEO report for the months of November and December 2024.

16 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	16.1
TITLE:	Council Services Report
AUTHOR:	Keith Hassett, Director Council Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report outlines the activities of the Council Services Directorate in the areas of Local Government Service Delivery as well as the performance of contractual Commercial Services.

OCM2024-180 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes and accepts the attached Council Services report.

Minute Note: The Director Council Services provided additional updates as follows:

- Stephen Trindle, CSC Docker River, has been providing CDP training and upskilling participants.

- At the recent CSC workshop roles and expectations were clearly defined by the Director.
- In relation to the “Supply and Installation of Lighting Towers” tender (refer page 147) no compliant tenders were received and the project will have to be re-tendered.

Minute Note: There was a break for morning tea at 11.23am and the meeting resumed at 11.52am.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.2
TITLE:	Community Services Report
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the delivery of Community Services programs throughout the MRC region.

OCM2024-181 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Lisa Sharman)

That Council notes and accepts the Community Services Report.

Minute Note: The CEO congratulated the Children Services team on getting all centres open.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.3
TITLE:	People and Capabilities Report
AUTHOR:	Katie Fuller, HR Operations Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report highlights current and completed HR initiatives or activities affecting Council and our number one resource – the people!

OCM2024-182 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes and accepts the People & Capabilities Report.

Minute Note: The President left the meeting at 12.20pm and returned at 12.27pm.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.4
TITLE:	Finance Report November 2024
AUTHOR:	Sheree Sherry, A/Chief Financial and Information Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is tabled to provide Council with the Finance Report for the period ended 30 November 2024.

OCM2024-183 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 30 November 2024.

Minute Note: The meeting broke for lunch at 12.35pm and resumed at 1.36pm.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.5
TITLE:	Budget Revision
AUTHOR:	Sheree Sherry, A/Chief Financial and Information Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

After review by Managers, Directors and the CEO, changes are recommended to Council's budget contained within the Regional Plan. In general terms the amendments reflect finalisation of unexpended grants, confirmation of grant funding and acceptance of new grants and revisions to anticipated income and expenditure for the remainder of the year.

OCM2024-184 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Patrick Allen)

That Council adopts the amendments to the Budget 2024-2025 pursuant to Section 203(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.6
TITLE:	Fleet, Roads and Infrastructure
AUTHOR:	Jake Potter, Manager Fleet and Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details the recent activities of the Fleet, Roads & Infrastructure Department.

OCM2024-185 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Tommy Conway)

That Council notes and accepts the Fleet, Roads and Infrastructure Report.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.7
TITLE:	Governance Team Report
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to update Council on the activities of the Governance and Strategy Team.

OCM2024-186 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes the Governance Team Report for December 2024.

Minute Note: Concerns were raised regarding the lack of meetings at Kintore and Haasts Bluff, often due to a lack of community members. The Ward Members undertook to try to get new members who would be permanent residents of these communities. The CEO advised that meeting dates were flexible and if appropriate/feasible all Local Authority meetings in the Luritja Pintubi Ward could be held in a week - Kintore→Mt Liebig→Papunya→Haasts Bluff.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.8
TITLE:	Review of Delegations Register
AUTHOR:	Clare Newland, Policy Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Under section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (Act), the Council can delegate its powers and functions to a Local Authority, a Council Committee or the CEO. Furthermore, some regulations within the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* (Regulations) allow for delegations to be made in some cases to staff.

Note that the act of delegation is one of giving another person (usually one less senior) the responsibility to act in relation to a particular authority. In delegating such powers, the Council should be aware that limitations are required in certain circumstances.

Under section 168 of the Act, the Chief Executive Officer is also able to delegate or sub-delegate a power or function given to him to a person or committee.

The Delegations Register keeps a record of who has the authority to make decisions on behalf of the Council.

OCM2024-187 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Maryanne Malbunka)

That Council approves the delegations listed in the attached Delegations Register.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.9
TITLE:	Review of FA14-CP Debtor Management Policy
AUTHOR:	Clare Newland, Policy Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's permission to adopt the revised FA16-CP Debtor Management Policy.

OCM2024-188 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Jason Minor)

That Council adopts FA14-CP Debtor Management Policy as a policy of Council.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.10
TITLE:	FA16-CP Accountable Forms – Members and CEO Policy
AUTHOR:	Clare Newland, Policy Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's permission to adopt FA16-CP Accountable Forms – Members and CEO Policy.

OCM2024-189 RESOLVED (Maryanne Malbunka/Tommy Conway)

That Council adopts FA16-CP Accountable Forms – Members and CEO Policy – as a policy of Council.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.11
TITLE:	Review of FA15-CP Stocktake Policy
AUTHOR:	Clare Newland, Policy Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's permission to adopt FA15-CP Stocktake Policy.

OCM2024-190 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Mark Inkamala)

That Council adopts FA15-CP Stocktake Policy as a policy of Council.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.12
TITLE:	Support for submission regarding "Reducing Health Impacts of Crowding in Central Australia's Remote Communities"
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

MacDonnell Regional Council is a member of the Central Australian Health Working Group (CAEHWG) which is seeking Council's support for its submission to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development regarding the Northern Territory and Federal Governments' investment in remote housing.

OCM2024-191 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lisa Sharman)

That Council supports and endorses the measures outlined in the draft of the letter to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

ITEM NUMBER:	16.13
TITLE:	Consideration of Superannuation for Elected Members
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Elected Members of MacDonnell Regional Council are not currently paid superannuation on Council allowances. The purpose of this paper is to consider information regarding this matter provided by the CEO of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT).

OCM2024-192 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Abraham Poulson)

That Council:

- a) considers the documentation presented;**
- b) formulates its position in relation to the payment of superannuation to Elected Members; and**
- c) determines that superannuation will be paid to Elected Members and that the Administration will formulate the action required to implement this decision.**

17 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 8.1

ITEM NUMBER:	17.1
TITLE:	General Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Under Item 8.1 Members had the opportunity to table items to be discussed as General and Non-Council Business.

OCM2024-193 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Mark Inkamala)

That Council notes that the matters raised at item 8.1 have been dealt with.

18 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	18.1
TITLE:	Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Governance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pursuant to section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and clauses 51 and 52 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, the meeting is to be closed to the public to consider confidential matters.

OCM2024-194 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lisa Sharman)

That Council approves the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items are about to be discussed. The meeting is closed in accordance with clause 51(1)©(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matters to be discussed include information that, if publicly disclosed, would be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

Minute Note: The Open Section of the meeting was closed at 2.16pm.

19 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

20 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

ITEM NUMBER:	20.1
TITLE:	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-Admittance of the Public
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Manager Governance and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pursuant to section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and regulations 51 and 2 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, the is to be opened to the public following the consideration of confidential matters. Resolutions will be transferred to the open meeting upon the determination of Council.

OCM2024-195 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Jason Minor)

That Council discloses motions from the confidential section of this meeting in the open section of the meeting and opens the meeting to the public. Motions to be disclosed are:

OCM2024-195 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Mark Inkamala)

That Council confirms the Minutes of the previous Confidential Meeting held on the 25th October 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

OCM2024-196 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Andrew Davis)

That Council:

- a) notes and adopts the completion of the CEO Annual Performance Appraisal undertaken by the Finance & Risk Committee;***
- b) approves the recommendation of the Finance & Risk Committee; and***
- c) notes the panel's comments and agreed actions by the CEO.***

OCM2024-197 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Patrick Allen)

That Council declines to provide its support for the PHD research project.

Minute Note: The Confidential Section of the meeting was closed at 2.40pm with the meeting re-opened to the public.

Minute Note: The CEO took the opportunity to express her gratitude to the Elected Members for their support of her and the revised organisational structure. She reiterated that successful Local Authority meetings being held in the MRC's western communities was a priority. Finally, she urged all Elected Members to attend the Christmas party and to support the staff award recipients.

21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

22 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 2.46pm.

This page and the preceding 12 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 13 December 2024 and are unconfirmed.

President