

MINUTES OF THE **OPEN** SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FOURTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2024 IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

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PRESENT

Mayor M. Paterson (Chair)  
Deputy Mayor A. Bitar  
Councillor M. Coffey  
Councillor K. Hopper  
Councillor M. Liddle  
Councillor E. Melky (Via Zoom)  
Councillor G. Morris

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A. Wilsmore – Chief Executive Officer  
Mr J. Andrew – Director Technical Services  
Ms N. Battle – Director Community Development  
Mr J. McCabe – Acting Director Finance and Governance  
Mrs A. Chin – Executive Assistant (Minutes)  
Mrs K. Sanders – Executive Assistant

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

Mayor Paterson declared the meeting open at **4.02 pm** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

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

Mayor Paterson advised 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.

Jarred Bird- ABC Alice Springs  
Stewart Brash- ABC Alice Springs  
Charles Geary- Centralian Today  
Cherice Maidment- CAAMA

2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Marli Banks

Moved – Deputy Mayor Bitar  
Seconded – Councillor Coffey

**That the apology from Councillor Marli Banks be received and accepted.**

CARRIED (24/22939)

*Councillor Melky joined the meeting at 4.04pm via Zoom*

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Nil

*Councillor Liddle arrived at the Chambers at 4.05pm*

4. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM

4.1. Notice of Motion – Public Statement for Community Safety

Councillor Hopper proposed the motion:

That Alice Springs Town Council produce a public statement reassuring the Community of our dedication and commitment to the safety and prosperity of our town, including a rejection of the call for Federal takeover of the Northern Territory.

Intended outcomes:

- That clarity on the position of council on recent media statements is provided to the community.
- That the community has faith in Council's commitment to our town and can differentiate between personal views and Council views

Procedural Motion

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

**That the proposed motion (above) be withdrawn.**

CARRIED (24/22940)

The Mayor called for a division.

DIVISION

Voting in Favour

Deputy Mayor Bitar

Councillor Hopper

Councillor Coffey

Councillor Liddle

Councillor Melky

Voting Against

Mayor Paterson

Councillor Morris

5. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Moved – Councillor Hopper

Seconded – Councillor Coffey

**The Council meeting be closed.**

CARRIED (24/22941)

Mayor Paterson declared the meeting closed at **4.08 pm.**

Confirmed on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

UNCONFIRMED