

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
23 FEBRUARY, 2021 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 **5.33pm** and welcomed all present to the meeting.

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

PRESENT

Mayor D. Ryan (Chair)

Councillor J. Price

Councillor M. Banks

Councillor J. de Brenni

Councillor J. Cocking

Councillor E. Melky

Councillor M. Paterson

Councillor C. Satour

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R. Jennings – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Mr T. Charlie – Acting Director Technical Services

Ms S. Taylor – Director Corporate Services

Mrs A. Signor – Senior Executive Assistant (Minutes)

2. PRAYER

The prayer was read by Pastor Ben Matson, Alice Springs Christian Family Centre.

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3. APOLOGIES

Councillor Glen Auricht

Moved - Councillor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Price

That the apology be accepted.

CARRIED (21437)

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 9 February 2021

Moved – Councillor Cocking

Seconded – Councillor Satour

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held Tuesday 9 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of those meetings.

CARRIED (21438)

6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

6.2.1 Councillor Banks – Item 7.2.1 - Wilshire Street

Councillor Banks noted the way the consultation was conducted and the resolution was confusing for the residents. The CEO Robert Jennings has taken on notice to investigate.

6.2.2 Councillor Cocking – Item 7.2.1 - Wilshire Street

Councillor Cocking would like the consultation process to match the intention.

6.2.3 Councillor Paterson – Item 7.2.1 - Wilshire Street

Councillor Paterson advised he is comfortable with process that has been undertaken.

7. MAYORAL REPORT

7.1. Mayor's Report

Report No. 312/21 cncl

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor de Brenni

That Mayor Ryan's report be received

CARRIED (21439)

Mayor Ryan added:

- LGANT – Place Names Committee nomination
- NT Planning Commission nomination
- Letter from Minister for Local Government Chansey Paech to Mayor Damien Ryan regarding the handover of Infrastructure Assets Package Deal.
(See Appendix A)
- Connected Beginnings document provided to Councillors

7.2. Business arising from the Report

Nil

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 Cocking – Tangentyere Night Patrol

8.1.2 Councillor Cocking – Media reports regarding Tucker Park

8.1.3 Councillor de Brenni – No More Campaign

8.1.4 Councillor Satour - Traditional Owner Pilot Program

8.1.5 CEO Robert Jennings – Human Resources

8.1.6 Councillor Banks – Master Plan Snow Kenna Park

8.1.7 Councillor Banks – Media reports Cassia Court

8.1.8 Acting Director Technical Services Takudzwa Charlie – Imparja Cup

9. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

10. PETITIONS

Nil

11. MEMORIALS

Nil

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

12.1 Rescission Motion – Cr Eli Melky

Moved - Councillor Melky

Seconded - Councillor Banks

That Alice Springs Town Council rescind resolution 21418 resolved at the Special Confidential Meeting of Council held on Monday 1 February 2021.

NOT CARRIED

Moved - Councillor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Auricht

That Council not proceed with the Alice Plaza proposal with respect to the Library and negotiate with the Alice Springs Property Syndicate for a financial proposal that benefits the community.

CARRIED (21418)

A division was called:

FOR

Mayor Ryan

Councillor Auricht

Councillor de Brenni

Councillor Paterson

AGAINST

Councillor Melky

Councillor Melky called a division:

FOR

Councillor Banks

Councillor Cocking

Councillor Melky

Councillor Satour

AGAINST

Mayor Ryan

Councillor de Brenni

Councillor Paterson

Councillor Price

Mayor Ryan exercised his Casting Vote and the rescission motion was not carried.

13. FINANCE

13.1. Finance Report

Report No. 310 / 21 cncl

Moved – Councillor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Price

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED (21440)

13.1.1 Councillor Cocking

Reimbursement of damage to a resident due to a pot hole. The Acting Director Technical Services Takudzwa Charlie advised that Council made an assessment to reimburse the resident on this occasion.

13.1.2 Councillor Cocking

Underspend on Library Budget (Page 96 of Diligent). The Acting Director Community Development Sabine Taylor advised that Officers are checking that it is an accurate reflection of the spend and will report back to Council.

13.1.3 Councillor Cocking

Underspend on the Climate Action Plan Budget (Page 98 of Diligent). The Acting Director Technical Services Takudzwa Charlie advised this is being investigated. CEO Robert Jennings advised that Council is on track for spend when taking into consideration allocated funds.

13.1.4 Councillor Melky

Councillor Melky gave notice that in the next two weeks he will review the finance papers in detail.

13.1.5 Mayor Ryan

Asked if Council has been given a cost for the Northern Territory Election in August. The Director Corporate Services Sabine Taylor advised the approximate figure is \$250,000. Mayor Ryan requested a detailed report on the Election cost.

13.1.6 Mayor Ryan

Report requested on the IT Projects funded from reserves. The Director Corporate Services Sabine Taylor advised that a report is being written.

13.1.7 Mayor Ryan

Requested a confidential report for the fines recovery items (RWMF debts) in Attachment 5 Debtors Analysis.

13.1.8 Mayor Ryan

Mayor Ryan enquired will there be an adjustment to what Council have budgeted from year to date including bank interest earnings. (Page 89 in Diligent) Director Corporate Services Sabine Taylor advised the mid-year budget review will include this adjustment and will be finalised by the end of March.

13.1.9 Councillor Cocking

Enquired if the Corrections workforce have returned to the RWMF. Acting Director Technical Services Takudzwa Charlie that the workforce have not returned to the RWMF and their return is in discussion.

14. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

14.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

14.1.1. CEO Report

Report No. 311/21 cncl

Moved – Councillor de Brenni

Seconded – Councillor Melky

That the CEO report be received and noted.

CARRIED (21441)

14.1.2 Business Arising from the Report

Nil

14.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

Nil

14.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Nil

14.4 TECHNICAL SERVICES

14.4.1 UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Development Committee – 1 February 2021

Moved - Councillor de Brenni

Seconded - Councillor Melky

That the minutes from the Development Committee meeting held on 1 February 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED (21442)

14.4.2 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Cemeteries Advisory Committee – 2 February 2021

Moved - Councillor Cocking

Seconded - Councillor Paterson

That the minutes from the Cemeteries Advisory Committee meeting held on 2 February 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED (21443)

14.4.3 UNCONFIRMED Minutes – Regional Waste Management Facility Committee – 4 February 2021

Moved - Councillor Melky

Seconded - Councillor Paterson

That the minutes from the Regional Waste Management Facility Committee meeting held on 4 February 2021 be received and recommendations adopted.

CARRIED (21444)

14.4.4 RECOMMENDATIONS of Regional Waste Management Facility Committee held on 4 February 2021

14.4.4.1 Illegal dumping and AELERT Membership (Agenda Item 6.3)

Moved - Councillor Melky

Seconded - Councillor Price

That Officers engage with DIPL as soon as possible through discussion in regard to the issue of Illegal Dumping in the Alice Springs area, and that Officers invite DIPL to the next RWMF Committee meeting

CARRIED (21445)

14.4.4.2 RWMF Recycling Infrastructure (Agenda Item 6.4)

Moved - Councillor Melky

Seconded - Councillor Price

That Officers provide a report to Council Ordinary Meeting in relation to investment of a proposed shed in the recycling area to further advance recycling at the RWMF

CARRIED (21446)

14.4.5 Sports Facilities Advisory Committee – Nominations
Report No. 314 / 21 cncl

Moved - Councillor de Brenni

Seconded - Councillor Satour

That Council endorse the following nomination for the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee to apply from the next Committee meeting through until the date of expiry:

AFL Northern Territory - Kellie Zaleski

Winter Sport - expires 31/03/2022

CARRIED (21447)

15. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

15.1 Councillor Melky

Councillor Melky asked CEO Robert Jennings if all his scheduled meetings were included in the CEO Report. CEO advised that the confidential meetings are not included.

15.2 Councillor Melky

Councillor Melky asked Mayor Ryan what the nature of his involvement in the Bombing of Darwin Commemorative Service in Darwin and Adelaide River was? Mayor Ryan advised that he represented Alice Springs Town Council and laid a wreath at both Services.

Councillor Melky asked Mayor Ryan what was the value of trying 30 hours to Darwin for these events as opposed to flying? Mayor Ryan advised that it is cheaper to drive and he had commitments that he had made to the Mayor of Tennant Creek and the Council in Katherine.

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1. Councillor Cocking – Tangentyere Night Patrol

Councillor Cocking enquired is there an opportunity for Council to assist between 3am and 5am with the night patrol. CEO Robert Jennings advised the Protect Alice initiative will explore options that may support the night patrol. Council is working with Police defining how the Traditional Owner Patrol Program should operate to deploy the most effective venture.

16.2. Councillor Cocking – Media reports regarding Tucker Park

What is Council doing to put forward Council's perspective? Acting Director Technical Services Takudzwa Charlie advised that Council did not respond. Council identifies three parks each year to upgrade through consultation with the community and the Parks Advisory Committee.

16.3. Councillor de Brenni – No More Campaign

Councillor de Brenni enquired what programs for awareness and education does Council have for domestic violence?

CEO Robert Jennings to investigate ideas and budget and if a workshop may be warranted.

16.4. Councillor Satour - Traditional Owner Pilot Program

Councillor Satour requested an update from the CEO. CEO Robert Jennings advised that Council are developing the legal framework, training program and setting up ochre cards.

16.5. CEO Robert Jennings – Human Resources

CEO Robert Jennings read his email to staff regarding the departure of Director Kim Sutton. Sabine Taylor will be the Acting Director for Community Development.

16.6. Councillor Banks – Master Plan Snow Kenna Park

CEO to send the operational drawings of Snow Kenna Park to Elected Members.

16.7. Councillor Banks – Media reports Cassia Court

CEO Robert Jennings advised the matter is not related to the complaint to the Ombudsman. Council did some free work to support the proponent. The potentially dangerous item was on Council land and therefore Council had the right to remove the item and to be responsible for the land.

16.8. Acting Director Technical Services Takudzwa Charlie – Imparja Cup

Thanks were conveyed to Council for the support of Imparja Cup 2021.

16.9. Acting Director Technical Services Takudzwa Charlie - Rotorac Dog Park Rotorac Dog Park to be completed next week.

17. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

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

18. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 5.30pm (Corporate Services)

19. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Mayor Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at **7.26pm**

Moved – Councillor Melky

Seconded – Councillor Price

The Council stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

CARRIED (21448)

Confirmed on _____

CHAIRPERSON _____

Date _____

APPENDIX A



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Mr Damien Ryan
His Worship the Mayor
Alice Springs Town Council
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Dear Mayor *Damien,*

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) has advised me that on 8 December 2020, the Alice Springs Town Council (the Council) passed a resolution approving the handover of the Infrastructure Assets Package Deal, which includes the Kilgariff Estate Stage 1 roads (the Roads) in Alice Springs.

As a result, DIPL has requested I vest the Roads in the Council under the *Local Government Act 2008*.

I have now taken the necessary action to vest the Roads in the Council, and officers from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet will forward you a copy of the Gazette notice in due course.

Yours sincerely

CHANSEY PAECH

15 FEB 2021