

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE FOURTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2022 IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

14. RESUMPTION OF MEETING IN OPEN

15. Opening of the Open Meeting by the Mayor (Chair) and Acknowledgement of Country

Mayor Matt Paterson declared the meeting open at **11.04am** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

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

Mayor Matt Paterson reminded that this meeting is being recorded and will be placed on Council's website. By speaking at a Council meeting, you agree to being recorded. Alice Springs Town Council accepts no liability for any defamatory or offensive remarks or gestures made during the course of this Council meeting.

Media present – ABC Alice Springs

PRESENT

Mayor M. Paterson (Chair)
Deputy Mayor E. Melky
Councillor M. Banks
Councillor A. Bitar
Councillor S. Brown
Councillor M. Coffey
Councillor K. Hopper (via Zoom)
Councillor M. Liddle

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R. Jennings – Chief Executive Officer
Ms S. Taylor – Director Corporate Services
Mrs N. Battle – Director Community Development
Mr J. Andrew – Director Technical Services
Ms S. Sheree – Finance Manager
Mrs E. Williams – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

16. PRAYER

Nil

17. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

18. WELCOME

19. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

19.1 Will Ladson re. Aboriginal Youth Crime and violence levels.

Mr Ladson spoke of his family member's recent experience with crime.

The Mayor apologized on behalf of Council and reiterated that it's an ongoing issue. He went on to give an overview of the work that Council is doing behind the scenes around these issues and will hand deliver the letter that Mr Ladson sent to the Mayor to the Chief Minister next time they meet.

20. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Nil

21. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

21.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting held on 23 August, 2022

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 23 August, 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED (22341)

21.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

21.2.1 Councillor Hopper – Meeting Minute Corrections

Councillor Hopper advised of the following corrections that need to be made:

Councillor Cocking removed as an attendee

27.1.2.3 – Councillor Coffery – Survey for Rough Sleepers

This should read Councillor Coffey

27.4.2.2 – Councillor Hopper – Recycled Water

This should read “Greening Strategy” and not “Green Strategy”

Councillor Bitar advised that she wasn't listed on the minutes as being present.

The Executive Assistant will make these corrections.

27.2.1 Mayor Paterson – Pokies Petition

The Mayor asked about the report following the Petition that was presented at the August meeting on the additional pokies machine applications for Alice Springs.

The CEO responded that a report will be provided at the October meeting.

22 MAYORAL REPORT

22.1 Mayor's Report
Report No. 140 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

1. **That a review be conducted of the meeting agenda, meeting structure, finance paperwork and report structure as part of a future forum.**
2. **That Council write to the NT Electoral Commission to confirm Council's support of 'no change' to the Electorate boundaries as well as no creation of wards for the 2024 Council Election.**
3. **That the Mayor's report be received.**

CARRIED (22342)

22.2 Business Arising from the Report

The Mayor gave an overview of the recommendations presented and asked that the new finance reporting format be provided at the upcoming Risk Management and Audit Committee meeting.

The Director Corporate Services took this question on notice.

22.2.1 Councillor Brown – Item 1.2 – Washdown Bay

Councillor Brown asked about this meeting.

The Mayor responded that he met with the Northern Territory Cattleman's Association around the installation of a washdown bay in Alice Springs.

22.2.2 Councillor Banks – Recommendation 1

Councillor Banks asked if a review of meeting structures generally would be possible.

22.2.3 Councillor Bitar – Centralian Middle School Tree Farm, Letter from Minister Lawler

Councillor Bitar asked for an update following the correspondence received from Minister Lawler.

The CEO responded that a meeting has been scheduled with the Department of Education to discuss.

Deputy Mayor Melky left the Chamber at 11.18am

Deputy Mayor Melky returned to the Chamber at 11.21am

22.2.4 Councillor Hopper – Item 1.4 – Meeting with Qantas

Councillor Hopper asked for context of this meeting.

The Mayor responded that it was a meeting following the flight cuts and the cost increases. He has suggested to Qantas that they look at Jetstar also being a carrier otherwise an alternative will be sought.

22.2.5 Councillor Hopper – Item 2.16 – Youth Summit

Councillor Hopper asked for an update following the Youth Summit.

Refer to Item 28.3.2.1

23. ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

23.1.1 Deputy Mayor Melky – Future Motion Community Funded Security Patrol (Dog Patrol)

23.1.2 Councillor Brown – Big Alice

23.1.3 Councillor Brown – Social Order and Crime

23.1.4 Councillor Brown – Ilparpa Road

23.1.5 Councillor Brown – Hartley St Carpark Lighting

23.1.6 Councillor Brown – PWC Tree Pruning

23.1.7 Councillor Brown – Email fwd'ing for Elected Members to Personal Email Addresses

23.1.8 Councillor Liddle – Road Lighting at Connellan

23.1.9 Councillor Liddle – Statues

23.1.10 Councillor Coffey – CBD Nighttime Activity

23.1.11 Councillor Bitar – Todd Mall Traders Association.

23.1.12 Councillor Hopper – Dog Welfare and Cattle Tick

24. MEMORIALS

24.1 Mary Meldrum

Mary Irene Meldrum was born on the 5th July 1934 in Cudgewa North, Victoria and passed away on the 24th August, 2022 aged 88.

Mary made a lasting impression on the Mount Gambier and Alice Springs communities with her "larger than life" approach and was held in high admiration by those who knew and worked with her in business, entertainment and numerous community fundraisers.

Mary was a loving wife and was married to Peter Meldrum (dec.) for 54 years and mother to Greg and Diane (dec.).

In 1973, Mary became Australia's first woman auctioneer and worked as an Estate Auctioneer.

Mary and Peter moved to Alice Springs from Mount Gambier, South Australia in the early 1990's to be closer to their daughter, Diane where they ran the old Charlie's Fast Food at Yeperenye and oversaw the opening of Piggly's supermarket. Following this, Mary was employed as house parent at Yirara College.

Mary was President for 10 years at the Memo Bowls Club and became a life member. She was also a member of the Desert Sports Foundation, an Ambassador for the Masters Games, a judge of the Camel Cup, a scrutineer for the Finke Desert Race and featured for 20 years on the morning 8HA sports show.

Mary had a strong community connection through her numerous fundraising activities, especially for those in need. She was fortunate to be the recipient of numerous awards – Centralian of the Year and Pride of Australia Medal just to name a few but she never undertook her community work for recognition but rather, for the betterment of the community.

Through her community work, Mary made many lifelong friends and formed a strong connection with Central Australia.

Most of all, Mary loved spending time with her family and she will be missed.

Thank you to Greg Meldrum for allowing permission to use this memorial.

25. PETITIONS

Nil

26. NOTICES OF MOTION

26.1 Councillor Marli Banks – Social Order Plan

At the Ordinary meeting of the Thirteen Council on the 23rd March 2021, Council unanimously passed business calling for an independent community safety audit.

The Northern Territory Government (NTG) has commenced this process through the Ministerial appointment of Jeanette Kerr to coordinate a SOCIAL ORDER PLAN. Minister Worden and Jeanette Kerr have identified issues fueling antisocial behaviour in the CBD, such as stray shopping trollies and poor lighting, and has asked for a commitment to assisting with the SOCIAL ORDER PLAN in ways such as erecting temporary fencing and improving lighting.

Now that an independent review of community safety has taken place, Resolution 21551 is outdated, and direction needs to be formally resolved via Council to give the appropriate operational controls for the CEO to act accordingly. Giving operational direction to act upon reasonable request will demonstrate that the Alice Springs Town Council is taking the issue of public safety seriously, following through on previous business of Council, and supporting the direction of the NTG on this issue. This will allow the SOCIAL ORDER PLAN to progress whilst allowing Council to remain included in discussions. Naturally, it is expected that the plan will have certain markers and a review process that will allow for development, implementation, and reflection. Council will comply with the cycle outlined by the plan and recognise that we are a key stakeholder in this process.

27th October, 2020

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH COUCNIL

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)

23rd March, 2021

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH COUCNIL

That the Alice Springs Town Council calls on the Northern Territory Government to immediately launch substantial action concurrent with an independent community safety audit to ensure our community's safety.

UNANIMOUS (21551)

16th August, 2022

COUNCIL FORUM

Jeanette Kerr, Dept Chief Minister Introduction of Social Order Plan

23rd August, 2022

Meeting with Minister Worden & Jeanette Kerr re. Social Order Plan

6th September, 2022

COUNCIL FORUM

Commander Craig Laidler NT Police re. Operational Overview

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That the Alice Springs Town Council supports the Northern Territory Government’s SOCIAL ORDER PLAN and will comply with all reasonable directions that form part of the strategic direction. Council will receive updates via the monthly CEO report and will review the progress on an ongoing basis.

WITHDRAWN

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That the Motion be Withdrawn

CARRIED (22343)

26.2 Councillor Kim Hopper – Pokies Moratorium

According to Part 2.3 of the Local Government Act (NT) 2019 (the Act), some of the role of a council is;

21 (b): to develop a strong and cohesive social life for its residents ... in a fair, socially inclusive and sustainable way;

to encourage and develop initiatives for improving quality of life;... and (e) to represent the interests of its area to the wider community.

Research demonstrates a significant correlation between pokies venues and all crime, especially property crime (Wheeler et al 2010)

Pokies are the most harmful form of gambling, with multiple research reports questioning whether the machines are safe (Browne et al 2016).

The Alice Springs Town Council Liveability and Sustainability 2030 Strategic Plan commits that Council will be an “advocate” for our town – “promoting the interests of the community to others (decision makers and influencers)”.

At the August Ordinary meeting of Council, a Petition of over 800 signatures collated by No New Pokies for Mpartnwe was tabled for discussion at the September Ordinary meeting, since then a moratorium on gaming applications has been implemented by the Northern Territory Government.

Pokies undermine the prospect of a strong and cohesive social life for residents of Alice Springs, through their association with increased crime.

In 2021 the Northern Territory had the second highest per capita number of pokies in any State or Territory in Australia (Perri 2021).

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded –

1. **That Alice Springs Town Council support the Northern Territory Government Moratorium on Gaming Machine applications and;**
2. **Request a meeting with the Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing regarding the review and legislative reform**

DEFERRED

The Mayor will request that the Attorney General be invited to present to the Elected Members.

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

That the Motion be Deferred

CARRIED (22344)

27. FINANCE

27.1 Finance Report Report No. 141 / 22 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22345)

27.2 Business Arising from the Report

27.2.1 Councillor Coffey – Trade Debtors and Balance Sheet

Councillor Coffey asked for clarification as the figures don't match between the Trade Debtors and the Balance Sheet.

The Director Corporate Services took the question on notice

27.2.2 Councillor Coffey – Finance Reporting

Councillor Coffey asked for a review of the “traffic light” system within the finance reports as the current reporting doesn’t give the full picture. The Director Corporate Services took this on notice.

27.2.3 Councillor Bitar – Actual vs Budget Tracking

Councillor Bitar asked around the actual vs budget tracking. The Finance Manager responded that this won’t register due to the even split over the 12 months but the new reporting system will correct this.

27.2.4 Councillor Hopper – Mayor’s Credit Card report

Councillor Hopper asked when this report will be presented. The Mayor responded that he is yet to attend the bank and sign the paperwork.

27.2.5 Councillor Hopper – Cash Reserves

Councillor Hopper asked about the Plant and Equipment for the RWMF. The Mayor responded that this was initially budgeted to the installation of a shed and it was then changed to an excavator and truck.

27.2.6 Councillor Hopper – Security and Safety

Councillor Hopper asked if this is for the street light upgrades? The Mayor responded that yes, it is.

27.2.7 Councillor Hopper – Insurance Quotes

Councillor Hopper asked if over \$150k, does Council go out for tender for insurance providers. The Mayor responded that yes, Council do.

27.2.8 Councillor Hopper – Investments report

Councillor Hopper asked if there is a timeframe for the policy? The Mayor responded that JB Were will be presenting at a future forum.

27.2.9 Mayor Paterson – Financial Assistance Grants (FAGS) and Roads to Recovery

Mayor Paterson asked that Council are looking at spending the FAGS and Roads to Recovery money on this year. The Director Corporate Services took the question on notice. The Mayor asked for the Roads to Recovery spend also be broken down.

28. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

28.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

28.1.1 CEO Report
Report No. 143 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Liddle

1. **That this report be received and noted.**
2. **That Council appoint the CEO or appropriate delegate of the CEO to the Multi-Cultural Community Services of Central Australia board for another twelve-month and be reviewed annually.**

CARRIED (22346)

28.1.2 Business Arising from the Report

28.1.2.1 Councillor Coffey – Council Connects

Councillor Coffey asked about the distribution of Council Connects especially around the by-election.

The CEO responded that the footprint is being expanded both online and in print.

28.1.2.2 Councillor Hopper – Advocacy Statement

Councillor Hopper asked for an update.

The CEO responded that the Corporate Business Plan will be presented to Elected Member's in October with the Advocacy Statement to follow.

The Mayor went on to ask that the Territory and Federal budgets be provided with this document pre-budget.

28.1.2.3 Deputy Mayor Melky – MCSCA

Deputy Mayor Melky asked about the review.

The CEO responded that it is a Council consideration and that a letter has been received from MCCSA asking for the CEO or Director Community Development be a delegate on their board.

The Mayor responded that it is more of an operational matter rather than political.

28.1.2.4 Deputy Mayor Melky – Property Council report

Deputy Mayor Melky asked if any recommendations have come from this report.

The CEO responded that it was presented to the Elected Members more as an information source.

Discussion ensued.

Councillor Coffey raised concerns around the information presented especially with the non-use of trainees / apprentices.

Councillor Banks asked for an update on the Apprenticeship Strategy that was being developed.

The CEO took this question on notice.

A meeting with Ruth Palmer from the Property Council will be requested to discuss options for Alice Springs.

28.1.2.5 Councillor Bitar – By-election publicity

Councillor Bitar asked when publicity on the by-election will be circulated.

The Director Corporate Services responded that information is starting to be distributed with a candidate information session also to be held in early October.

Nominations open on the 7th October.

Councillor Brown left the Chamber at 11.57am

Councillor Brown returned to the Chamber at 11.58am

28.1.3 CONFIDENTIAL CEO Report
Report No. 139 / 22 cncI

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.1.1)

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

2. **That Council congratulate / support the Northern Territory Government on the Mparntwe / Alice Springs Social Order Response and note that Council look forward to working collaboratively with the Northern Territory Government on this matter.**
3. **Provides in-principle support to the Mparntwe / Alice Springs Social Order Response.**
4. **That Council invites Jeanette Kerr to attend a meeting with Elected Members on the Mparntwe / Alice Springs Social Order Response Plan as soon as possible.**

CARRIED (22334)

28.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

28.2.1 CONFIDENTIAL - Alice Springs Town Council By-Election Report No. 142 / 22 cncl

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.2.1)

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

1. **That this report be received and noted regarding key election dates.**
2. **That Council approve the transfer of up to \$2,000.00 from the Working Capital Reserve to GL 824 25 241 to ensure that there are sufficient funds for the estimated cost of \$150,853.06 (excluding GST) for the 2022 Alice Springs Town Council By-Election.**
3. **That Council support the removal of the polling booth south of the Gap**

CARRIED (22335)

28.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

28.3.1 Community Development Report to Council Report No. 144 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That the Community Development Report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22347)

28.3.2 Business Arising from the Report

28.3.2.1 Councillor Hopper – Youth Summit

The Director Community Development gave an overview of the Youth Summit held on the 23rd September, 2022. The view is to take the Summit on the road to further the reach of participants.

The Mayor congratulated the Director on a successful first-time event.

Councillor Bitar congratulated the team for the Youth Summit and its professional presentation.

28.3.2.2 Councillor Hopper – Ranger Outreach

Councillor Hopper asked around training provided to the Rangers on assertive outreach.

The Director Community Development responded that they are supporting agencies who are on the front line rather than carrying out the assertive outreach.

Discussion ensued.

28.3.2.3 Mayor Paterson – Rangers Report

The Mayor asked around the shopping trolleys – are they being held at the Depot? If not collected are they being fined or are Council disposing of them?

The Director Community Development took the question on notice.

The Director Community Development advised that recruitment is currently underway for more Rangers.

28.3.2.4 Councillor Coffey – Community Development Report

Councillor Coffey congratulated the Ranger Unit on their report and the work they are doing. Also, the Library and the staff and the positive comments received from users.

28.3.2.5 Councillor Coffey – ASALC Shade Sails

Councillor Coffey asked if the shade sails are working as a deterrent for vandalism.

The Director Community Development responded that not only are they aesthetically pleasing, they are also acting as a deterrent.

28.3.2.6 Councillor Coffey – Hygiene Rating for ASALC

Councillor Coffey asked about the figures presented.

The Director Community Development responded that there have been issues around cleaners' availability but it is something that is continually being improved.

28.3.2.7 Councillor Coffey – Volunteer Report

Councillor Coffey praised the report and asked how are volunteers are being acknowledged for their service.

The Director Community Development responded that she would like to celebrate volunteers each year during Volunteer Week in May with a form of recognition.

28.3.2.8 Councillor Coffey – Sporting Facilities Report

Councillor Coffey asked around the figures presented.

Discussion ensued

This information will be referred back to the Sports Officer for correction.

28.3.2.9 Councillor Hopper – Library Report

Councillor Hopper asked about the numbers of people attending – is there anecdotal evidence of the increase.

The Director Community Development took the question on notice.

Discussion ensued.

28.3.3 Election Signage Policy
Report No. 145 / 22 cncI

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

That Council adopt the updated Election Signage Policy, provided as Attachment A and rescinds all previous policies related to Election Signage.

CARRIED (22348)

28.3.4 Business Arising from the Report

Discussion ensued around the type of pickets used to install signs.

The Director Corporate Services advised that the Policy will be amended accordingly.

28.3.5 Multicultural Action Plan
Report No. 146 / 22 cncI

Moved –
Seconded –

1. **That the attached draft Multicultural Action Plan be reviewed and endorsed by Council.**
2. **That \$60,000 be transferred from Council reserves to fund implementation of the plan until 30 June 2023.**
3. **That a multicultural budget line be created, with an annual allocation of \$120,000 to fund ongoing implementation of the plan from 1 July 2023 until June 30 2025.**

DEFERRED

Moved – Councillor Banks
Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

That this item be Deferred

CARRIED (22349)

28.3.6 Business Arising from the Minutes

Deputy Mayor Melky gave insight about being an immigrant to Australia.

The Mayor requested that the Plan be presented at a Forum so as to gather detailed input from Elected Members.

Discussion ensued.

28.4 TECHNICAL SERVICES

28.4.1 Technical Services Report
Report No. 147 / 22 cncI

Moved – Councillor Hopper
Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That the Technical Services report be received and noted

CARRIED (22350)

28.4.2 Business Arising from the Report

28.4.2.1 Councillor Hopper – Shade Structures

Councillor Hopper asked what the new shade structures will be made of.

The Mayor responded that they will be metal shade structures. Alternative materials are being looked at for future installations.

28.4.2.2 Councillor Bitar – Technical Services Update

Councillor Bitar thanked the Director Technical Services for the update and it's good getting smaller updates rather than a big report every three months.

28.4.2.3 Councillor Coffey – BiobiN

Councillor Coffey asked for further detail on the BioBin

The Director Technical Services gave an overview of the infrastructure.

The Mayor advised that a BiobiN composts product automatically.

28.4.3 Climate and Environment Policy
Report No. 148/ 22 cncI

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That this report be received and Council endorse the Climate and Environment Policy.

CARRIED (22351)

28.4.4 Business Arising from the Report

Deputy Mayor Melky acknowledged the work of the Officers and Directors.

Discussion ensued.

Councillor Coffey asked for the implementation plan reporting format to be changed to make it easier to read.

Councillor Liddle left the Chamber at 12.37pm

Councillor Liddle returned to the Chamber at 12.39pm

28.4.5 CONFIDENTIAL - Liquid Waste Ponds at the Alice Springs Regional Waste Management Facility (RWMF)

Report No. 149 / 22 cncl

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.1)

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Brown

1. That Council approve the consolidation of the remaining allocated RWMF liquid waste ponds funding of \$270,000 from Council Resolution 21871 and the \$600,000 from Council Resolution 22003.
2. That Council support the utilisation of consolidated funds from Council resolution 21871 and 22003 to fund the construction of the concrete evaporation pad and concrete lining of the existing unlined pond.
3. That Officers provide an update to Council on this project before the end of 2022.

CARRIED (22336)

29. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

29.1 The Deputy Mayor congratulated the Mayor and Elected Members on their first twelve months on Council.

Mayor Paterson went on to give an overview of the successes during this period.

30. GENERAL BUSINESS

30.1.1 Deputy Mayor Melky – Future Motion re. Community Funded Security Patrol (Dog Patrol)

Deputy Mayor Melky gave notice that at the October meeting he will be presenting a Motion re. community safety and the funding of a security dog patrol.

Discussion ensued.

30.1.2 Councillor Brown – Big Alice

Councillor Brown raised concerns about the lack of growth within Alice Springs, that it isn't expanding to expected levels. Alice Springs has some of the best water supplies in Australia with at least 250 years left of water supplies. People have argued against growth, but clearly there is potential. There is a lack of planning and ambition from the NTG and Council need to lobby government to enable more planning at a Council level.

Discussion ensued.

30.1.3 Councillor Brown – Social Order and Crime

Councillor Brown acknowledged that Council are working with the Northern Territory Government to try and rectify the issues currently affecting the town. Residents must try not to lose sight of the benefits of living in Alice Springs.

Discussion ensued.

CEO left the Chamber at 12.54pm

CEO returned to the Chamber at 12.56pm

30.1.4 Councillor Brown – Ilparpa Road

Councillor Brown asked about the monitoring of roads – there is a long area of potholes which is making it dangerous. He asked why they aren't being recognized early before the damage becomes dangerous.

The CEO responded that urgent action will be taken as to fixing it but also why it hasn't been actioned earlier.

30.1.5 Councillor Brown – Hartley St carpark lighting

Councillor Brown asked at what stage are we at with the lighting.

The CEO took the question on notice.

30.1.6 Councillor Brown – Power Water Corporation tree pruning

Councillor Brown asked if Council can be responsible for the pruning around powerlines rather than PWC to enable for better management.

The Director Technical Services advised that Council have met with PWC and have raised the concerns around the tree pruning and ask that the contractor provide a better service than previously.

Discussion ensued.

30.1.7 Councillor Brown – Email fwd'ing for Elected Members to Personal Email Addresses

Councillor Brown asked that this process be reviewed because the current process is not functional.

The CEO responded that Officers are working on an alternative but that this was a recommendation from the Department around best process and risk mitigation.

Discussion ensued.

Forms aren't fillable on the Elected Members iPad which is making the process very impractical.

The Director Corporate Services and Executive Assistant will look at rectifying this issue and/or coming up with alternatives.

30.1.8 Councillor Liddle – Road Lighting at Connellan

Councillor Liddle raised concerns around there being no lighting down Colonel Rose Drive.

The CEO responded that this lighting is currently with PWC but that he will review the issue and provide an update at a later date ensuring that lighting standards are being met.

Discussion ensued

30.1.9 Councillor Liddle – Statues

Councillor Liddle asked at what stage are we at with the installation of the statue in Alice Springs.

Director Battle responded that an artist brief has been developed for distribution.

The Mayor asked who the statue will be of. Director Battle responded that once the artist brief is circulated then the consultation will be had on who the statue will be of.

Discussion ensued.

An update will be provided at the October meeting.

Director Corporate Services left the Chamber at 1.11pm

Director Corporate Services returned to the Chamber 1.13pm

30.1.10 Councillor Coffey – CBD Nighttime Activity

Councillor Coffey spoke to a Facebook post that highlighted the benefits of nighttime events in Todd Mall and that more activity in the Mall could assist in the reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour.

The Mayor advised that the Desert Festival parade didn't go ahead due to the TMP and it being unaffordable.

Discussion ensued.

30.1.11 Councillor Bitar – Todd Mall Traders Association.

Councillor Bitar asked on behalf of the Todd Mall Traders when they will see action on the promised budget funding.

The CEO advised that this is progressing.

Discussion ensued.

30.1.12 Councillor Hopper – Dog Welfare and Cattle tick

Councillor Hopper raised concerns that a tick-borne virus has arrived in Alice Springs and asked if Council engage in preventative measures around animal welfare. Especially in the use of tick collars and with the hot and wet weather expected over Summer.

The CEO took the question on notice.

31. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

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

32. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 25 October, 2022 at 8.30am

33. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Matt Paterson declared the meeting closed at **1.22pm**

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

The Council stands adjourned.

CARRIED (22352)

Confirmed on _____

CHAIRPERSON _____

Date _____