

MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2019, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE,
ALICE SPRINGS

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor D. Ryan
Councillor G. Auricht
Councillor M. Banks (*via phone*)
Councillor J. Cocking (Chair)
Councillor J. de Brenni
Councillor E. Melky
Councillor M. Paterson
Councillor J. Price
Councillor C. Satour

OFFICERS: Mr R. Jennings - Chief Executive Officer
Ms S. Duke - Acting Director Corporate and Community Services
Mr T. Charlie - Acting Director Technical Services
Mr E. Wlodarczyk - Acting Director Finance
Mrs T. Ociones - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

The meeting was declared open at 6.26pm

1. APOLOGIES

Mr S. Allen – Director Technical Services

2. WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC VISITORS AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

3.1 Councillor Cocking declared interest in respect of Agenda Item 10.5.2,
Traeger Park Oval Wall EOI.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Minutes of meeting held 14 October 2019

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council

That the minutes of the Open Section of the Corporate and Community Services Committee meeting held 14 October 2019 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

(6899 ccs)
CARRIED

4.2 Business Arising

4.2.1 Councillor Banks – Item 4.2.2, Media Relations Policy

Councillor Banks asked for an update on the meeting with ABC Radio regarding this matter.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council had spoken with ABC Radio and the outstanding matter was resolved.

5. IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Identification of items for discussion

The following items were identified for discussion:

9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 10.2

5.2 Identification of items to be raised in General Business by Elected Members and Officers

- Letters regarding NAAG - CEO

6. DEPUTATIONS

6.1 8CCC Community Radio Inc. – Benjamin Erin, Station Manager

This Agenda item was brought forward and held in the Finance Committee at 5:44pm.

Benjamin Erin presented a deputation to Council as a requirement for the Community Assistance Grant. The grant amount of \$1,490 excluding GST was used to purchase seven sets of headphones and two microphones to assist in delivering the volunteer broadcasters and community media training programs. The headphones will be accessible for use in the Media Lab by 110 members and to the broader community through partnerships with community organisations and public events.

Benjamin thanked Council for the Community Assistance Grant provided to 8CCC Community Radio Inc.

8CCC Community Radio will be holding its AGM on 23 November 2019 at Watch this Space at 11:30am. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Chair thanked Benjamin Erin for his presentation.

6.2 Gap Youth and Community Centre – Danny Sgro

This Agenda item was brought forward and held in the Finance Committee at 5:55pm.

Danny Sgro presented a deputation to Council as a recipient of the Community Development Grant. Council provided \$5,000 excluding GST to run a school holiday program with a focus on introducing arts for all skill levels in the Yeperenye Shopping Centre titled *Off the Wall Art for All*. The program aims to provide a safe space for reflection for children and youth participants. The art program did not get as much attention from youth with attendance of 10 to 20 people per day. The funds were divided between having an arts contractor and having a staff member.

Questions and answers followed with Elected Members.

The Chair thanked Danny Sgro for his presentation and for the hard work and support of the Gap Youth Centre team for the youth in Alice Springs.

7. PETITIONS

Nil

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 Corporate and Community Services Directorate Update
Report No. 197/19ccs (A/DCCS)

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

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the Corporate and Community Services Directorate report be received and noted.

(6900 ccs)

9.2 Library Security Review Update
Report No. 198/19ccs (MLS)

This report details how the findings and recommendations from the Library Safety and Security Review carried out in August 2019 by the Ranger Unit have been considered and implemented within the Alice Springs Public Library.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

A. That the Library consult further with local schools, service providers, NTG and PFES around the impacts of implementing a stricter 'No School, No Service' policy.

B. That Council further explore a sustainable solution for a collaborative youth service within the CBD, catering specifically to after-school periods.

(6901 ccs)

Discussion ensued about recommendations C and D. Recommendation C refers to the Library expansion for which Council has a standing motion. Some concern was expressed regarding the wording relating to expansion of current library space. Recommendation D refers to a contracted Library Security Officer and its evaluation report. An evaluation report is to be provided monthly on the placement of the Library Security Officer, negating the need for original recommendation (D) regarding 6 monthly reporting.

The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that the Library recently received \$10K funding from the NT Government to engage the services of

Roger Henshaw Consulting Services to review the current library space and what would be needed for future requirements to deliver a library facility that can accommodate all visitors in the long term. The progress of the consultation can be discussed at a Council Forum.

Councillor Banks would like to put on record that Council should keep recommendation C and note the amended recommendation: *That Council review the current library space to deliver a library facility that can accommodate all visitors in the long term.*

Councillor Banks strongly feels that Council needs to set an intention as Elected Members moving forward about improving the library space by expanding and moving into a bigger space that would be safe for all users, whether on its current location or on a custom-built location.

Acting Director Technical Services left the Chamber at 6:47pm

Acting Director Technical Services returned to the Chamber at 6:49pm

The Chair advised that Elected Members will be meeting with Roger Henshaw through a Council Forum and Council can revisit recommendation C after the consultant has provided his report and recommendation to Council.

9.3 Review of Council Policies
Report No. 199/19ccs (RCO)

The process of reviewing Council's existing policies is ongoing. The purpose of this report is to present a selection of policies for consideration by Elected Members with a view to rescission.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the following Elected Member policies be rescinded:

- **332 Stallholder Permits**
- **405 Developer Contributions for Land Development**
- **414 Sporting Facilities Trust Fund**
- **329 Staff Training and Development**

(6902 ccs)

Deputy Mayor Paterson left the Chamber at 7:04pm

9.4 Child Safety Policy
Report No. 200/19ccs (A/DCCS)

This report presents a draft Child Safety Policy for Council's consideration and endorsement. The Child Safety Policy articulates Council's commitment to ensuring all reasonable measures are put in place to support the safety of children in Council run programs and facilities.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council endorse the Child Safety Policy.

(6903 ccs)

Deputy Mayor Paterson returned to the Chamber at 7:07pm

Councillor Melky is not prepared to endorse this policy unless it includes a stronger approach. Councillor Melky enquired why the Education Act was not considered in the policy, given that it is a relevant Act and it has concerns in child safety in relation to education. This policy needs to be strengthened with the legislation that is currently present under the Education Act.

Councillor Melky asked to be excused and left the Chamber at 7:08pm

Councillor Melky returned to the Chamber and resumed discussion at 7:09pm

The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised the reason that the Education Act was not referenced in the writing of this policy is because the scope of this policy is about what Council's role is in terms of duty of care and its responsibilities in providing a child safe environment for any children engaged in Council programs or under its duty of care.

The Acting Corporate and Community Services advised that Council officers will review the Education Act with the proposed policy and will report on any changes required, if any.

Councillor Melky asked where the Ochre Card sits in this policy. The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that the draft policy would require all Library, ASALC, Community Development and Rangers staff to have ochre cards. The wording in the policy is about child related work. There has been some discussion internally whether Depot staff who maintain Council Parks should have ochre cards. The policy makes it clear that any volunteer, including Elected Members, in a Council run program involving children should have an ochre card. This could be expanded and made clearer if this is the desire of Elected Members.

Councillor Satour left the Chamber at 7:12pm

Councillor Satour returned to the Chamber at 7:14pm

Councillor Auricht commented about young itinerants who have missed early years of education and are too embarrassed to go back to school. The Library offers a safe place for these children and access to computer where they can receive education on their own terms when there is very little opportunity that is available to them or that they can take up. Councillor Melky advised that the Library is not a recognised education place and the education system is failing these children.

9.5 Elected Member Allowances and Expenses Policy
Report No. 201/ccs (A/DCCS)

This report outlines updates to the Elected Member Allowances and Expenses Policy that was initially endorsed on June 24, 2019. The changes proposed to the updated policy ensure it is suited to the requirements of Council and that the Extra Meeting Allowance is attained within the confines of the Act to compensate for the time and effort of Elected Members in fulfilling their role.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council endorse the updated Elected Member Allowances and Expenses Policy to supersede the Elected Member Allowances and Expenses Policy adopted on 24 June 2019.

(6904 ccs)

Councillor Melky asked if implementation of this policy will be backdated to 1 July 2019. The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that the policy will start from the date it is adopted by Council.

Mayor Ryan expressed concerns regarding the Elected Members Allowances and Expenses Policy.

Mayor Ryan referred to the ASTC Municipal Plan 2019/20, page 29, which states that, *“The daily travel allowance for the Mayor and Elected Members when away on Council business is \$205 per day”*. Under the Ministerial Guideline 2, Allowances for Council Members; page 4, number (5) Maximum Rates of Allowance states that, *NOTE-Section 128(2) of the Local Government Act provides that once allowances for the members of the council for a particular financial year have been set, they cannot be changed by an amendment.*

Mayor Ryan is not disputing that Elected Members are paid for their extra meeting allowance; however, a travel allowance should be set and should be entitled to Elected Members and not removed.

The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that he will follow up with the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development on this matter as a matter of urgency, so that it can be discussed at the next Council Forum if required.

The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services referred to the Ministerial Guideline 2, Allowances for Council Members; page 5, number (6) Rules Regarding Allowances under (d) Extra Meeting Allowance Claims; item (iv) states that, *When a council member is required to travel in order to attend an approved extra meeting, the council member may claim an extra meeting allowance for each full day of travel, unless that travel falls on the same day on which the meeting is held. In this context, a full day of travelling means at least four hours of travelling, which may include time in transit.*

9.6 Public Art Policy
Report No. 202/ccs (A/DCCS)

This report presents a revised Public Art policy for Council’s consideration and endorsement.

The Public Art policy demonstrates Council’s commitment to enhancing the Alice Springs’ urban environment and increasing the use and enjoyment of public spaces by enabling investment in public art projects.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council adopt the revised Public Art policy, superseding policy 112 Public Art and the Public Art Policy and Procedure (2006).

(6905 ccs)

DEFERRED to Council Forum

Councillor Banks referred to the Public Art Policy and Procedure document and pointed out a typographical error on page 6, bullet point 5 from the bottom page. The spelling of ‘organizations’ should be changed to ‘organisations’.

Mayor Ryan raised the following queries on the Public Art Policy and Procedure:

- The word Alderman appeared in a couple of places in the document
- Concerned about the determination of a minimum amount of 2% and concerned about how the budgeting will go forward

Councillor Auricht left the Chamber at 7:34pm

Councillor Auricht returned to the Chamber at 7:36pm

The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that the existing policy lacked clarity, definition, very blanket and difficult to follow. The policy has been presented in terms of re-drafting and Council officers are open to direction from Elected Members.

Councillor de Brenni sought clarification about the 2% not being applied to maintenance or repair to existing buildings. The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that the policy states that maintenance and repair of existing buildings or roads would not count as an eligible project for which the 2% will be allocated against. The maintenance for public art is allocated anyway as a part of the budget process to its own budget line. The past policy did have some restrictions, but it needs to be tightened up.

Elected Members agreed to defer discussion to a Council Forum.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that one of the things Council is concerned about is trying to get sufficient funding by the end of the year to undertake suitable works, given the price of getting an artist involved.

Councillor Price left the meeting at 7:42pm.

9.7 Anzac Hill and Civic Centre Flags
Report No. 203/ccs (A/DCCS)

This report has been provided as requested in the resolution carried on 26 August 2019 at the Ordinary Council meeting:

That Council receive a report about including the flying of the Torres Strait Islander flag on Anzac Hill and Civic Centre Policy 103

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council provide direction on the matter relating to the flying of the Torres Strait Islander flag on Anzac Hill and Civic Centre Policy 103.

(6906 ccs)
DEFERRED

Defer discussion until more information is provided by the Acting Director Corporate and Community Services through consultation with Lhere Artepe.

10. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

10.1 Minutes and Recommendations from the Seniors Coordinating Committee Meeting held 16 October 2019

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Seniors Coordinating Committee meeting held 16 October 2019 be received and recommendations adopted.

(6907 ccs)

10.2 Minutes and Recommendations from the Australia Day Coordinating Committee meeting 17 October 2019

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Australia Day Coordinating Committee meeting 17 October 2019 be received and recommendations adopted.

(6908 ccs)

10.2.1 2020 Australia Day Awards (Item 5.1)

The nomination form for the 2020 Australia Day Awards (*Centralian Citizen of the Year; Young Centralian Citizen of the Year; Event of the Year; Volunteer of the Year; Senior Citizen of the Year Award*) has been updated to ensure that nominees acknowledge and consent to being nominated.

Nominations open 1 November 2019 and close 2 December 2019. There will be two quarter page advertisements in the Advocate on 1 November and 15 November 2019. There will also be social media posting and promotion boosting in the week of 18 November.

Judging panel will assess all applications after the ADCC meeting on 12 December 2019.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the judging panel for the 2020 Australia Day Awards are Mayor Ryan, Councillor de Brenni, Councillor Melky, Graeme Anning and June Noble.

(6909 ccs)

10.3 Minutes and Recommendations from the Youth Action Group Committee meeting 30 October 2019

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Youth Action Group Committee meeting 30 October 2019 be received and recommendations adopted.

(6910 ccs)

10.4 Minutes and Recommendations from the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee meeting 31 October 2019

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee meeting 31 October 2019 be received and recommendations adopted.

(6911 ccs)

10.4.1 Sponsorship Application – Alice Springs Running and Walking Club (Item 6.1)

An application was received from the Alice Springs Running and Walking Club requesting financial sponsorship of \$500 for the Australia Day Fun Run Race on 26 January 2020.

The Committee discussed the application and agreed to support the request.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council support the application from the Alice Springs Running and Walking Club to the value of \$500 for the Australia Day Fun Run Race on 26 January 2020.

(6912 ccs)

10.5 Minutes and Recommendations from the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting 6 November 2019

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting 6 November 2019 be received and recommendations adopted.

(6913 ccs)

10.5.1 Todd Mall Entrance EOI (Item 4.2)

Banner System

The Manager Technical Services presented a concept proposal for a Todd Mall banner system using an LED screen. The estimated cost for this banner system is \$85K to \$100K.

On average, the current banner system advertises up to 20 events a year, which require two staff at the Depot to hire machinery (cherry picker) to be able to install and un-install banners, with a yearly cost to Council of \$14,400.

The Committee discussed the proposed banner system with the following feedback:

- The whole design is a massive structure for the size of the Mall, especially with the aim being to declutter the space
- The Todd Mall entrance sign and the banner system would compete with each other and it defeats the purpose of getting rid of clutter
- It takes away historical reference, maybe the whole LED structure can be relocated to the northern end of the Mall
- It is a good use of technology
- Keep the two concepts separate
- PAAC members agreed not to merge the two concepts and to keep the current bespoke project design by Sue Dugdale and Associates.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the feedback from the Public Art Advisory Committee regarding the banner system proposal from the Manager Technical Services presented at this meeting be noted.

That the Public Art Advisory Committee continue to support the process that is underway for the Todd Mall Entrance Sign and not withdraw from this process.

(6914 ccs)

10.5.2 Traeger Park Oval Wall EOI (Item 4.4)

Kim Donald having declared an interest in Item 4.4, left the meeting at 2:15pm, prior to discussion of this matter.

Unfortunately, the link provided by Karine Tremblay to her portfolio was missed by Council Officers when putting together the Traeger Wall Mural EOI documentation, and therefore the Committee did not have the chance to consider her application inclusive of her portfolio of work. An apology from Manager Community and Cultural Development was noted for the minutes.

The Committee discussed the conversations held previously about this application, the selection of the successful EOIs at the previous PAAC meeting, and what steps might need to occur to allow consideration of an additional EOI from the full group of applicants. The Committee agreed that the portfolio did not change their existing views on who the artists progressing to the next stage of the EOI process should be.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the Public Art Advisory Committee does not desire an additional artist to progress to the next stage of the EOI process for the Traeger Park Wall Mural.

(6915 ccs)

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Chief Executive Officer - Correspondence on the National Aboriginal Art Gallery

Council received a letter from Minister Dale Wakefield on Friday, clarifying some issues regarding the National Aboriginal Art Gallery. A letter of response from Council was sent this afternoon, addressing those queries. These letters have been sent to Elected Members this afternoon via email.

Councillor Melky commented on the intent of the Minister's letter to Council. The Council's position on the National Aboriginal Art Gallery to the NT Government has been very clear publicly from the comments made by the Mayor and the media. The minutes from the meetings reflect accurately the position of Council as per the resolutions. Should Council consider providing all correspondence previously received and those that remain in confidential be put into open for transparency and clarification?

The Chief Executive Officer will look at the documents to ensure that there is nothing confidential as required by the Act. This information can be provided if this is the direction of Council.

*Mayor Ryan left the Chamber at 7:51pm
Mayor Ryan returned to the Chamber at 7:55pm*

Discussion ensued about supporting a NAAG in Alice Springs and Council's motion being open to interpretation.

The Chief Executive Officer will present to Elected Members on 6 December 2019 the results of the negotiations as discussed in the letter and at this point a definitive decision can be made.

12. NEXT MEETING: **Monday 10 February 2020**

The meeting stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

Confirmed on _____

CHAIRPERSON _____

Date _____