

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
27 OCTOBER 2020 AT 5:30PM IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Opening of the Meeting by the Mayor (Chair)

Mayor Damien Ryan declared the meeting open at **5.30pm** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

Alice Springs News and ABC Alice Springs were present

Mayor Ryan acknowledged the Central Arrernte people who are the traditional owners and custodians of Alice Springs.

PRESENT

Mayor D. Ryan (Chair)

Deputy Mayor J Price

Councillor G. Auricht

Councillor M. Banks

Councillor de Brenni

Councillor J. Cocking

Councillor E. Melky

Councillor M. Paterson

Councillor C. Satour

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R. Jennings – Chief Executive Officer

Mr S. Allen – Director Technical Services

Ms S. Taylor – Director Corporate Services

Ms K. Sutton – Director Community Development

Ms C. Ashard – Media and Communications

Mrs E. Williams – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

2. PRAYER

The prayer was read by Pastor Rod Holmes, Alice Springs Baptist Church

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3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 13 October 2020

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held Tuesday 13 October 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of those meetings.

CARRIED (21260)

6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

6.2.1 Mayor Ryan asked the Director Corporate Services for a report on the COVID-19 Relief Budget

The Director Corporate services advised that this report will be presented at the next Ordinary meeting.

6.2.2 Mayor Ryan asked the Director Technical Services for an update on the design process on the culverts under the Wills Terrace causeway.

The Director Technical Services advised that a letter to Minister Lawler has been drafted and is awaiting finalisation by the CEO.

7. MAYORAL REPORTS AND MINUTES

7.1. Mayor's Report
Report No. 226/20cncI

Moved – Councillor Auricht

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

That Mayor Ryan's report be received

CARRIED (21261)

7.2. Business arising from the Report

7.2.1 Councillor Auricht – Item 1.7

Councillor Auricht asked for information on the meeting with Commander Craig Laidler, Michael Liddle, Wayne Scrutton and Dorrelle Anderson from Territory Families regarding youth interventions.

The Mayor advised that this was a follow-up after his meeting with the CEO, Assistant Commissioner Beer and Michael Liddle regarding youth interventions and what Territory Families are responsible for. Following on from this, Mayor Ryan participated in a foot-patrol through the CBD with Northern Territory Police where the issue of lighting within the CBD was highlighted.

7.2.2 Councillor Cocking – Item 1.10

Councillor Cocking requested information on the meeting with Keith Gregory and Deputy Mayor Price.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor advised that Mr Gregory was asking for support for his programs in the Top End.

7.2.3 Councillor Cocking – Item 1.16

Councillor Cocking asked for information on the meeting with Sandra Henderson, Director, Department Foreign Affairs and Trade Northern Territory Office

The Mayor advised that this meeting was to catch up on business opportunities within Central Australia.

7.2.3 Councillor Auricht – Item 1.20

Councillor Auricht asked for information on the Masters Games Strategic Review

The Mayor advised that the workshop was around invigorating the games.

The Masters Games office will compile and provide the feedback from this review which will be circulated to the Elected Members.

8. ORDERS OF THE DAY

8.1. That Elected Members and Officers provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

8.1.1 Councillor Banks – 24-hour Youth Centre

8.1.2 Councillor Banks – Arrernte Boxing Academy

9. DEPUTATION

Nil

10. PETITIONS

Nil

11. MEMORIALS

Nil

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Nil

13. FINANCE

13.1. Finance Report
Report No. 229/20 cncl

Moved – Councillor Melky
Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the report be received and noted

CARRIED (21262)

The Mayor asked the Director Corporate Services for clarification around the interest rate change within the report compared to the last two reports (Strategic Analysis – Monitoring Required, dot point 5).

The Director Corporate Services took the question on notice.

The Mayor asked the Director Corporate Services that the reserve previously entitled “Street Lighting” and now renamed to “Security and Safety Lighting Upgrade” not be changed (Strategic Analysis – Monitoring Required, dot point 14).

The Mayor asked the Director Corporate Services about the “Nil Rates Increases Budget” (Strategic Analysis – Needs Attention Immediately, dot point 2) and the regular reviews by Officers to be conducted against budget. This also needs to be reviewed by the Elected Members.

The Director Corporate Services advised that this is a new process but the budgets will still be presented to the Elected Members for review.

Councillor Melky asked for clarification on the employee costs, materials and contracts and operating expenses.

Director Corporate Services took the question on notice.

Deputy Mayor Price noted that under other operating expenses that the legal fees are higher than usual.

The Director Corporate Services that of late, further external advice has been sought.

Councillor Cocking noted that the counselling fees spending under operational expenses was particularly high for this month.

Director Corporate Services advised that COVID-19 has impacted staff and that additional counselling has been required.

Councillor de Brenni asked for clarification on the Greenhills spending re. Kilgariff
Director Technical Services advised this project is ongoing and that Greenhills have the corporate knowledge and background on this project, hence why they continue to be engaged. The Director Technical Services took the remaining question on notice.

14. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

14.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

14.1.1. CEO Report

Report No. 227/20cncI

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Paterson

That the CEO report be received and noted.

CARRIED (21263)

Councillor de Brenni asked about the meeting with Sarah Fairhead from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and if there had been update on parking within the CBD.

The CEO advised that there has been some progress.

The Director Technical Services advised that a further update will be given at the 2 November, 2020 Council Forum.

The Mayor asked for an update on shading within the CBD.

The Director Technical Services advised that a further update will be given at the 2 November, 2020 Council Forum.

Councillor Cocking asked if the Motion regarding the shale gas industry in the NT had been presented to LGANT as its not listed in the papers for the LGANT AGM?

CEO took the question on notice

Councillor Cocking asked for an update on the Willshire Street renaming.

The Director Technical Services advised that information has been received from the key stakeholder and that there will be a report presented at the next Ordinary meeting.

Councillor de Brenni asked if there had been any progress on the releasing of light industrial land at Arumbera.

The CEO advised that there has been some progress on this but would take the question on notice.

Deputy Mayor Price asked for an update on the MOU with Redtails

The Director Technical Services advised that a meeting has been held and that Redtails have been asked to make some changes to the document.

Deputy Mayor Price asked if the completed tasks can be removed from the resolution's spreadsheet?

The CEO advised he will undertake a thorough review to ensure it's a current document.

14.2. DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

Nil

14.3. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

14.3.1 Skate Park Mural Paint
Report No. 234 / 20 cncl (M/CCDU)

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

RESOLVED:

That this report be received and it be noted that Officers have provided the additional information requested regarding the durability of the paint being used for the skate park mural and advise that this paint is 'fit for purpose'.

CARRIED (21264)

14.3.2 UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Creative Arts Recovery Grants Committee - 6 October 2020

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

RESOLVED:

That the minutes from the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on the 6 October 2020 are received and recommendations be adopted

CARRIED (21265)

14.3.2(1) Discussion of Creative Arts Recovery Grants Applications (Agenda Item 5.1)

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation from the Creative Arts Recovery Grants Committee to Council:

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

That grants pursuant to Council's Creative Arts Quick Response Recovery Grants be approved in respect of the following applications for the fourth round of funding:

CARRIED (21266)

APPLICANT NAME		AMOUNT APPLIED FOR	GRANT TYPE	GRANT PURPOSE
1.	Camille Bernardino	\$2,000	Individual artist	To record and produce a music EP of 7-10 tracks with a local music producer, using local artists.
2.	GUTS Dance	\$5,000	Arts organisation	Research and development of new dance works. Various modes of working will be used, including traditional research practices (investigating written texts, video and still image), as well as choreographic experimentation and movement improvisation.
3.	Paige Northwood	\$2,000	Individual artist	Creation of 13 paintings that explore the artist's connection to place, both within Sydney and in Central Australia. The artist artworks would be exhibited in Alice Springs and Sydney. Workshops will be held to explore the concept of how one connection to place.
4.	Red Hot Arts	\$5,000	Arts organisation	The program will support four artists or groups by providing them a two-week residency at Red Hot Arts, which includes spaces, technical support and funds to devote a concentrated period of time to developing create work and strengthening artistic practices within the context of Central Australia. Artists need to be based in Alice Springs, and will be chosen through an EOI process.
5.	Susie Purcell	\$2,000	Individual artist	Complete a 12-month performance development course in playing jazz piano with accomplished jazz pianist, Steve Sedergreen to prepare as a jazz performer and jazz educator.
Total Grants Approved		\$16,000		

14.3.3 UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Public Art Advisory Committee - 14 October 2020

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

RESOLVED:

That the minutes from the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on the 14 October 2020 are received and recommendations be adopted

CARRIED (21267)

14.3.3(1) NO MORE Signage at Traeger Wall (Agenda Item 7.2)

Moved – Councillor Satour

Seconded – Councillor Auricht

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation from the Public Art Advisory Committee to Council:

That the request from the artist to put the NO MORE logo on the Traeger Wall mural not be supported.

DEFERRED

Councillor Melky asked for clarification around the “No More” logo not being part of the Traeger Wall mural.

The Mayor advised that this was not part of the initial process of the public art application and that there is “No More” signage in many other areas of the facility. The “No More” campaign is still strongly supported by Council. The resolution doesn’t reflect the discussion held within the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting.

Discussion ensued.

Councillor de Brenni asked if the “No More” signage was still present on Council vehicles? Director Technical Services advised that yes, they are. Officers to provide the Elected Member’s with the original Motion brought to Council by Deputy Mayor Price.

14.3.4 Tertiary Education Bursary Policy Amendment and Program Update
Report No. 235 / 20 cncl (M/CCDU)

Moved – Nil

Seconded – Nil

RESOLVED:

That the Tertiary Education Bursary policy be amended as per the following:

- a. **Remove the eligibility requirement that students need to be a resident of Alice Springs**
- b. **Change the eligibility criteria to allow attendance of a registered higher education institute, instead of only a tertiary institute, but require that the course is at least one (1) year in length, and provides a certification upon completion**
- c. **Change the bursary name to the Alice Springs Town Council Higher Education Bursary**
- d. **Remove the reference to specific Alice Springs secondary schools to ensure the policy remains relevant into the future**
- e. **Change the specific nomination notification date from Council to nominees, to within four (4) weeks of the nomination being received.**

DEFERRED

Discussion ensued.

Officers to make the discussed changes to the policy and circulate a response to the Elected Members. This information can be presented at the Development meeting on Monday November 2, 2020.

14.3.5 UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Australia Day Coordinating Committee - 15 October 2020

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

RESOLVED:

That the minutes from the Australia Day Coordinating Committee meeting held on the 15 October 2020 are received and recommendations be adopted

CARRIED (21268)

14.3.5(1) 2020 Australia Day Ceremony Event Debrief (Agenda Item 5.1)

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation from the Australia Day Coordinating Committee to Council:

- a. **That Council purchase two 3x6 marquees with corporate branding amounting to approximately \$5,000 (incl GST) each.**
- b. **That Council purchase 5 teardrop banners from the National Australia Day Council signage grant of \$1,000 Council received.**

CARRIED (21269)

14.3.5(2) 2021 Australia Day Awards (Agenda Item 6.2)

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation from the Australia Day Coordinating Committee to Council:

That the closing date of nomination for the 2021 Centralian Awards be extended to 20 November 2020.

CARRIED (21270)

14.4 DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

14.4.1 UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Development Committee - 5 October 2020

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

RESOLVED:

That the minutes from the Development Committee meeting held on the 5 October 2020 be received and noted

CARRIED (21271)

14.4.1(1) Election of Chairperson (Agenda Item 1.1)

Moved – Councillor Price

Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Glen Auricht be appointed the new Chair of the Development Committee

CARRIED (21257)

14.4.1(2) Election of Chairperson (Agenda Item 1.1)

Moved – Councillor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Price

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Eli Melky be appointed the new Deputy Chair of the Development Committee

CARRIED (21258)

14.4.1(3) Lot 9225, (Unit 1) 2 Ghan Road – PA2020/0319 (Agenda Item 5.2)

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

RESOLVED:

That the following condition be added to Council's response letter to the Development Consent Authority. *"A Traffic Management Plan is required for all activities outside gazetted business hours"*

CARRIED (21259)

14.4.2 UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Environment Advisory Committee - 5 October 2020

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

RESOLVED:

That the minutes from the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on the 5 October 2020 are received and recommendations be adopted

CARRIED (21272)

14.4.2(1) Letter from James Christian to Environment Advisory Committee (Agenda Item 3.1)

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation from the Environment Advisory Committee to Council

- 1. That Council explore community education options surrounding advertising waste,**
- 2. That the community education includes the option of ‘no junk mail’ stickers for rate payers/residents, and**
- 3. That Council work with the distributors of advertising to ensure they recognize the waste issue**

CARRIED (21273)

14.4.3 UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Cemeteries Advisory Committee - 6 October 2020

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

RESOLVED:

That the minutes from the Cemeteries Advisory Committee meeting held on the 6 October 2020 are received and recommendations be adopted

CARRIED (21274)

14.4.3(1) Under 20 Weeks Garden – Alice Springs Garden Cemetery (Agenda Item 5.1)

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Price

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation from the Cemeteries Advisory Committee to Council

That a garden at the Alice Springs Garden Cemetery be named the “Garden of Angels” to remember babies lost before 20 weeks of gestation.

CARRIED (21275)

15. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

15.1 Swimming Squad entry into ASALC

Councillor Cocking asked on behalf of members of the swimming squad why they were being charged an entry fee into ASALC and why they hadn't received the fee waiver as part of the COVID-19 relief

Mayor Ryan advised that the fee was waived only to those who pay a levy to SFAC. The CEO took the question on notice.

15.2 Lighting at the Soccer Field

Councillor Banks asked for an update on the delays to the lighting upgrade at the soccer fields.

Mayor Ryan advised that \$44k has been committed to this and the process has commenced.

Director Technical Services advised that he was unable to give a specific date due to the unknown arrival of the infrastructure required. The President of the of the Soccer association is aware of this and has spoken both with himself and the Mayor.

15.3 Greyhound Bus stop on Todd Street

Councillor de Brenni advised that Greyhound no longer have an office on Todd Street but that they are still utilising the location as a drop-off and pick-up location.

The CEO took the question on notice

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 24-hour Youth Centre

Councillor Banks expressed her sympathy to the family of friends of Shane Powell who lost his life as a result of a traffic accident.

Discussion was had on how to move forward and as a Council, as there is an obligation to step up. This could be done by introducing a 24-hour Youth drop-in facility.

CEO advised that a Forum will be held on November 9, 2020 to specifically discuss this issue

Councillor Cocking left the Chamber at 7.20pm

Councillor Cocking returned to the Chamber at 7.21pm

Moved – Councillor Paterson

Seconded – Councillor Melky

RESOLVED:

That Council write to the Chief Minister, Michael Gunner, Minister for Territory Families, Kate Worden and the Minister for Education Selena Uibo to coordinate a meeting on a joint response towards community safety.

CARRIED (21276)

Councillor Auricht left the Chamber at 7.30pm

Councillor Auricht returned to the Chamber at 7.33pm

16.2 Arernte Community Boxing Academy

Mayor Ryan, Councillor Paterson and Councillor Melky declared a Conflict of Interest and left the Chamber at 7.30pm

Deputy Mayor Price took over the role of Chair

Councillor Banks advised that she has recently had discussions with one of the operators of the boxing academy who has asked that Council continue to progress the relationship.

The CEO responded that he and officers have commenced discussions with the academy around partnerships and that the collaboration process has commenced.

The CEO advised that a report will be compiled and presented to the Elected Members at an upcoming meeting.

Director Technical Services left the Chamber at 7.36pm

Director Technical Services returned to the Chamber 7.38pm

Mayor Ryan, Councillor Paterson and Councillor Melky returned to the Chamber at 7.37pm

Mayor Ryan resumed the role of Chair

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17. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

Media matters will be covered via the media attendance at this meeting.

18. NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 10 November 2020 at 5.30pm

19. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at **7.39pm**

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Cocking

The Council stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

CARRIED (21277)

Confirmed on _____

CHAIRPERSON _____

Date _____