



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ALICE SPRINGS ON TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2024 AT 10:00 AM

1 MEETING OPENED – at 10.09am

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2 WELCOME

The President welcomed those present to the meeting.

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance and Apologies

Councillors

President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Dalton McDonald,, Councillor Mark Inkamala, Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Jason Minor, Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Aloyischois Hayes (arrived at 11.14am) and Councillor Tommy Conway.

Staff

Belinda Urquhart - Chief Executive Officer, Keith Hassett - Director Service Delivery, Aaron Blacker - Director Technical Services, Brian Robinson - Executive Manager People and Capabilities, Barbara Newland - Manager Governance and June Crabb - Governance Officer.

Visitors

Nil

OCM2024-29 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)

That Council:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) noted that there were no apologies received; and
- c) noted absences without notice of Crs Bobby Abbott and Marlene Abbott.

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Requests for Future Leave of Absence

OCM2024-30 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Jason Minor)

That Council noted that there were no submissions for Leave of Absence.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

OCM2024-31 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Abraham Poulson)

That Council noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 February 2024

OCM2024-32 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Tommy Conway)

That the Minutes of the 23 February 2024 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Notification of General Business Items and Non-Council Business Items

OCM2024-33 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Andrew Davis)

That members raised matters to be discussed in General Council Business as follows:

- Sponsorship of football teams
- Combined CDRC/MRC AFL game before main AFL game
- Logos for each MRC ward

That members raised matters to be discussed in General Non-Council Business as follows:

- Maryvale/Titjikala Road
- Training of Aboriginal Liaison Officers

ITEM NUMBER:	7.2
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

OCM2024-34 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Lisa Sharman)

That the papers circulated were received for consideration at this meeting.

8 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

OCM2024-35 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That Council:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) noted that members did not declare any Conflicts of Interest.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
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 between February and March 2024.

The Local Authority meetings covered in this report include:

- Imanpa – 14 February 2024
- Santa Teresa – 28 February 2024
- Titjikala – 29 February 2024
- Finke – 5 March 2024
- Wallace Rockhole – 7 March 2024
- Mt Liebig – 13 March 2024
- Papunya – 14 March 2024
- Haasts Bluff – 20 March 2024
- Areyonga – 21 March 2024
- Amoonguna – 27 March 2024

OCM2024-36 RESOLVED (Jason Minor/Andrew Davis)

That Council:

- a) approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority Meetings held in Imanpa, Santa Teresa, Titjikala, Finke, Wallace Rockhole, Mt Liebig, Areyonga and Amoonguna with the following amendments:**
 - the President attended the Titjikala meeting held on 29 February 2024
 - the President attended the Finke meeting via Teams held on 5 March 2024
- b) approves the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Provisional Local Authority Meetings held in Papunya and Haasts Bluff.**
- c) endorses the allocations to projects established by the Local Authorities:**
 - Santa Teresa - Youth Space front fence, allocating \$3,000.00
 - Santa Teresa – 4 x Stealth Green Frog System Solar (GFS) lights installed at the Entrance to Community, allocating \$39,000.00
 - Areyonga – Install 4 x new LED lights and repair 4 x broken LED lights, allocating \$15,000.00.
 - Areyonga – Purchase and install 1 x GFS 200 Solar light, allocating \$3,500.00.
 - Areyonga – Build separate spaces for Males and Females at the Rec Hall, allocating the remaining funds, that at this time is \$18,860.32.
 - Amoonguna – Allocate an additional \$12,500.00 to Shade Shelter for the Sorry Camp.
- d) does not endorse the establishment of a new project by the Mt Liebig Local Authority, namely a Multi Sport facility (Basketball Stadium).**
- e) endorses the allocations of the Discretionary funds established at their Provisional meetings:**
 - Papunya - \$1,443.63 to a Community Easter BBQ
 - Haasts Bluff - \$4,000.00 towards meat trays for all community households.

MINUTE NOTE: Cr Sharman asked for, and was provided with, photos of the various solar lights which MRC acquires for its communities.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.2
TITLE:	Nominations to Local Authorities
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As recorded in the minutes of the Local Authority meetings, the recommendation put forth to Council is to accept and endorse the nominations submitted for membership of the Authorities.

OCM2024-37 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Dalton McDonald)

That Council notes and endorses the nominations submitted for membership on the Local Authorities of:

- Rosalind Dixon for the Mt Liebig Local Authority; and
- Jennicka Inkamala for the Haasts Bluff Local Authority.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.3
TITLE:	Terminations of Local Authority Memberships
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is being asked to endorse the recommendations of the Local Authority and revoke the membership of Norma Kelly from the Mt Liebig Local Authority as the member was absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

New members are nominated and appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), Ministerial Guidelines and Council Procedure MC02-P2 Local Authority Meeting Procedure.

OCM2024-38 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Tommy Conway)

That Council endorses the revocation of the membership of Norma Kelly due to her absence without permission from two consecutive Mt Liebig Local Authority meetings.

10 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Correspondence Report
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Governance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides Councillors with an update on correspondence received by the Council President in the period following the past Council meeting.

OCM2024-39 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Tommy Conway)

That Council notes the correspondence received.

11 PRESIDENT, COUNCILLORS' AND CEO'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Council President's Report
AUTHOR:	Kirsten Baliva, Executive Assistant to CEO & President

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details the meeting attended by President Roxanne Kenny from 2nd February to 4th April.

OCM2024-40 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Dalton McDonald)

That Council receives the President report for the months of February & March 2024 and notes that the President also attended the Local Authority meeting held at Titjikala on 29 February 2024.

12 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	Service Centre Delivery
AUTHOR:	Keith Hassett, Director Service Delivery

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2024-41 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Abraham Poulson)

That Council notes and accepts the Service Centre Delivery Report.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.2
TITLE:	Community Services Report
AUTHOR:	Gina Lacey, Director Community Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

OCM2024-42 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lisa Sharman)

That Council notes and accepts the Community Services report.

MINUTE NOTE: Members appreciated yesterday's presentation by the Director Community Services as she was unavailable today due to operational issues in Kintore.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.3
TITLE:	Technical Services Report
AUTHOR:	Sarah Murnik, Project Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details recent activities of the Technical Services Directorate.

OCM2024-43 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Lisa Sharman)

That Council notes and accepts the Technical Services report.

MINUTE NOTE: Oval lighting was discussed at length with advice provided that MRC is generally waiting on PWC to resolve issues. There was discussion regarding private individuals having tyres repaired at MRC's depots - the CEO advised that no private individuals are able to use the facilities of MRC's depots, however she is to be contacted by Elected Members if a repair is required urgently by an Elected Member in order for the Member to attend a Council meeting.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.4
TITLE:	People and Capabilities Report
AUTHOR:	Brian Robinson, Executive Manager People Organisational Culture

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The People & Capabilities Advisory Department reports to the Office of the CEO. This department contains the work Divisions of: 1) Human Resources, 2) Cultural Advisory, 3) Learning & Development, 4) Work, Health, & Safety. These divisions of the P&C team work together to manage employee end-to-end career cycles, to include: recruitment, records administration, performance management, learning & development, employee relations, industrial relations, administrative processing, and overall employee wellbeing.

OCM2024-44 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Abraham Poulson)

That Council notes and accepts the People & Capabilities report.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.5
TITLE:	Finance Report
AUTHOR:	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is tabled to provide Council with the Finance Report for the period ended 31 March 2024.

OCM2024-45 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Jason Minor)

That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report as at 31 March 2024.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.6
TITLE:	Governance Team Report
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Governance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

OCM2024-46 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Patrick Allen)

That Council notes the Governance Team Report for April 2024.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.7
TITLE:	2023-24 Budget Review
AUTHOR:	Sheree Sherry, Acting Executive Manager Finance and Governance

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.

OCM2024-47 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Mark Inkamala)

That Council adopts the amendments to the Budget 2023-2024 pursuant to Section 203(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.8
TITLE:	New Funding Agreements
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Governance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the latest grant agreements and funding offers entered into/received by MacDonnell Regional Council.

OCM2024-48 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Lisa Sharman)

That Council notes the advice of Federally funded grant agreements entered and NTG funding offers received.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.9
TITLE:	Discussion Paper: 2024-2025 Regional Plan
AUTHOR:	Barbara Newland, Governance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At Council’s workshop day the Manager Governance and Compliance presented a Discussion Paper regarding matters to be considered in the development of the 2024-2025 Regional Plan. Council is being asked to consider this presentation and to provide feedback.

OCM2024-49 RESOLVED (Mark Inkamala/Tommy Conway)

That Council:

- notes the PowerPoint presentation “Discussion Paper: 2024-2025 Regional Plan”;
- provides its feedback in relation to this presentation; and
- agrees to the review of the Regional Plan as indicated in the presentation.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.1

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	General Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under item 7.1 Members had the opportunity to table items to be discussed as General Council Business.

OCM2024-50 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Andrew Davis)

That Council notes and discusses the matters raised at Item 7.1 as follows:

GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINES

- There was significant discussion around the sponsorship of the AFL football teams in MRC communities. It was agreed that the teams in Titjikala, Papunya, Hermannsburg, Areyonga, Santa Teresa. Amoonguna, Finke and Kintore would be supported. The level of support will be determined in discussion with the Elected Members.
- It was agreed that all guernseys will include the MRC logo and that the message of MRC support for "No Violence" must be conveyed. Reports of violence at games could jeopardise MRC's ongoing support.

MINUTE NOTE: The meeting broke for lunch at 12.07pm and resumed at 12.47pm.

- **LOGOS** - members considered the idea of introducing symbols on signage for each of MRC's wards. The Executive Manager, People and Capabilities, will draft some imagery to be presented at the next Ordinary meeting of Council.

- Members discussed the idea of there being a combined CDRC/MRC AFL game to be played as a curtain-raiser prior to the main AFL game at Traeger Park Oval. The Technical Services Director advised that the AFL is happy to consider the idea for next year. Other items considered were the numbers required (24 in a squad/3 per community) with Youth to be engaged to provide support. Crs Davis, Inkamala, McDonald and Poulson will work on this project with the CEO.

GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINES

- Maryvale/Titjikala Road - The Director Technical Services has previously been in contact with the NTG regarding the sealing of this road with the response being that there will be no more sealing, other than what has already been completed. The rationale provided by the NTG has been challenged on the basis that other roads have been constructed which are in similar situations but there has been no reconsideration by the NTG. This issue will continue to be pursued into the future until satisfactorily resolved.
- It is the view of Members that the Aboriginal Liaison Officers in MRC's communities don't receive sufficient training. The CEO is to contact NT Police regarding what training is provided and how many ALO's there are in each MRC community.

14 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	14.1
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.

OCM2024-51 RESOLVED (Dalton McDonald/Andrew Davis)

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)(c)(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.

The Open session of this Ordinary Council meeting was closed at 1.12pm.

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

ITEM NUMBER:	16.1
TITLE:	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and re-admittance of the Public
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 opened to the public following consideration confidential matters. Resolutions will be transferred to the open meeting upon the determination of Council.

OCM2024-53 RESOLVED (Tommy Conway/Mark Inkamala)

That Council discloses the following motions from the confidential section of this meeting into the open section and reopens the meeting to the public:

OCM2024-52 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Andrew Davis)

That the Ordinary Council confirms the unconfirmed Confidential Minutes of the previous Confidential Meeting held on 23 February 2024.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 28 JUNE 2024

18 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 1.18pm.

This page and the preceding 10 pages are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16 April 2024 and are unconfirmed.

President