

MINUTES OF THE
TOURISM, EVENTS & PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
 THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2020 at 4:00PM
 COUNCIL CHAMBER

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was held via Zoom teleconference.

1. ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Mayor Damien Ryan (Chair)
 Councillor Marli Banks
 Councillor Jimmy Cocking
 Merrilyn Spencer, Community member
 Jennifer Standish-White, Red Hot Arts Central Australia
 Brendan Heenan, Community member
 Alana Richardson, Chamber of Commerce Central Australia
 Stephen Jarrett, Tourism Central Australia

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE (attended on site):

Simon Duke, Acting Director Corporate and Community Services
 Jeanette Shepherd, Manager Community & Cultural Development
 Telly Ociones, Executive Assistant (minutes)

APOLOGIES:

Steve Shearer, Community Member
 Lindsay Dixon, Tourism NT
 Courtney Hana, Marketing Manager, Yeperenye Shopping Centre
 Liz Olle, Department of the Chief Minister
 Robert Jennings, Chief Executive Officer

13th Alice Springs Town Council Tourism, Events & Promotions Committee - Attendance List 2018/2019	25 Jul-19	29 Aug-19	26 Sep-19	31 Oct-19	28 Nov-19	27 Feb-20	26 Mar-20
Mayor Damien Ryan	✓	Meeting cancelled – no quorum	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
Councillor Catherine Satour	✓		A	A	✓	A	--
Councillor Jimmy Cocking	A		A	✓	A	✓ phone	✓
Councillor Marli Banks	A		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Councillor Jamie de Brenni	✓						
Alana Richardson	✓		✓	✓	A	A	✓
Stephen Jarrett	✓		✓	✓	✓	--	✓
Lindsay Dixon (started 26/9/19)			✓	✓	--	✓	A
Jennifer Standish-White (started 26/9/19)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Steve Shearer	✓		✓	A	✓	✓	A
Nicole Walsh / Courtney Hana (started 27/02/20)	✓		✓			✓	A
Brendan Heenan	✓		--	A	A	A	✓
Liz Olle	A		A	✓	✓	A	A
Merrilyn Spencer	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓	Attended	A	Apology received
✓ Proxy	Proxy attended in place of committee member	--	No attendance and no apology received

The meeting opened at 4:00pm.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 2.1 Jennifer Standish-White declared an interest in respect of Item 6.1, Sponsorship Application – GUTS Dance.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

The Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held 27 February 2020 as a true and correct record of the proceedings, subject to the following amendments: Mover of minutes should read Steve Shearer (not Anderson) and in Item 6.5 Councillor Cocking's event update should read 'Meet you in the Middle' campaign.

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Cocking
Seconded: Jennifer Standish-White

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

5. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Sponsorship Application – GUTS Dance

The matter was considered as the last item on the Agenda. This is recorded according to its agenda sequence at Item 6.1.

Jennifer Standish-White having declared an interest in Item 6.1, left the meeting at 4:15pm, prior to discussion of this matter

An application was received from GUTS Dance Central Australia Inc requesting financial support of \$5,000 to contribute to employing local crew, decorating the hub space, providing consumables and documentation of the Spring Loaded Dance event.

The Manager Community and Cultural Development has talked to the organisers of this event who advised that at this stage, it will go ahead in October 2020 as planned or if not, it will be rescheduled.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council support the application from GUTS Dance Central Australia to the value of \$5,000 (exc. GST) towards the Spring Loaded Dance event in October 2020, under the proviso that the event goes ahead.

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Cocking
Seconded: Brendan Heenan

6.2 Impact of COVID-19 on Local Tourism and Events

The Manager Community and Cultural Development suggested it is important for the Committee to discuss the effects of COVID-19 on local tourism and events and the options for the Committee to take some action in this area, in particular with the budget, as many of the community events have been cancelled and postponed.

No discussion ensued.

6.3 Community Event Update from Committee Members

Brendan Heenan

- A'van Club of Australia who were coming in April (180 vans) and May (200 vans) have cancelled
- Finke Desert Race have cancelled
- Red Centre NATS has not been cancelled at this stage
- Masters Games is still going ahead until further notice.

Stephen Jarrett

- Almost all events in the near future have been cancelled. There is one or two organisations that are still deciding but cannot see anything that will go ahead at the moment.

Councillor Jimmy Cocking

- The Eco Fair (6 - 9 August) is planning on going ahead but developing an online workshop and forum series. Schools' days activities will be online.

Alana Richardson

- All Chamber of Commerce NT events for 2020 have been cancelled except for training which will be done online. This will be announced soon.

Jennifer Standish-White

- Red Hot Arts is still planning for the Festival to go ahead in September, however, this could change
- Desert Song Festival in September is proceeding, but it could change

7. **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday **30 April 2020**, 4:00pm

8. **CLOSURE OF MEETING:** The meeting closed at 4:20pm