



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE,  
SANTA TERESA, ON FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2017 AT 10:00AM

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**MEETING OPENING** – 10:15am

**ATTENDANCE**

President Roxanne Kenny, Dep Pres. Braydon Williams, Cr Lance Abbott, Cr Marlene Abbott, Cr Selina Kulitja, Cr Barry Abbott, Cr Greg Sharman, Cr Richard Doolan, Cr Sid Anderson, Cr Louise Cavanagh, Cr Jacob Hoosan.

**STAFF ATTENDANCE**

Jeff McLeod (CEO), David Jagger (Manager – Governance and Planning), Gracie Matteucci (Senior Governance Officer), Simon Murphy (Director, Technical Services), Graham Murnik (Director, Service Delivery), Bianca Rayner (Manager, Youth Services)

**GUESTS**

Bruce Fyfe (Department of Housing and Community Development), Julie Rennard (Dept. Housing & Community Development), Len Griffiths (Dept. Housing & Community Development), Rebecca Newman (Dept. Housing & Community Development), Phil Luck (Dept. Housing & Community Development), Sasha Kiessling (Empowered Communities)

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

**ABSENT**

Cr Irene Nangala

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

CEO Jeff MacLeod, 06/07/2017 – 14/07/2017 (Director of Service Centre Delivery, Graham Murnik, will be acting CEO for this period).

**COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

**4.1 MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report contains all of the details about the MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct to ensure that the Council exercises strong and accountable governance.

**53 RESOLVED (Cr R Doolan/Cr G Sharman)**  
**That Council note the MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct.**

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **5.1 MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL - CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROCEDURE**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report outlines the minimum standard of behavior expected of elected members of Council and Council employees in relation to declaring personal or family financial interests that may impact on the performance of their roles and ability to make objective decisions.

**54 RESOLVED (Cr L Cavanagh/Cr S Kulitja)**  
**That Council note the Disclosure of Financial Interests and Conflict of Interest procedure and declare any conflicts of interest.**

## **DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **6.1 EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Empowered Communities have asked to address Council.

**55 RESOLVED (Cr G Sharman/Cr R Doolan)**  
**That the Local Authority note and accept the presentation from Empowered Communities representatives.**

### **6.2 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Len Griffith and Phil Luck would like the opportunity to address the Council and give an overview of the \$1.1 billion dollar housing program "Room to Breath".

**56 RESOLVED (Cr B Williams/Cr L Cavanagh)**  
**That the Council note and accept the presentation from the Department of Housing and Community Development.**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 26 MAY 2017**

### **9.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides Council with the minutes of the last Special Council meeting for approval by Council.

**57 RESOLVED (Cr B Abbott/Cr G Sharman)**  
**That Council confirm the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Special Council meeting as a true and correct record of the proceedings.**

## **MINUTES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS**

### **10.1 DRAFT MINUTES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Attached are the draft minutes of local authority meetings that have occurred since the last Ordinary Council meeting, or were not prepared in time for the last Ordinary Council meeting. Any actions that arise from these minutes are raised at the following Ordinary Council meeting.

**58 RESOLVED (Cr M Abbott/Cr S Anderson)**  
**That Council note the tabled draft minutes of local authority meetings**

## **STANDING ITEMS REPORT**

### **11.1 ACTIONS REGISTER**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Council regularly reviews a report which is a summary of actions that have been raised at previous Ordinary Council meetings and provides updates and/or status of each action raised.

#### **59 RESOLVED (Cr M Abbott/Cr B Abbott)**

**That Council:**

- 1. Note the progress report on the action register;**
- 2. Close item 1 regarding the Bush Bus Service;**
- 3. Close item 2 regarding NPY Women's Council Youth Service.**

### **11.2 NOMINATION FOR MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

There is currently 1 vacant position on the Mt Liebig Local Authority. Following the Local Authority policy, nominations for this position was open for at least 28 days, closing on 22 May 2017 with 1 nominee:

Pete Turner.

At their meeting on 7 June 2017 the existing Mt Liebig Local Authority members decided that Pete Turner would be good to appoint to the Local Authority and recommended him to Council for appointment. Council appoints Local Authority members under the Local Government Act.

#### **60 RESOLVED (Cr S Anderson/Cr R Doolan)**

**That Council consider the recommended nominee for the vacant Mt Liebig Local Authority member position and appoint Pete Turner to the Mt Liebig Local Authority.**

### **11.3 NOMINATIONS FOR HAASTS BLUFF LOCAL AUTHORITY**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

There are currently four vacant positions on the Haasts Bluff Local Authority. Following the Local Authority policy, nominations for these positions were open for at least 28 days, closing on 22 May 2017 with five nominees:

Renee Stevenson, Billy Pareroultja, Sonia Jugadai, Jeffrey Zimran & Simon Dixon.

Convened by the Haasts Bluff Council Service Coordinator, existing Haasts Bluff Local Authority members then decided on the four nominees they think would be best to sit on the Local Authority; and they are: Renee Stevenson, Billy Pareroultja, Sonia Jugadai and Jeffrey Zimran, recommended to Council for appointment. Council appoints Local Authority members under the Local Government Act.

#### **61 RESOLVED (Cr L Abbott/Cr R Doolan)**

**That Council consider the four recommended nominees for the vacant Haasts Bluff Local Authority member positions and appoint Renee Stevenson, Billy Pareroultja, Sonia Jugadai, Jeffrey Zimran to the Haasts Bluff Local Authority.**

### **11.4 CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides Councillors with an update on correspondence to the Council/President sent and received between Council meetings.

#### **62 RESOLVED (Cr M Abbott/Cr G Sharman)**

**That Council note the correspondence sent and received.**

## **11.5 USE OF COMMON SEAL**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Section 26(2) of the Local Government Act (LGA) states that "The affixing of the common seal to a document must be authorised or ratified [endorsed] by resolution of Council". This report requests Council to ratify [endorse] the use of the common seal on the listed document.

### **63 RESOLVED (Cr B Abbott/Cr L Cavanagh)**

**That Council ratify the use of the common seal on the following document:**

- **Power and Water Corporation - Token Agent Application Form**

## **OFFICERS REPORTS**

### **13.1 AFLNT PARTNERSHIP 2017/18**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Council has been provided with a sponsorship proposal to partner with AFLNT to become part of the positive message around sport in Central Australia. The sponsorship deal comes with benefits as outlined in the attached proposal.

Council is being asked to consider the commitment of these funds as Council's sponsorship of U18 TIO CAFL Competition, to help promote positive messages through sports. Council has also indicated that it wishes to support the development of women's football in Central Australia. As part of the sponsorship proposal, Council will have the co-naming rights to the 2018 CAWFL Competition. It is proposed that women's teams from Hermannsburg and Santa Teresa would join the 2018 CAWFL Competition.

### **64 RESOLVED (Cr S Kulitja/Cr M Abbott)**

- 1. That Council accept the partnership proposal from AFLNT and commit \$10,000 (+GST) to become a corporate partner for the 2017/18 season. The sponsorship is conditional on the AFLNT meeting the commitment to supporting the travel for return trips of Under 18 sides to the communities.**

### **65 RESOLVED (Cr L Cavanagh/Cr S Anderson)**

- 2. That Council accepts the proposal to sponsor the 2018 CAWFL Competition and set the level of sponsorship at \$5,000 plus GST under the same conditions as stated in the above resolution.**

### **13.2 THIRD QUARTER PROGRESS ON THE 2016/17 REGIONAL PLAN**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In this report, the progress on the Regional Plan is presented to Council for the third quarter of 2016/2017 to ensure that the Council is aware of the organisation's progress and any issues that arise.

### **66 RESOLVED (Cr R Doolan/Cr M Abbott)**

**That Council note and accept the report on progress against the Regional Plan.**

### **13.3 REVIEW COMMENTS, ADOPT REGIONAL PLAN AND DECLARE RATES**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Council approved the draft Regional Plan at the Special Council meeting of 26 May, 2017. The draft plan was then made available for public comment.

Council now needs to review any comments; decide to update the draft plan (or not) and once adopted declare the Rates and Charges for the financial year 2017/18.

67 That Council:

(a) note that one comment has been received on the Regional Plan, to be explained in the copy laid before Council to adopt;

**RESOLVED** (Cr M Abbott/Cr S Anderson)

(b) note that there are some suggested changes recommended to the budget included in the copy of the plan now laid before Council to adopt;

**RESOLVED** (Cr G Sharman/Cr S Kulitja)

(c) note the Rate Assessment Record Certification made by the CEO in the Our Financial Planning section of the plan;

**RESOLVED** (Cr M Abbott/Cr R Doolan)

(d) note that other amendments to the plan are very small and of the nature of 'typos';

**RESOLVED** (Cr G Sharman/Cr R Doolan)

(e) with the noted amendments, adopt the tabled 2017 to 2021 MacDonnell Regional Plan including the Budget and Fees & Charges within the plan; and

**RESOLVED** (Cr B Abbott/Cr S Anderson)

(f) declare its Rates and Charges for the 2017/18 financial year as per the attached document "Declaration of Rates and Charges 2017/18".

**RESOLVED** (Cr M Abbott/Cr S Anderson)

*Lunch break – 12:40pm*

*Meeting resumed: 1:25pm*

#### **13.4 REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report recommends changes to the Council's policy on Child Safety and suggests it be renamed Child Safety & Domestic Violence.

**68 RESOLVED** (Cr R Doolan/Cr L Abbott)

**That Council adopt the attached revised policy CP148 Child Safety & Domestic Violence.**

#### **13.5 FINANCE REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2017**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Regulation 18 of the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations (LGA Regs), states that a finance report must be laid before Council or a Committee tasked with reviewing the finance report each month.

The attached report is the finance report for Council as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

**69 RESOLVED** (Cr B Abbott/Cr S Kulitja)

**That Council accept and note the Finance Report as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017.**

## **13.6 COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL REPORT**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

#### **70 RESOLVED (Cr L Cavanagh/Cr L Abbott)**

That Council note and accept the Community Services Reports.

## **13.7 SERVICE CENTRE DELIVERY**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update of services provided across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

#### **71 RESOLVED (Cr B Abbott/Cr S Anderson)**

That Council note and accept the Service Centre Delivery Report.

## **13.8 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update of technical services provided by Council.

#### **72 RESOLVED (Cr R Doolan/Cr L Cavanagh)**

That Council note and accept the Technical Services Report.

### **DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

#### **73 RESOLVED (Cr B Abbott/Cr L Abbott)**

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 2008 as the items listed come within the following provisions:-

**14.3 Review of Council Policies** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

## **14.3 REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report recommends changes to the Council's Operational policy on Credit Cards and suggests this be made a Council policy.

This report also recommends Council note the attached 21 June 2017 correspondence from the Executive Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, David Alexander, setting new, firm deadlines by which Council must adopt or review policies and a policy manual identified in the Department's Compliance Review Report of this year. Of particular note is the Department's veiled threat to refer the matter to the Minister if these deadlines are not met.

#### **74 That Council:**

- (a) adopt the attached policy CP129 MRC Credit Card.

**RESOLVED (Cr M Abbott/Cr B Abbott)**

(b) move the policy out of confidential into open business.  
**RESOLVED** (Cr L Abbott/Cr R Doolan)

(c) note the information on the changes made and approved by the CEO in relation to the Operational policy OP219 Travel and Accommodation.  
**RESOLVED** (Cr B Abbott/Cr R Doolan)

(d) note the attached 21 June 2017 correspondence from the Executive Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, David Alexander, setting new, firm deadlines under which Council must adopt or review policies and a policy manual identified in the Department's Compliance Review Report of this year.  
**RESOLVED** (Cr L Cavanagh/Cr L Abbott)

### **RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

75 **RESOLVED** (Cr B Abbott/Cr L Abbott)  
That the Council approve to reopen the meeting to the public.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Friday 15 September 2017**

The meeting terminated at 2:40pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday, 30 June 2017 and are UNCONFIRMED.