

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2019, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor D. Ryan
Councillor G. Auricht
Councillor M. Banks
Councillor J. Cocking
Councillor J. de Brenni
Councillor E. Melky (Chair)
Councillor M. Paterson
Councillor C. Satour
Councillor J. Price

OFFICERS: Mr R. Jennings - Chief Executive Officer
Mr T. Charlie - Acting Director Technical Services
Mr S. Duke - Acting Director Corporate and Community Services
Mr E. Wlodarczyk - Acting Director Finance
Mrs T. Ociones - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

The meeting was declared open at 9:13pm

1. APOLOGIES

Mr S. Allen – Director Technical Services

2. WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC, VISITORS AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

2.1 Ms Jennifer Taylor – Climate Action Plan

- *Updates of the Council emissions inventory and Community emissions profile have not yet been provided. Has Council made progress on this?*
- *Could you please provide an update on whether an online open tracking system for the CAP has been or will be installed?*
- *A longer time frame for reaching 50% reduction in emissions was introduced last meeting (previously the CO2 emission was 50% by 2021, after community engagement this was changed to 50% by 2030). This change is I think no longer in the document. Can you please clarify the time frame that has been adopted? If it is longer, has the scope been increased, to justify this?*
- *I quote: "The CAP provides ASTC and the broader community with a guiding document and principles for the mitigation and **adaptation** of Climate Change, supporting a strategic approach forward'. In its current form the CAP only focuses on mitigation, not adaptation. How is adaptation currently being embedded in the plan? How do we ensure that adaptation is fully accounted for in the CAP?*
- *6.5.37: Action: Lobby the NT Government to provide strong leadership on climate action. For example, can Council advocate for immediate reduction of emissions achieving net zero by 2025 and halting any and all new fossil fuel projects? Could Council stretch to that kind of advocacy and leadership?*

Ms Taylor also raised the use of biosolids by other Council's in green waste processing as a step for Council to consider, requested Council consider live updates on Council's webpage in regard to Climate Action Plan progress, and expressed support for a Climate Emergency to be declared.

The Chief Executive Officer thanked Ms Taylor for her considered questions and agreed to provide a considered response via email.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Minutes of meeting 16 September 2019

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council

That the minutes of the Open Section of the Technical Services meeting held on 16 September 2019 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting

(4612 ts)
CARRIED

4.2 Business Arising

Nil

5. IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Identification of items for discussion

The following items were withdrawn for discussion:

9.2, 9.3, 9.4,

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

- Ruffino Park - Mayor Ryan
- Landscaped area west of Gosse Park - Cr Cocking
- Anzac Oval, Electricity - Cr Melky

6. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

7. PETITIONS

Nil

8. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Nil

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 Technical Services Directorate Update
Report No. 170/19ts (DTS)

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

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council

That the Technical Services Directorate Update report be received and noted

(4613 ts)

9.2 Climate Action Plan
Report No. 171/19ts (DTS)

This report is in regard to the progress of the Climate Action Plan.

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council

That the Climate Action Plan report be noted and discussed at a Council Forum this year (2019).

(4614 ts)

Councillor Cocking enquired how certain items were chosen as priorities above others, noted the *NT Government Climate Change Response* survey out for comment with consultation closing 31 October 2019, and suggested that Council engage in the consultation process and seek out a meeting next week with the NT Government while they are in town to progress discussion. The Chief Executive Officer advised he will be attending one of the NT Governments Climate Change Response sessions.

Councillor Cocking encouraged community engagement and education.

Councillor Melky enquired in regard to a figure of \$10,000 as a budget for 6.1.24 - Develop PV information booklet and display on website and run workshop, with the report later quoting a lesser \$6,300 budget for the same project. The Acting Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

9.3 Road Repair / Crack Sealing Program
Report No. 172/19ts (DTS)

This report is regarding Councils road repair crack sealing program

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council

That the Road Repair / Crack Sealing report be noted.

(4615 ts)

Councillor de Brenni noted the budget allocated and current practice to outsource the work of repairing Council roads and reiterated his encouragement for the development of a Council bitumen crew.

9.4 Todd Mall Banner System Financial Impact Report No. 179/19ts (DTS)

This report provides Council with information in regard to the financial impacts of the existing banner system in the Todd Mall.

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council

That Council receive and note the Todd Mall Banner System Financial Impact report.

(4616 ts)

Mayor Ryan requested a report on a commercial product that could reduce Council resources required for banner installation taking into consideration the current work the Public Art Advisory Committee is undertaking for the entrance to the mall. The Acting Director responded, noting there was no commercially available system that would suit requirements, and Council would need to design something fit for purpose, taking into consideration the ownership of buildings that the system would need to be attached to.

Mayor Ryan noted that costs may need to be passed onto organisations to recover costs for banner installation or included as an amount for event sponsorship.

10. REPORTS OF ADVISORY & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

10.1 Minutes of the Cemeteries Advisory Committee - 1 October 2019

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council

That the minutes of the Cemeteries Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 October 2019 be received and recommendations adopted

(4617 ts)

10.1.1 Council's feedback to Draft Terms of Reference comments (Agenda Item 6.1.2)

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation from the Cemeteries Advisory Committee

That the Cemeteries Advisory Committee - Draft Terms of Reference V2 be forwarded to Council with a report for consideration and endorsement.

(4618 ts)

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Landscape area west of Gosse Park - Councillor Cocking

Councillor Cocking noted a resident raised a concern with him in regard to the plants in the landscape area west of Gosse Park, reporting the plants are drying out and don't seem to be getting water. The residents reported to Councillor Cocking that Council had previously

been watering the garden bed. The Acting Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

11.2 Anzac Oval - Councillor Melky

Councillor Melky noted an ABC Radio interview where the Chief Minister declined to rule out compulsory acquisition of Anzac Oval, and enquired what risk mitigation exercises Council could take in protecting Council assets against compulsory acquisition.

Councillor Melky requested a report from Chief Executive Officer on what Council can and cannot do in regard to the situation of compulsory acquisition. The Chief Executive Officer took the request on notice.

11.3 Electricity - Councillor Melky

Councillor Melky requested either a report from officers or a meeting to be arranged with representatives of Territory Generation or relevant parties, to identify the key issues around solar and how it adversely affects Council's plans to increase solar use in our town, and whether the current resources in place (generators) can support these plans.

Councillor Melky sought support to arrange a deputation from Territory Generation. The Chief Executive Officer took the request on notice to action appropriately.

11.4 Kilgariff Stage 1 Subdivision / Ruffino Park - Mayor Ryan

Mayor Ryan enquired how close Council is to taking over the Kilgariff Stage 1 Subdivision and what were the blockages to this being finalised. The Acting Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

Deputy Mayor Paterson enquired if there had been any discussion to introduce more shade at Ruffino Park. The Acting Director Technical Services responded, advising there were no plans at this stage to introduce more shade at the park. The Deputy Mayor noted he would raise this item in budget discussions.

12. NEXT MEETING: **Monday 11 November 2019**

The meeting stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm

Confirmed on _____

CHAIRPERSON _____

Date _____