

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE FOURTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 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 (via Zoom)

Councillor K. Hopper

Councillor M. Liddle

Councillor G. Morris

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R. Jennings – Chief Executive Officer

Ms S. Taylor – Director Corporate Services

Ms N. Battle – Director Community Development

Mr J. Andrew – Director Technical Services

Mrs E. Williams – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

16. PRAYER

Pastor David Gilmore, Seventh Day Adventist Church

17. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

18. WELCOME

The CEO welcomed the new Media Officer, Kate Vaughan

19. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Sandy Taylor (previous Elected Member) raised her disappointment on the lack of Councillors and CEO that attended the Mayoral Christmas drinks recently.

The Mayor advised that as it's a busy time of year, and that not everyone was able to attend.

Ms Taylor went on to congratulate the Alice Springs Motorcycle Club who have recently obtained the National Junior Titles from July 11 – July 16, 2023 and asked that Council be aware of any potential assistance that could be provided.

The Mayor went on to reiterate these congratulations.

20. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

- 20.1 Councillor Coffey – Item 28.1 – CEO Report. Carried out consultancy work for Henley on Todd organising committee and is a Director on the CASA Board.

Councillor Banks left the Chamber at 11.12am

Councillor Banks returned to the Chamber at 11.15am

21. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 21.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting held on 22 November, 2022

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Morris

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 22 November, 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED (22440)

21.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

21.2.1 Councillor Bitar – Item 28.4.9 – Incorrect recording in minutes

Councillor Bitar asked that the minutes be changed from Newland Park to Lyndavale Park.

Executive Assistant will make the relevant changes

22 MAYORAL REPORT

22.1 Mayor's Report
Report No. 188 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That the Mayor's report be received.

CARRIED (22441)

22.2 Business Arising from the Report

22.2.1 Councillor Hopper – MHACA Wall

Councillor Hopper asked about the meeting with the MHACA CEO.

The Mayor responded that it was regarding the wall that continues to get graffitied and to discuss funding available to beautify the wall.

Director Technical Services advised that final costings have been received on the repair of the wall.

22.2.2 Councillor Hopper – Meeting with CEO and Director Technical Services CPTED Report

Councillor Hopper asked for more detail on this meeting.

The Mayor advised that the CPTED report – currently sits with SORT and this meeting was to discuss the content.

Councillor Banks asked for further discussion be had with Council on the content of the report.

Discussion ensued.

22.2.3 Councillor Bitar – Ross Park School Visit

Councillor Bitar thanked the Mayor for the visit.

The Mayor advised that the class have been invited to present to Council in the new year on their waterpark proposals.

Discussion ensued around it being included in the Parks Masterplan.

Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

Councillor Banks asked where Council are situated around the funding.

Discussion ensued.

22.2.4 Mayor Paterson – Justice Reinvestment

Mayor has been invited to Bourke in the new year. Council will be invited to participate and the Mayor has requested that a presentation be made to Council in the new year.

Discussion ensued.

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 Mayor – CEO Recruitment update

23.1.2 Councillor Hopper – Grass Management

23.1.3 Councillor Banks – Crown Land and Residential Fire Breaks

23.1.4 Councillor Liddle – Monuments Update

23.1.5 Councillor Liddle – Cancellation of Community Football

24. MEMORIALS

Nil

25. PETITIONS

Nil

26. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Marli Banks – Summer Night-time Sports Program

Moved – Councillor Banks

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That the Alice Springs Town Council contributes up to \$30K towards funding a Night Time Sports Program in collaboration with the Northern Territory Government Chief Ministers Department or relevant sporting bodies to compliment the school holiday youth program over summer.

Funding may include in-kind support, access to sporting facilities, and/or cash transfers, which must be delivered in the month of January 2023 only.

CARRIED (22442)

Discussion ensued.

Director Community Development advised that she has received feedback that AFL and Basketball are interested in participating.

Councillor Liddle advised that other groups within the community are already funded to deliver these types of programs.

Discussion ensued.

Councillor Hopper left the Chamber at 11.37am

Councillor Hopper returned to the Chamber at 11.38am

27. FINANCE

27.1 Finance Report
Report No. 198 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Brown

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22443)

27.2 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

28. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

28.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

28.1.1 CEO Report
Report No. 189 / 22 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky
Seconded – Councillor Hopper

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22444)

28.1.2 Business Arising from the Report

28.1.2.1 Deputy Mayor Melky – Ross Park Residents meeting

Deputy Mayor Melky asked for the status following this meeting.

Director Technical Services responded that consultation is being carried out with all relevant groups and a report will be presented to Council in January 2023.

Discussion ensued.

Councillor Liddle left the Chamber at 11.45am
Councillor Liddle returned to the meeting at 11.48am

28.1.2.2 Councillor Hopper – ALGA Budget Priorities

Councillor Hopper asked if there had been any funding towards disaster recovery.

The Mayor advised that the storm in early November had now been declared a disaster so funding will be received.

Councillor Hopper asked if Council were applying for any funding through the Powering the Regions Fund.

CEO responded that the Grants Officer is currently reviewing the ALGA document for any grant funding opportunities.

Discussion ensued.

CEO responded that the solar panel investments analysis will form part of the budget and asset management discussions.

Discussion ensued.

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Councillor Liddle left the Chamber at 11.57am

Councillor Liddle returned to the Chamber at 11.58am

Councillor Melky left the Chamber at 11.57am

Councillor Melky returned to the Chamber at 11.58am

28.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

28.2.1 Unexpended Grants and Projects – Status Report Report No. 205 / 22 cncI

Moved – Elected Member

Seconded – Elected Member

That this report be received and noted

WITHDRAWN

28.2.2 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

28.2.3 Anzac Oval Claim for Compensation

Report No. 206 / 22 cncl

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.2.1)

Moved – Mayor Paterson

Seconded – Councillor Brown

In order to respond to the Northern Territory Government's offer of compensation and finalise Council's assessment of compensation, it is recommended that Council:

- (a) obtain written confirmation from the Northern Territory Government that it will:**
 - (i) fund and construct the suitable replacement facilities at Kilgariff;**
 - (ii) reimburse Council for all maintenance costs for Anzac Oval until vacant possession is required;**
 - (iii) allow Council to collect rent until vacant possession is required; and**
 - (iv) allow Council to remove certain items from Anzac Oval;**
- (b) agree with the Northern Territory Government who will operate the replacement facilities at Kilgariff at a later date (separately to finalising Council's claim for compensation); and**
- (c) send the attached letter to Andrew Kirkman, Chief Executive of the Department of infrastructure Planning and Logistics.**

CARRIED (22423)

28.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

28.3.1 Community Development Report to Council

Report No. 202 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Morris

That the Community Development Report be received and noted.

CARRIED (22445)

28.3.2 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

28.3.3 Sports Facilities Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
Report No. 203 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

That Council endorse the revised Terms of Reference for the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee (SFAC)

CARRIED (22446)

28.3.4 Business Arising from the Report

Discussion ensued regarding the content of the document.

28.3.5 UNCONFIRMED Sports Facility Advisory Committee Minutes
1 December, 2022

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Deputy Mayor Melky

That the minutes of the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 1 December, 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED (22447)

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That Council Officers investigate options for resurfacing the Tennis Courts as a matter of priority.

CARRIED (22448)

28.3.6 Business Arising from the Minutes

The Mayor asked around the recommendation around the priority work list.

Director Community Development responded that work is still being done on these items, especially around costings.

Discussion ensued.

Councillor Coffey advised that SFAC finance report requires further investigation due to some variations being present.

28.3.7 Multicultural Action Plan 2023 – 2026
Report No. 204 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Hopper
Seconded – Councillor Morris

That the attached draft Multicultural Action Plan be reviewed and endorsed by Council.

CARRIED (22449)

28.3.8 Business Arising from the Report

Councillor Hopper asked if businesses should be promoted within the document.

Director Community Development responded that it's a decision of the Elected Members.

Discussion ensued around the content of the document and some of the language used.

28.3.9 Finke Desert Race Street Party
Report No. 199 / 22 cncl

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.1)

Moved – Councillor Brown
Seconded – Councillor Hopper

It is recommended that Council:

Assume responsibility for the management and delivery of the 2023 Finke Desert Race Street Party, subject to final approval from Council's insurers.

CARRIED (22424)

28.3.10 fabALICE Sponsorship
Report No. 200 / 22 cncl

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.3)

Moved – Councillor Bitar
Seconded – Councillor Morris

Council supports the application from fabALICE Voluntary Committee to deliver fabALICE on 9 – 12 March 2023 to the value of \$15,000.00 (incl. GST)

CARRIED (22425)

28.3.11 Alice Springs Running & Walking Club Sponsorship
Report No. 201 / 22 cncI

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.5)

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Brown

Council supports the application from the Alice Springs Running and Walking Club to deliver the Alice Springs Australia Day Fun Run in Alice Springs on 26 January 2023 to the value of \$3,300 (incl. GST)

CARRIED (22426)

28.4 TECHNICAL SERVICES

28.4.1 Technical Services Update to Council
Report No. 197 / 22 cncI

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That the Technical Services Report to Council be received and noted.

CARRIED (22450)

28.4.2 Business Arising from the Report

28.4.2.1 Councillor Hopper - Greening Strategy / Species List

Councillor Hopper asked why a new species list has been requested before the Greening Strategy has been finalised?

Director Technical Services responded that this was a request following the August meeting.

Discussion ensued.

CEO left the Chamber at 12.20pm

CEO returned to the Chamber at 12.22pm

28.4.2.2 Councillor Hopper – Shade Structures

Councillor Hopper asked about the Spearwood Park shade structure.

Director Technical Services responded that there is a Sacred Site and easement within the park. A report will be presented in the January meeting.

The Mayor thanked Director Technical Services and Officers in the installation of the 13 shade structures in the parks around town.

Deputy Mayor Melky left the Chamber at 12.22pm

Deputy Mayor Melky returned to the Chamber at 12.25pm

28.4.2.3 Councillor Banks – Lyndavale Park

Councillor Banks asked for an ETA on the completion of Lyndavale Park.

Director Technical Services responded that the eta is June 2023 but additional funding has been received which will allow for a speedier completion.

Council recessed for lunch at 12.26pm and returned at 12.57pm

28.4.3 Purple Bench Report
Report No. 194 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Banks

- 1. That Council approve the installation of Purple Bench**
- 2. That Council approve the purple bench to be installed at the Library Lawns.**

CARRIED (22451)

28.4.4 Business Arising from the Report

Discussion ensued.

28.4.5 Madigan Park Development
Report No. 195 / 22 cncl

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Brown

1. That Council approve Council Officers to proceed with the required development procedures to subdivide the park into three lots, half to be retained as is and the other half to be divided into two lots and rezoned to suit residential use.
2. That Council approve \$104,000 to be taken out of the Park Redevelopment (PAC) budget to prepare the lots ready for sale
3. The generation of any profit to fund the Madigan Park upgrade and future park projects.

CARRIED (22452)

Councillor Liddle entered the meeting at 1.00pm

28.4.6 Business Arising from the Report
Discussion ensued.

28.4.7 Adventure Play Park
Report No. 190 / 22 cncl
(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.1)

Moved – Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Morris

1. That MPH Australia Pty Ltd is awarded the tender for the design and construct of the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre Adventure Play Park at a cost of \$1,100,000 (including GST).
2. That the decision in regard to the design and construct of the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre Adventure Play Park Tender 2022-07ST be moved from Confidential into Open to allow the contract to be awarded.

CARRIED (22427)

28.4.8 Regional Skate Park

Report No. 191 / 22 cncl

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.3)

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

1. That Playce Pty Ltd is awarded the tender for the concept design and detailed drawings of the Alice Springs Regional Skate Park at a cost of \$193,050.00.
2. That the decision in regard to the concept design and detailed drawings of the Alice Springs Regional Skate Park tender 05ST be moved from Confidential into Open to allow the contract to be awarded.
3. That Council approve budget shortfall of \$93,050.00 and contingency of \$20,000 to be taken out of the Park and Playground Reserve to fund the design.
4. That Council continue to seek funding for the construction of the Alice Springs Regional Skate Park.

CARRIED (22428)

28.4.9 Road Reseal Program

Report No. 192 / 22 cncl

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.5)

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That Council approve the 2022/23 Road Reseal program to go to tender.

CARRIED (22429)

28.4.10 Netball Court Resurface Design

Report No. 193 / 22 cncl

(Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.4.7)

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

That Technical Services engage a designer for tender drawings and scope of works to replace the existing outdoor courts with a concrete playing surface, line marking, led lighting, goals and reuse the existing seating and shade structures.

CARRIED (22430)

29. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

30. GENERAL BUSINESS

30.1 Mayor – CEO Recruitment update

The Mayor advised that the recruitment process has commenced with a panel formed by Council. Recruitment agency EOI's to be sent in the next few days.

30.2 Councillor Hopper – Grass Management

Councillor Hopper asked how Council are situated with managing verges with the expected Summer rains.

Director Technical Services responded that along with Corrections it should be kept under better control than it was last Summer.

Councillor Hopper went on to ask about the Buffell Grass management.

Director Technical Services responded that Council are working at partnering with Corrections in buffell grass maintenance, especially around the River Red Gums.

30.3 Councillor Banks – Crown Land and Residential Fire Breaks

Councillor Banks raised the issue around local residents carrying out fire maintenance on Crown Land rather than the agency responsible.

The Mayor raised that its an issue for Crown Land and that improvement of their services with this, and other items, needs improving.

Director Technical Services will provide a further response.

30.4 Councillor Liddle – Monuments Update

Councillor Liddle asked for an update on the progress of the monument.

Director Community Development advised that an EOI has been drafted and will be distributed early in 2023.

Councillor Hopper asked if EOI's are distributed amongst Elected Members before being distributed.

The CEO responded that this is Operational but that the information can be shared to the Elected Members, if required.

Discussion ensued.

30.5 Councillor Liddle – Cancellation of Community Football

Councillor Liddle asked for the Elected Members view of the continuance of Community Football in 2023.

Discussion ensued.

The Mayor responded that it is being discussed within the SORT group with an interest in the Community Football being played in community and not Alice Springs. The conversation needs to be continued with AFLNT.

Discussion ensued.

31. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

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

32. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 24 January, 2023 at 8.30am

33. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Matt Paterson declared the meeting closed at **1.52pm**

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Liddle

The Council stands adjourned.

CARRIED (22453)

Confirmed on _____

CHAIRPERSON _____

Date _____