MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2014, FOLLOWING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TODD STREET, ALICE SPRINGS

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor D. Ryan *(via phone link)*
Councillor K. Bonanni
Councillor S. Brown
Councillor B. Heenan
Councillor J. Kudrenko
Councillor L. Martin
Councillor E. Melky

OFFICERS: Mr R. Mooney – Chief Executive Officer
Mr G. Buxton – Director Technical Services
Mr C. Catchlove – Director Corporate and Community Services
Mr P. Della – Director Finance
Mrs J. Craven – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

The meeting opened at 5:54pm

1. APOLOGIES:

Councillor D. Douglas – ill health
Councillor C. Paech – business commitments

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - OPEN:

3.1 Mayor Ryan – Item 9.2, TCA Sponsorship Application
Cr. Bonanni – Item 9.2, TCA Sponsorship Application (later in meeting)

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - OPEN:

4.1 Minutes of Meeting held 11 November 2013

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Open Section of the Corporate and Community Services Committee meeting held on 11 November 2013 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

(5814ccs)

4.2 Business Arising

Nil

5. IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - OPEN:

5.1 Identification of items for discussion

The following items were withdrawn for discussion:

8.1, 9.1, 9.2, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4

5.2 Identification of items to be raised in General Business by Elected Members and Officers

5.2.1 Motivational Program for Teenagers in Alice Springs

Moved: Mayor Ryan
Seconded: Councillor Kudrenko

6. DEPUTATIONS:

6.1 Youth Services - Larissa Ellis, Department of Children and Families

Ms Larissa Ellis from the Department of Children and Families gave the following update on Youth Street Outreach Service (YSOS) and Youth Hub:

- YSOS has been scaled down but there is an opportunity to bring back the service if required.
- Workers from YSOS have been amalgamated into the Child Protection Services
- Youth Hub will be closed so all of the youth services that are currently operating under the Youth Hub have been found more appropriate accommodations elsewhere.
- The Alternative Education Centre is the only youth services that will continue running under the Youth Hub.
- Summer holiday services will be run by other agencies e.g. the Department of Chief Minister and NT Police. The Council has a role to play in this as well.
- Coordination of Youth Services – existing funding around youth services and activities are staying the same and will not be affected by the closure of YSOS and Youth Hub.
- The decision to close the Youth Hub was made because the purpose has never been fully realised. Costing was a fortune to continue running it.
- Most of the new services are being located in Anangu House.

Some questions were asked by Elected Members in relation to children/youth services which Ms Ellis addressed.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Ellis for her presentation.

7. PETITIONS

Nil

8. NOTICES OF MOTION:

8.1 Notice of Motion: Councillor Melky – Amendment to By-Law 48, Alice Springs (Management of Public Places) By-Laws 2009

Moved: Councillor E. Melky
Seconded: Councillor S. Brown

Discussion ensued.

RESOLVED
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council amend By-Law 48 clause (1) (b) to read:

A person must not have in the person's possession or control in a public place any opened container of liquor where the seal is broken.

LOST (5815ccs)

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

9.1 Directorate Update
Report No. 25/14ccs (DCCS)

This report provides an update of current Corporate and Community Services projects, programs and events.

RESOLVED
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the report be received and noted.

(5816ccs)

Discussion ensued on Fines Recovery Unit (FRU) in relation to the article in the Centralian Advocate on Tuesday, 4 February 2014.

RESOLVED
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council writes to the Fines Recovery Unit (FRU) communicating Council desire for work orders to be applied to those who are not making payments for infringements sent to FRU by Council.

(5817ccs)

9.2 Sponsorship Application – Tourism Central Australia
Report No. 27/14ccs (DCCS)

Mayor Ryan and Councillor Bonanni having declared an interest in Item 9.2, left the Chamber (at 6:52pm) prior to discussion of this matter.

This report discusses a request from Tourism Central Australia (TCA) for sponsorship of their proposed Central Australia True Characters campaign.

RESOLVED
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Alice Springs Town Council provide $10,000 sponsorship to Tourism Central Australia (TCA) for the Central Australia True Characters campaign, subject to the other sponsors agreeing to their sponsorship requests.

(5818ccs)

Mayor Ryan and Councillor Bonanni returned to the Chamber (at 7:08pm).

7.08pm Councillor Brown left the Chamber
7.11pm Councillor Brown returned to the Chamber

9.3 Escort Agencies and Local Government
Report No. 28/14ccs (DCCS)

This report provides information on how some local governments deal with planning requests for escort agencies/brothels and the response from the NT Government to an ASTC request for input into applications for such businesses within the Alice Springs municipality.

RESOLVED
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council note this report.

(5819ccs)

NB: Councillor Kudrenko asked if Council can follow up with the Senior Director Regulatory Systems and Operations, Gambling and Licensing Services Division, DoB, Ms Anna McGill, as to how Council can have input into the Prostitution Regulation Act review process early this year.

9.4 Update on Website and Social Media Development
Report No. 29/14ccs (MCO)

Following approval from Council, a part-time 3-day-per-week media and communications assistant was employed by Council during the development phase of the new Council website and social media platforms.

As stated by Councillors, social media and website development is fundamental to the operation of Council business and all social media should refer back to the website. To this end, a new website is being developed, the first draft of which will be ready to be populated by mid-February, then tested on frequent users within Council staff as well as community users before going live. Social media channels, training and risk management systems will be in place and ready to go live at the same time.

The Media and Communications Officer was asked by the CEO to prepare a report to update elected members on developments.

RESOLVED
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That this report be noted.

(5820ccs)

10. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

10.1 Minutes and Recommendations from the Seniors Coordinating Committee Meeting held on 20 November 2013

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes from the Seniors Coordinating Committee Meeting held on 20 November 2013 be accepted.

(5821ccs)

10.1.1 Alice Springs 50 Plus Community Centre Car Park (4.1)

Mitch Cameron advised that from the initial issue of water pooling on the grass area of the car park and sprinklers removed there were a number of issues that came up in between. A meeting has held between the members of the 50 Plus Centre Committee, Technical Services team and Depot staff.

Council is investigating the possibility of putting a car park area. An estimated cost range from $80K to $90K.

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council conducts a parking study and canvas options of what is required to meet the needs at the 50 Plus Community Centre.

(5822ccs)

10.2 Minutes and Recommendations from the Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 November 2013

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes from the Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 November 2013 be accepted.

(5823ccs)

10.3 Minutes and Recommendations from the Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4 December 2013

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes from the Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4 December 2013 be accepted.

(5824ccs)

10.3.1 Waste Management Facility Public Art (5.3)

J9 Stanton has written a letter of thanks to PAAC and Council for the opportunity she was given to work on the ‘Recyculator’ sculpture project and also acknowledging the professionalism of the process.

Most of the feedback on the artwork has been positive but the Committee commented that the crush glass and rubber should make a bigger statement at the bottom of the pile.

ACTION:

Leon Tripp to respond to J9 Stanton's thank you letter on behalf of PAAC.
RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That J9 Stanton be approached to provide a quote towards expanding the recycled rubber and glass at the bottom of the 'Recyculator' sculpture.

(5825ccs)

10.3.2 Todd Mall / CBD Redevelopment Public Art (5.6)

- ***Aerial Light Sculpture***

Ben Ward made his presentation early on in the meeting.

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the aerial light sculpture developed design by Ben Ward be accepted.

(5826ccs)

- ***Mosaic insets***

Leon Tripp advised that J9 Stanton was enquiring whether the mosaic insets project is still a possibility.

Discussion ensued on costing and going through the process of calling for expression of interest.

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That expressions of interest be called for in the new year for the mosaic art seat insets in Todd Mall.

(5827ccs)

10.4 Minutes and Recommendations from the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee Meeting held on 28 November 2013

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes from the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee Meeting held on 28 November 2013 be accepted.

(5828ccs)

10.5 Minutes and Recommendations from the Australia Day Coordinating Committee Meeting held on 10 December 2013

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes from the Australia Day Coordinating Committee Meeting held on 10 December 2013 be accepted.

(5829ccs)

10.6 Minutes and Recommendations from the Australia Day Coordinating Committee Meeting held on 21 January 2014

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes from the Australia Day Coordinating Committee Meeting held on 21 January 2014 be accepted.

(5830ccs)

11. GENERAL BUSINESS:

11. Mayor Ryan – Motivational Program for Teenagers - Champion Edge

Mayor Ryan put forward a proposal regarding an opportunity for Alice Springs to become engage in motivational program for teenagers called Champion Edge.

Champion Edge, supported by great Australian athletes Mark Webber and Patrick Rafter along with Brennon Dowrick, is a new motivation and education program with a focus on health & fitness for 13-16 year old Australians developed by leading educators, health and fitness experts and motivators and is designed to inspire teenagers to find their own formula for success in life through motivational seminars, social media community, physical challenge events and an online learning tool.

On March 11 Formula 1 superstar Mark Webber will launch the Champion Edge program with a track run around the Albert Park Street Circuit, where students aged 13 to 18 years old are invited to come and run the 5 km circuit with Mark Webber.

Mayor Ryan is keen for Council to secure one of the 2 regional functions which would include:

- Advertisement of the event in Alice to teachers and principals
- Venue
- Support transport of students
- Provide P/A and A/V system to present event
- Preference to run event between 31 March and 5 April

Mayor Ryan will start preparation if Council supports the proposal.

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council supports the Champion Edge program by holding a motivational event for teenagers in Alice Springs between 31 March and 5 April 2014.

(5831ccs)

12. NEXT MEETING: **17 March 2014**

The meeting stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Confirmed on _____

_____
CHAIRMAN

Date _____