

MINUTES OF THE CEMETERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 2 APRIL 2019, IN THE TECHNICAL SERVICES MEETING ROOM - CIVIC CENTRE, 93 TODD STREET ALICE SPRINGS

**PRESENT**

Mayor Damien Ryan (*via Phone*)  
 Deputy Mayor Matt Paterson  
 Councillor Jamie de Brenni (Chair)  
 Councillor Glen Auricht  
 Councillor Catherine Satour (*arrived 12:45pm*)  
 David Hewitt - National Trust  
 Mark Mossop - Centre Funerals  
 David Mortimer - Community Member

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr Dilip Nellikat - Acting Director Technical Services  
 Ms Kylie Jones - Senior Records Officer  
 Ms Stephanie Dominguez - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

13 <sup>th</sup> Alice Springs Town Council Cemeteries Advisory Committee Meeting - Attendance List					
	9 Oct 2018	5 Feb 2019	2 April 2019	4 June 2019	7 Aug 2019
Mayor Damien Ryan	✓	✓	✓ Phone		
Deputy Mayor Matt Paterson	A	✓	✓		
Councillor Glen Auricht	✓	✓	✓		
Councillor Jamie de Brenni	✓	✓	✓		
Councillor Catherine Satour	A	A	✓		
David Hewitt	✓	✓	✓		
Dave Mortimer	✓	A	✓		
Mark Mossop	✓	✓	✓		

- ✓ Attended  
 ✓ Proxy attended in place of committee member  
 Proxy  
 A Apology received  
 -- No attendance and no apology recorded

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mr Scott Allen - Director Technical Services  
 Mr Ben Fitzgerald - Manager Works  
 Pastor Rod Holmes - Alice Springs Ministers Fellowship

**2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

### 3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### 3.1 **Minutes of the previous meeting held 2 February 2019**

**RESOLVED:**

That it be a recommendation to Council:

**That the Minutes from the Cemeteries Advisory Committee Meeting from 2 February 2019 be confirmed with amendments as a true and correct record of that meeting.**

**Moved:** Councillor Auricht      **Seconded:** Mayor Ryan      **CARRIED**

### 4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Nil

### 5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### 5.1 **Letter from Ann Gorey – dated 24 March 2019**

Correspondence from Ann Gorey dated 24 March 2019 in regard to the Alice Springs General Cemetery - Conservation and Management Plan Report was received and noted.

### 6. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### 6.1 **Expression of Interest (EOI) – Cemetery Entry Statement**

The Committee received and noted the three submissions that were received for the Expression of Interest.

- 6.1.1 Pip McManus
- 6.1.2 David Rilstone – PlazArt
- 6.1.3 Russell Lynch

The Committee considered submissions 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 which met criteria in regard to retrofitting infrastructure already in place. Discussion ensued in regard to ensuring the theme works well with the work done near the Cemetery Chapel.

*Councillor Satour entered the room at 12:45pm.*

**RESOLVED:**

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That Pip McManus and David Rilstone be approached to provide further information in regard to cost, to confirm local fabrication, and estimated timeframe for completion.**

**Moved:** David Hewitt      **Seconded:** Councillor Auricht      **CARRIED**

#### 6.2 **Alice Springs General Cemetery – Conservation and Management Plans**

##### 6.2.1 **Resolution – 25 March Ordinary Council**

The resolution from the 25 March Ordinary Council Meeting was provided for the information of the Committee:

13.3.5 Alice Springs General Cemetery - Conservation and Management Plans  
Report No: 37/19ts (DTS)

***That Council endorses the Alice Springs General Cemetery Conservation and Management Plan to go out to community engagement.***

(4499 ts)  
**CARRIED (20243)**

David Mortimer recorded his concern that the 'over-arching document' is now known as a 'disclaimer' and views this word as 'totally negative'. He emphasised that the document gives no view on what Council does or does not agree with, which he considers is missing transparency and honesty.

The Chair noted the word DRAFT is to be printed on the document when it goes out to community engagement. A Media and Communications plan is being established prior to the document being loaded to the website for community engagement.

Action:

Council Officers to inform all members of the Committee when the document is available on the Council website.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Friends of the Alice Springs General Cemetery – David Mortimer**

David advised there is nothing further to report at this stage, as the Terms of Reference are still being determined.

### **7.2 Terms of Appointment of the Cemeteries Advisory Committee – Review**

The Chair advised the terms of reference for this committee are due for review, and that the committee is down one Committee Member.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That a review of the committee be undertaken in regard to terms of appointment and call for expression of interest where required.**

Action:

Council Officers to email a copy of the Charter to the Committee.

**Moved:** Councillor Auricht                      **Seconded:** Mark Mossop                      **CARRIED**

### **7.3 Burial and Cremation Bill 2018 – Mayor Ryan**

Mayor Ryan raised concern regarding a push by another Council for the removal of Exclusive Right of Burial. Discussion ensued.

### **7.4 Namatjira family headstone – David Hewitt**

David requested an update from Councillor Auricht in regard to this matter. Councillor Auricht responded: the matter is in hand while allowing time for sorry business in Hermannsburg.

### **7.5 Televisions at the Garden Cemetery – Mayor Ryan**

Mayor Ryan enquired as to whether the televisions at the Garden Cemetery Chapel were installed and operational. The Acting Director Technical Services confirmed the have been installed and are operational.

Action:

Officers to ensure Cemetery Staff are competent in operating the televisions and know the full AV capabilities. Officers to also provide operating instructions to stakeholders.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 4 June 2019**, Technical Services Meeting Room, Civic Centre

Meeting closed at 13.04 pm

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