### 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 Arrente 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

Councillor M. Liddle

Councillor G. Morris (arrived at 11.16am)

### OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A. Wilsmore - Chief Executive Officer

Mr J. Andrew – Director Technical Services

Ms N. Battle – Director Community Development

Mrs E. Williams - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

Ms. L. Dylrwin – Finance Officer

Mr J. McCabe

#### 16. PRAYER

Kristan Slack, Anglican Church

### 17. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mrs N. Brennan - Acting Director Corporate Services

### 18. WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed Andrew Wilsmore as the new CEO to the meeting.

### 19. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

### 19.1 Randall Coombe & Lynnette Hampton, residents

# "Attention·to·the·CEO"·to·be·raised·at·a·Council·Meeting¶

### Ordinary·Meeting: 27/06/2023 · ¶

 $The \cdot response \cdot to \cdot questions \cdot asked \cdot at \cdot the \cdot May \cdot Ordinary \cdot Meeting \cdot does \cdot not \cdot include \cdot a \cdot reply \cdot to \cdot the \cdot initial \cdot question. \P$ 

 $It\cdot would\cdot be\cdot appreciated\cdot if\cdot this\cdot oversight\cdot could\cdot be\cdot rectified\cdot at\cdot the\cdot June\cdot Meeting. \P$ 

 $This \cdot shouldn't \cdot be \cdot very \cdot difficult \cdot with \cdot the \cdot question \cdot only \cdot having \cdot two \cdot possible \cdot answers, \cdot both \cdot of \cdot which are \cdot only \cdot one \cdot word \cdot long : \cdot YES \cdot or \cdot NO. \P$ 

# Does·ASTC·calculate-the·costs·specifically·related·to·the·maintenance·and·upkeep·of·the·town's·four·(includes·nets)·turf·cricket·wickets?·¶

 $While \cdot thanking \cdot the \cdot Mayor \cdot for \cdot his \cdot response \cdot to \cdot the \cdot follow - up \cdot question, \cdot it \cdot would \cdot also \cdot be \cdot appreciated \cdot if he \cdot could \cdot add \cdot a \cdot few \cdot details \cdot to \cdot provide \cdot more \cdot clarity. \P$ 

Is-he-suggesting-ALL-FOUR-turf-wickets-are-required-for-Alice-to-host-nationally-recognized-events?¶

The occasional and irregular cricket events that have generated enough interest in the wider community to pull a crowd warranting a gate (BBL, WBBL, England), have only required two (field and nets) turf wickets at one venue, not four.

 $Would \cdot it \cdot be \cdot more \cdot accurate \cdot to \cdot suggest \cdot ALL \cdot FOUR \cdot turf \cdot wickets \cdot are \cdot required \cdot for \cdot just \cdot one \cdot nationally recognized \cdot event, \cdot that \cdot being \cdot the \cdot NICC ? \P$ 

Is-it-a-Cricket-Australia-requirement-for-Alice-to-have-ALL-FOUR-turf-wickets-to-host-the-NICC?

The Mayor responded that if Traeger Park is required, the other grounds are utilized and that it would be beneficial for all the grounds to have turf wickets.

# 20. <u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS</u> Nil

### 21. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 21.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting held on 23 May, 2023

Moved – Councillor Brown
Seconded – Councillor Banks

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 23 May, 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

**CARRIED (22673)** 

### 21.2 <u>Business Arising from the Minutes</u>

Nil

### 22 MAYORAL REPORT

# 22.1 <u>Mayor's Report</u> Report No. 104 / 23 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky Seconded – Councillor Brown

That the Mayor's report be received.

**CARRIED** (22674)

### 22.2 <u>Business Arising from the Report</u>

### 22.2.1 <u>Councillor Hopper – No New Pokies, Uniting Church correspondence</u>

Councillor Hopper asked for Council to be part of the discussion around harm minimization and that further correspondence be sent to the Northern Territory Government requesting the Attorney General meet with Council.

### 22.2.2 Councillor Banks - SORIC Status

Councillor Banks asked for an update on SORIC.

Mayor Paterson responded that SORIC is currently undergoing a review with these changes to be discussed at the monthly meeting. This information will then be distributed amongst the Elected Members.

### 22.2.3 Councillor Banks - Department of Sport and Recreation

Councillor Banks asked for information around this meeting.

Mayor Paterson advised that this was to discuss all the sport facilities around Alice Springs. The Department of Sport and Recreation will be presenting at the next Forum.

### 22.2.4 Councillor Banks - Canberra Visit

Councillor Banks asked around the recent renewable investment funding announcements.

Mayor Paterson responded that the Terms of Reference is still being developed with further information pending.

### 22.3 Appointment of CEO

### Report No. 101 / 23 cncl

Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 4.1 of the Special Confidential meeting dated 1 June 2023

Moved - Mayor Paterson

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

- 1. That Council appoint Andrew Wilsmore to the position of CEO.
- 2. That this resolution be moved from Confidential to Open, with timing of such to be at the discretion of the Mayor.

**CARRIED** (22649)

### 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 <u>Councillor Hopper Pokies</u>
  - 23.1.2 Deputy Mayor Melky Funding of Programs
  - 23.1.3 Councillor Hopper Public Toilet Amenities
  - 23.1.4 Councillor Hopper Visual Amenities Bylaws
  - 23.1.5 Councillor Hopper Climate and Environment
  - 23.1.6 <u>Councillor Banks CBD upgrades</u>
  - 23.1.7 Councillor Banks Support Local Campaign
  - 23.1.8 Councillor Morris Rugby League Competition at Kilgariff
  - 23.1.9 Deputy Mayor Melky Qantas meeting

### 24. MEMORIALS

### 24.1 Mr Brian Martin AO

Former Chief Justice and former Mayor, Brian Frank Martin died in Darwin on 24 April, aged 86.

Justice Brian Martin was born in Lithgow, New South Wales in 1936 where he completed his primary and secondary education.

He moved to Alice Springs and commenced practice there as a barrister and solicitor in 1963 and like many he didn't plan on staying for long; however, the Territory became his forever home.

Whilst in Alice Springs Justice Martin became interested in community affairs, including as a member and Chairman of the Alice Springs Town Management Board and later Deputy Mayor and Mayor of the Alice Springs Town Council during the period 1972 to 1975.

A theatre buff who sometimes took to the local stage, Justice Martin was also deeply involved in the establishment of the Araluen Arts Centre in Alice Springs.

Appointed to the office of Solicitor General Justice Martin, together with his wife, Lorraine and four children, moved to Darwin in early 1981.

Following his appointment as Justice of the Supreme Court of the NT in 1987, Justice Martin served a ten-year term as Chief Justice from 1993 to 2003; after which he continued to serve as an Acting Judge from 2004 to 2009.

Justice Martin is survived by his wife Lorraine; daughters Christine, Leanne and Janelle; son Tony; and 12 grandchildren.

### 24.2 Mr Steve "Scoop" Menzies

Steve Menzies, former Centralian Advocate journalist and sports enthusiast died after a long battle with illness on Wednesday 14th June, 2023 aged 69

Steve "Scoop" Menzies began his journalism career in Whyalla before moving to Alice Springs and taking over the sports round in 1986 for the Centralian Advocate.

He stayed at the publication until it finished as a printed product in 2020 and was involved in all 17 Masters Games, either as a reporter or participant in the sports of basketball, cricket and hockey.

Steve's contribution to Netball in the Northern Territory was recognised by his induction as an Alice Springs Netball Association Life Member in 2020 and recipient of the Netball NT Service Excellence Award in late 2022. This was a relationship which began through providing media coverage of the sport with him then becoming a board member in 2007, a position in which he held up until his death.

Steve was involved in many aspects of local sport. A life member of the Central Australian Football League, a position on the board of the Alice Springs Cricket Association where he also umpired and played and a member of the local Basketball Association.

In 2019, Steve was inducted in to the Desert Sports Foundation's League of Champions – a wonderful recognition to a man that had given so much to the local sporting community.

During his almost 34 years as a journalist in Alice Springs, Steve held many roles at the Centralian Advocate such as sports editor, advertising features editor, chief of staff, general news, sports writer and council reporter. As the council reporter, Steve would spend many an hour in the media gallery ensuring the community were kept informed.

Vale Steve.

Councillor Liddle left the Chamber at 11.27am

Councillor Liddle returned to the Chamber at 11.28am

### 25. PETITIONS

Nil

### 26. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

### 27. FINANCE

# 27.1 <u>Finance Report</u>

Report No. 106 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Morris Seconded – Councillor Coffey

That the report be received and noted.

**CARRIED (22675)** 

Director Community Development left the Chamber at 11.29am Director Community Development returned to the Chamber at 1.00pm

### 27.2 <u>Business Arising from the Report</u>

### 27.2.1 <u>Councillor Coffey – Capital Works</u>

Councillor Coffey asked why there was a difference in Capital Expenditure on the outdoor gym compared to the supplier payment amount.

Mr McCabe took the question on notice

Councillor Banks asked that financial information be reviewed in how it is presented and to explore using graphics to allow for better tracking of the data.

### 27.2.2 <u>Councillor Hopper – DAC Enterprises</u>

Councillor Hopper asked what the transaction for DAC Enterprises relates to.

CEO took the question on notice

Deputy Mayor Melky left the Chamber at 11.39am Deputy Mayor Melky returned to the Chamber at 11.46am

# 28. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

### 28.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## 28.1.1 CEO Report

Report No. 105 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Hopper Seconded – Councillor Morris

That this report be received and noted.

**CARRIED (22676)** 

### 28.1.2 Business Arising from the Report

### 28.1.2.1 <u>Councillor Hopper – Council Connects Data</u>

Councillor Hopper asked that with the new newspaper commencing, have discussions been had around Council advertising.

Mayor Paterson advised that it has as certain Council items are required to be published. Elected Members are encouraged to tell the community that the publication will commence in August at the cost of \$4 per publication.

# 28.1.3 <u>Declaration of Rates and Charges 2023/2024</u> Report No. 109/23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Banks Seconded – Councillor Bitar

- 1. That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Certificate of Assessment in accordance with section 29 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, as presented in Attachment A: Certificate of Assessment Record and;
- 2. That Council, pursuant to section 237 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, declare the rates and charges for the 2023/2024 financial year as noted in Attachment B: Declaration of Rates & Charges for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

**CARRIED** (22677)

### 28.1.4 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

# 28.1.5 Adoption of the 2023/2024 Municipal Plan and Annual Budget Report No. 110 / 23 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky Seconded – Councillor Bitar

1. That the report entitled Adoption of the 2023/2024 Municipal Plan and Annual Budget be received and noted.

### 2. That Council:

- (a) adopt the Elected Member Allowances for the financial year of 2023/2024 as outlined in the Draft 2023/2024 Municipal Plan and Budget, Attachment A Draft Alice Springs Town Council 2023/2024 Municipal Plan and Annual Budget;
- (b) and set the maximum claimable reimbursement amount to \$3,000 for childcare expenses for the financial year 2023/2024.
- 3. That Council adopt the 2023/2024 Annual Budget as per section 203(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
- 4. That Council adopt the Alice Springs Town Council 2023/2024 Municipal Plan as per section 35(1) of the *Local Government Act* 2019.
- 5. That Council adopt the Fees and Charges as attached in the Alice Springs Town Council 2023/2024 Municipal Plan to be effective from 1 July 2023.

CARRIED (22678)

### 28.1.6 Business Arising from the Report

Mayor Paterson gave an overview of the upcoming investment within the community and thanked the Officers involved.

### 28.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

# 28.2.1 <u>Approval to Sign and Seal Transfer of Land – Ankerre Park</u> <u>Report No. 117 / 23 cncl</u>

Moved - Councillor Bitar

Seconded - Councillor Banks

That pursuant to section 38(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Council resolves to authorise the Mayor and CEO to affix and attest its common seal to the Transfer of Lot to enable transfer of ownership of Ankerre Park, Lot 8030, to Alice Springs Town Council.

**CARRIED (22679)** 

### 28.2.2 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

# 28.2.3 <u>Human Resources Management Policy</u>

Report No. 125 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Morris

Seconded – Councillor Liddle

- 1. That the report entitled Draft Council Policy Human Resource Management Policy be received and noted.
- 2. That Council adopts the Human Resource Management Policy as presented at Attachment A Human Resource Management Policy.

**CARRIED (22680)** 

### 28.2.4 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

### 28.3 <u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</u>

# 28.3.1 Community Development Report to Council Report No. 107 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Morris Seconded – Councillor Liddle

# That the Community Development Report be received and noted.

**CARRIED (22681)** 

### 28.3.2 Business Arising from the Report

### 28.3.2.1 <u>Councillor Coffey – Information Presented</u>

Councillor Coffey asked for a review on the information presented in all Directorate update reports as some is outdated and not value adding.

Councillor Morris left the Chamber at 2.20pm Councillor Morris returned to the Chamber at 2.21pm

## 28.3.2.2 <u>Deputy Mayor Melky – Seniors Month Activities</u>

Deputy Mayor Melky asked where enquiries received around Seniors Month are to be directed.

Director Community Development will ask Marketing to update the website with the Healthy Communities Co-ordinator as the contact.

### 28.3.3 No-one Left Behind Sponsorship Application

Report No. 111 / 23 cncl

Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.1

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded - Councillor Bitar

- 1. That Council funds the sponsorship application for \$5,000.00 (GST inclusive) from No-one Left Behind to deliver the No Women Left Behind Conference event, held 1 September 2023.
- 2. That the resolution be moved from Confidential to Open.

**CARRIED (22656)** 

# 28.3.4 <u>Festival of Transport Sponsorship Application</u>

Report No. 112 / 23 cncl

Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.3

Moved – Councillor Coffey

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

- 1. That Council funds the sponsorship application in part from Road Transport Historical Society Inc. to deliver the Festival of Transport 2023 Transport Women Unite Red Ball, held 26 August 2023, to the value of \$15,000 (GST Inclusive).
- 2. That the resolution be moved from Confidential to Open.

**CARRIED (22657)** 

# 28.3.5 Youth Education Bursary

Report No. 113 / 23 cncl

Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.5

Moved - Councillor Brown

Seconded - Councillor Morris

That Council review and endorse the revised Youth Education Bursary Policy.

**CARRIED** (22658)

## 28.3.6 <u>Green Living Subsidy – Cloth Nappy Rebate</u>

Report No. 115 / 23 cncl

Item transferred from Council Agenda Item 9.3.7

Moved - Councillor Bitar

Seconded – Councillor Morris

- 1. That Council continues the cloth nappy rebate
- 2. That Council provides the addition of two new rebate categories; reusable sanitary items and composting tools.
- 3. That Council provides \$800.00 from the Climate and Environment budget (763) to deliver up to four (4) composting demonstration workshops to the community.
- 4. That the remaining Cloth Nappy Rebate budget of \$1,550.25 be rolled over to FY2023/24 and an additional \$5,000.00 from the Climate and Environment budget (763) allocated to continue the Green Living Subsidy.

CARRIED (22659)

# 28.3.7 Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Programs Report No. 116 / 23 cncl

Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.9

Moved - Councillor Morris

Seconded – Councillor Hopper

- 1. That Council endorse the attached Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Guidelines and Policy.
- 2. That Council develop a separate policy in relation to key grant funded partnerships.
- 3. That the resolution be moved from Confidential to Open.

CARRIED (22660)

### 28.3.8 Review of Council Fees for Night Markets & Alfresco Dining

Report No. 108 / 23 cncl

Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.11

Moved - Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

- 1. That Council support waiving fees for night market stalls and alfresco dining for the 2023/24 financial year as a way to encourage greater activation of the CBD.
- 2. That the resolution be moved from Confidential to Open.

**CARRIED (22661)** 

### 28.3.9 Partnership Proposal – Birth and Beyond

Report No. 122 / 23 cncl

Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.15

Moved - Councillor Coffey

Seconded - Councillor Morris

- That Council establish an initial 12-month partnership with Birth & Beyond for the delivery of postnatal services to families in Alice Springs.
- 2. That Resolution 1. be moved from Confidential to Open.

CARRIED (22663)

# 28.3.10 Partnership Proposal – Clontarf Foundation Report No. 123 / 23 cncl

Item transferred from Confidential Agenda Item 9.3.17

Moved - Councillor Brown

Seconded - Councillor Morris

- 1. That Council establish an initial 12-month partnership with Clontarf Foundation for its continuing work to provide excellent lifestyle outcomes for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men.
- 2. That Resolution 1 be moved from Confidential to Open.

CARRIED (22664)

### 28.3 TECHNICAL SERVICES

# 28.4.1 <u>Technical Services Update to Council</u> Report No. 118 / 23 cncl

Moved – Councillor Brown

Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That this report be received and noted.

**CARRIED (22682)** 

### 28.4.2 Business Arising from the Report

### 28.4.2.1 <u>Councillor Banks – Regional Skate Park</u>

Councillor Banks asked for the designs to be presented to the Elected Members

Director Technical Services responded that these and the costings will be provided in the near future.

Councillor Hopper left the Chamber at 12.03pm Councillor Hopper returned to the Chamber at 12.05pm

### 28.4.2.2 Councillor Banks – Grant Funding Tracking

Councillor Banks asked for a grant tracker to be developed and distributed to the Elected Members.

CEO responded that this document will be developed.

### 28.4.2.3 <u>Deputy Mayor Melky – Sydney Kinsman drive</u>

Deputy Mayor Melky asked that a commemoration be held. Mayor Paterson responded that a discussion will be had with Mr Kinsman's family as to whether they would like this.

### 28.4.2.4 <u>Councillor Coffey – Ankerre Park</u>

Councillor Coffey asked that this be included in the Parks Masterplan.

### 28.4.3 Proposed Megafauna Stickers on Sidewalk

Report No. 120 / 23 cncl

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky Seconded – Councillor Bitar

That Council approve the installation of stickers to the sidewalk on Todd Street and alleyway leading up to Megafauna Central.

**CARRIED (22683)** 

### 28.4.4 Business Arising from the Report

Councillors discussed that including logo's of Megafauna Central would help explain the feet stickers to those unfamiliar with the attraction.

Deputy Mayor Melky asked what material will these stickers consist of, will there be a risk of pedestrians slipping when the surface becomes wet?

Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

Deputy Mayor Melky asked if this has been communicated amongst the Todd Mall Traders Association.

Director Technical Services will pass the information onto the Traders.

### 28.4.5 ASALC Adventure Play Staging

Report No. 100 / 23 cncl

Item transferred from Agenda Item 4.1 of Special Confidential Meeting dated 30 May, 2023

Moved - Councillor Hopper

Seconded - Councillor Brown

That this item be moved from Confidential to Open Council and be embargoed until 7.30am 31 of May 2023.

CARRIED (22647)

### 28.4.6 Adventure Play Park Contract Variation

Report No. 119 / 23 cncl

Item transferred to Open Agenda Item 9.4.1

Moved - Councillor Bitar

Seconded - Councillor Coffey

- 1. That Council endorse the acceptance of variation costs in the 2022-07ST Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre Adventure Play Park Contract.
- 2. That the resolution be moved from Confidential to Open.

**CARRIED (22665)** 

### 29 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

## 29.1 <u>Councillor Banks – Correspondence received from McGrath Foundation</u>

Councillor Banks asked for an update on the request to "Pink Up Your Town" before the next Council meeting.

Mayor Paterson responded that he will be discussing this with Tracey Bevan later in the week.

Mayor Paterson also advised the Elected Members that the cake competition will be returning in October.

### 29.2 <u>Councillor Bitar – Gosse Street Park Swings</u>

Councillor Banks asked for an update on the replacement of the swings at the Gosse Street park.

Director Technical Services advised that these will be replaced in the near future.

### 29.3 Councillor Bitar – Flood Alerts

Councillor Bitar asked if there had been any communication between Council and those sleeping rough especially with the high rainfall expected in the coming days. CEO took the question on notice.

### 30 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 30.1.1 Councillor Hopper – Pokies

Councillor Hopper asked for a request be formalized to have the Attorney General meet with Council around pokies and harm minimisation.

Moved – Councillor Hopper Seconded – Mayor Paterson

Council write to the Attorney General to discuss harm minimisation around pokies.

**CARRIED (22684)** 

## Council recessed for lunch at 12.37pm and returned at 1.00pm

Councillor Banks returned to the meeting at 1.20pm

### 30.1.2 Councillor Hopper – Visual Amenities Bylaws

Councillor Hopper asked if Council have enacted bylaws around visual pollution.

The Mayor responded that in the first instance, Council need to reach out to the owners of the buildings.

Councillor Coffey asked if this extends to private dwellings – Council needs to set the standard.

Mayor Paterson responded that if the private property abuts onto public land/property then action can be taken through the bylaws.

The CEO to send correspondence to the relevant parties and report back in the July CEO report.

Elected Members to send a list of properties of concern to the CEO and Executive Assistant.

### 30.1.3 <u>Councillor Hopper – Public Toilet Amenities</u>

Councillor Hopper raised the issue of the upkeep of public toilets, especially at Araluen Park. What is the cleaning regime and how does the public notify Council of issues out of hours.

Director Technical Services responded that there is a cleaner rostered on 6 days/week but there were issues around absenteeism over the Beanie Festival weekend.

Director Technical Services will investigate and provide Elected Members with a response.

### 30.1.4 Councillor Hopper – Climate and Environment Policy reporting

Councillor Hopper asked how do the Elected Members receive this feedback.

The Mayor responded that the review of this Policy will be carried out on the 1<sup>st</sup> August with it being reviewed quarterly, along with the other plans and strategies.

### 30.1.5 Deputy Mayor Melky – Funding of Programs

Deputy Mayor Melky has received concerns from the public around the cutting and/or reduction of healthy community programs.

Mr McCabe responded that there is no reduction of programs but the MOU from the last 3 years is expiring at the end of June, 2023. A tender process, which is legislatively required, is currently being undertaken. A month to month arrangement with the current provider is in place until the outcome of the tender process is determined.

The Heart Foundation Walk has not been cancelled, it is now a volunteer run program similar to other such programs across Australia.

### 30.1.6 Deputy Mayor Melky - Qantas

Deputy Mayor Melky gave an overview for the Elected Members who couldn't attend the meeting held with Qantas representatives, Member for Lingiari, Tourism Central Australia and the Chamber of Commerce.

The Mayor and CEO will be commencing work in the background on a rebound package which will be distributed among the Elected Members at the appropriate time.

Councillor Coffey left the Chamber at 1.31pm Councillor Coffey returned to the Chamber at 1.33pm

### 30.1.7 Councillor Banks - CBD upgrades

Councillor Banks asked about the timing of the CBD upgrades.

Director Technical Services responded that the team from the Department Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and Council meets regularly with the latest advice aiming for completion by August, however, this appears unlikely at this stage.

### 30.1.8 Councillor Banks – Support Local Campaign

Councillor Banks asked for advocation with local businesses who are finding the current economic climate difficult.

Mayor Paterson advised that something similar was discussed at the recent Tourism Central Australia meeting with the Department of Tourism to possibly be announcing something soon.

Councillor Coffey asked that a more strategic approach be made towards an Economic Development plan rather than an ad-hoc response.

Mayor Paterson advised that it was an agenda item for an upcoming Council Forum.

Director Technical Services left the Chamber at 1.57pm Director Technical Services returned to the Chamber at 1.58pm

### 30.1.9 Councillor Morris - Rugby League Competition at Kilgariff

Councillor Morris asked what support Council can offer to ensure the competition continues.

The Mayor is unsure of what support Council can give but could advocate for a professional game being held in Alice Springs.

Secondly, what support is being given by Council and/or the Northern Territory Government around the potential move to Kilgariff.

The Mayor responded that the Department of Sport and Recreation will present to Council at the next Forum on their proposals for Kilgariff.

Councillor Morris asked that it be noted that he is on the board of the Professional Match Officials and is a paid referee for the local competition.

Councillor Liddle left the meeting at 2.16pm

### 31. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

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

### 32. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 25 July, 2023

The Mayor thanked Mr McCabe for his time as Acting CEO and that Elected Members and Officers are grateful for the knowledge shared and making the transition seamless.

### 33. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Paterson declared the meeting closed at 2.35pm.

Moved – Deputy Mayor Melky Seconded – Councillor Bitar

The Council meeting be closed.

**CARRIED (22685)** 

Confirmed on <u>06.12.2023</u>

CHAIRPERSON