

MINUTES OF THE **ORDINARY** MEETING OF THE TWELFTH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
25 JANUARY 2016 AT 6:00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Opening of the Meeting by the Mayor

His Worship the Mayor Damien Ryan declared the meeting open at 6.00pm 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
Councillor S. Brown
Councillor J. de Brenni
Councillor D. Douglas
Councillor B. Heenan
Councillor J. Kudrenko
Councillor E. Melky

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr G. Buxton –Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mr C. Catchlove –Director Corporate and Community Services
Mr D. Pillay – Director Finance
Ms J. Craven – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

2. PRAYER

Pastor Jamie Tucker from Desert Life Church presented the prayer preceding the meeting.

3. APOLOGIES

Mr R Mooney – Chief Executive Officer – Personal leave
Councillor C. Paech – Personal leave
Councillor J. Price – Personal commitment

4. WELCOME TO THE GALLERY AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Open Meeting of the Council held on 14 December 2015

Moved Councillor Melky
Seconded Councillor Douglas

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held 14 December 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of those meetings.

CARRIED (18457)

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6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

Cr Kudrenko – Feedback from letter sent regarding Oonchiunpa Road works

The Director of Technical Services advised that there has been a change within NTG from Department of Housing to Department of Infrastructure. There have also been some issues with the on-site contractor and project management team. No new date for completion has been given to Council at this stage.

7. MAYORAL REPORT

7.1 Mayor's Report Report No. 1/16cncl

Moved Councillor Heenan
Seconded Councillor Kudrenko

That the Mayor's report be received.

CARRIED (18458)

7.2 Business Arising from the Report

The following items were raised by Councillors and clarified by the Mayor as part of the Mayoral Report.

Cr Douglas

1.8 Outback Way Technical Construction Group Meeting

Meeting with Mayor Ryan, Councillor De Brenni and primary stakeholders of the Outback Way Project. The committee proposals have been approved via the Outback Way technical group where costs of building roads will be discussed.

Cr Kudrenko

1.1 LGANT Street lighting Meeting

Discussion ensued regarding the meeting.

LGANT has proposed to hold further consultations/working groups with Power Water and Northern Territory Government.

Cr Kudrenko

1.2 Phillip Leslie, CEO Department of Sports and Recreation - Sports facilities
Sports facilities and 2016 Masters Games discussion.

Cr Kudrenko

1.15 Central Australian Liquor accord

Meeting to be held this week with the Chief Minister.

Cr Heenan

1.9 Rob Clarke, Redtails

Working on restructure and keeping informed on the playing outcomes.

8. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

8.1 Councillors each gave verbal reports on their community involvement throughout December 2015.

Cr Brown:

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Various Desert Sports Meetings
Netball Stadium meeting
Meetings with ratepayers over various issues

Cr de Brenni

Outback Way Technical Construction Group Meeting
Councillor training
Quontarf
Football game at Albrecht Oval
Depot Christmas Party
Interview – Red Centre Nats
Desert Sport foundation meeting
Meeting with ratepayers regarding parking issues
Meeting with Redtails
Meeting with Lloyd Doyle, Salvation Army

Cr Douglas:

Nil

Cr Heenan:

Business at Sunset
Place Names Committee Meeting - Darwin
Riding for the Disabled

Cr Kudrenko:

Nil

Cr Melky:

Nil

Cr Paech:

Nil

Cr Price

Nil

Mayor Ryan informed the Elected Members of some vandalism over the weekend. Charles Darwin University Oval had damage to the playing fields with vehicles doing doughnuts and the Liberty Swing lock has been badly damaged and unusable, new barrel ordered and pending arrival and installation.

9. ORDERS OF THE DAY

9.1 That Elected Members and Officers provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

10. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil

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11. MEMORIALS

Nil

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Nil

13. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1 Finance Committee

Nil

13.2 Corporate and Community Services Committee

Nil

13.3 Technical Services Committee

13.3.1 Minutes of the Regional Waste Management Advisory Committee held on 10 December 2015

Cr Kudrenko - Item 3.1 – Recycling Bins within the Mall

The Director of Technical Services advised the new bins are in operation during market days and will be installed once the permanent bins surround arrives.

Cr Kudrenko – Item 5.2 – Attached Liquid waste report from GHD

Discussion ensued regarding the report attached, licenses and the cost allocated.

Cr Melky – Item 3.1 action point 5.5 – Mattress Shredding Machine

Have Council Officers looked into leasing the machine?

The Director of Finance took on notice to report back to the Regional Waste Management Committee

Cr Heenan – Item 5.3 – CCTV

Have the CCTV been installed? The Director of Technical Services advised that the cameras have been installed however the server is still to arrive.

Cr Heenan – Item 7.3 – Rural residents trailer use at the transfer station

Have Council got an area that the residents can sweep the trailers out? The Director of Technical Services took on notice. Mayor Ryan advised that the rural residents are going to attend the Environment Advisory Committee next week.

Moved Councillor Melky

Seconded Councillor Kudrenko

That the minutes of the Regional Waste Management Advisory Committee held 10 December 2015 be noted and recommendation to be adopted.

CARRIED (18459)

14. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

14.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

14.1.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report
Report No. 2/16cncl

1. HR Report

Moved Councillor Heenan
Seconded Councillor De Brenni

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (18460)

Resignation of Director of Corporate and Community Services, Mr Craig Catchlove

The acting Chief Executive Officer would like to thank Mr. Craig Catchlove for his 9 years of services with Council as the Director of Corporate and Community Services and would like to wish him all the best in his new role on behalf of the staff and this Chamber.

His Worship the Mayor Ryan also thanked Craig for his support.

LGANT is seeking representative/nomination to be on the Animal Welfare Committee.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that LGANT are seeking a nomination for representation on the Animal Welfare Committee and he has further information which can be emailed to Elected Members.

Councillor De Brenni nominated Councillor Melky who accepted and was seconded by Councillor Kudrenko.

That Councillor Melky be nominated to represent the Alice Springs Town Council on the LGANT Animal Welfare Committee.

CARRIED (18461)

14.2 DIRECTOR FINANCE

14.2.1 Finance Reports
Report No. 6/16cncl (DF)

Moved Councillor Heenan
Seconded Councillor Brown

That these reports be noted

CARRIED (18462)

Cr Heenan – AAPA clearance what is this in relation to?

The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that the AAPA clearance was for a footpath in Plumbago Park due to rocks and trees within the area of works.

Cr Heenan – AV System costs?

The Director of Corporate and Community Services advised that the cost was for the AV System for the Chamber which has been replaced.

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Cr Heenan – Ranger equipment is it returned at the end of employment.
The Director of Corporate and Community Services advised that all equipment is returned

Cr Heenan – Enquired about shopping trolley infringements
The Director of Finance advised that the debt has been paid.

Cr Heenan – Sport lighting charges
The Director of Technical Services advised that Council pays the bill however Council charges the various sporting groups for the use of the lights. A toggle system is in place to allocate the power usage to groups at each facility.

Cr Melky – Confidential reporting
Could the Director of Finance prepare a report to indicate which finance items could be taken out of confidential and moved into open?

14.3 DIRECTOR CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

14.3.1 Open Directorate Update Report No. 8/16cncl (DCCS)

Moved Councillor Douglas
Seconded Councillor Kudrenko

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (18463)

Cr Kudrenko – Attachment A - Discussion ensued regarding the Enterprise Agreement, issues raised and costs to Council.

Cr Heenan – Attachment B – Enquired about the security breaches.
The Director of Corporate and Community Services advised that he is reporting on all callouts accrued by Rangers if damage was caused or not.

Cr Melky – Attachment B – Graffiti offence – Was it on Council facilities or a residential compliant?
The Director of Corporate and Community Services took on notice

Cr Heenan – Attachment E – IRD replacement and screen in Mall
Discussion ensued regarding type of IRD and software used. The Director of Corporate and Community services advised that the screen in the Mall is still operational and would not be replaced.

Cr Melky – Attachment E – Timeline on the IRD's
The Director of Corporate and Community services advised that at this stage Council Officers do not have a timeframe however the IT Manager is hoping it is available to pre-order within 2 weeks.

Cr Heenan – Attachment F – Manager at the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre
The Director of Corporate and Community services advised that Jesse has negotiated with Council to have a year over without pay as he wanted to be closer to family with the pending birth of his second child. Discussion ensued regarding the new Manager of the Aquatic Centre.

*Director of Finance left the Chamber at 6.58pm
Director of Finance returned to Chamber at 7.01pm*

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14.3.2 Indoor Centre Tiling Repairs Report No. 9/16cncl (MASALC)

Councillor Kudrenko left Chamber at 7.08pm
Councillor Kudrenko returned to Chamber at 7.10pm

Moved Councillor Melky
Seconded Councillor Douglas

That this report be noted.

DEFERRED (18464)

The Director of Corporate and Community Services gave an overview of the report and tiling works to be conducted at the Aquatic Centre.

Cr Kudrenko enquired to the operational function (can one be drained into another) and who would be overseeing the maintenance and repairs with the Director leaving Councils employment. The Director of Corporate and Community Services advised that the Technical Services department along with the Director and CAT Projects will be overseeing all works.

Discussion ensued regarding drainage of the pool, what can be done with the water that is drained and curing time with the grout for the tiles.

Cr Heenan enquired about the cost of CAT Projects being engaged. Would that be a cost to Council? The Director of Corporate and Community Services took the question on notice to provide breakdown figures.

Discussion ensued regarding history of the facility, repair works, costs, timeframe, possible warranty works, issues with 'learn to swim' programme and loss of revenue. The Director of Corporate and Community Services took on notice to seek legal advice and investigate history.

Acting Chief Executive Officer to arrange a meeting to discuss the issues raised tonight.

Discussion ensued regarding the new foods sold within the Centre and complaints received.

14.4 DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

14.4.1 Open Directorate Update Report No. 3/16cncl (DTS)

Mayor Ryan left Chamber at 7.55pm
Mayor Ryan returned to Chamber at 7.57pm

Moved Councillor Brown
Seconded Councillor Melky

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED (18465)

Cr Kudrenko – Attachment A – Widening of footpath between Totem Theatre and RSL and wondered why the report has been resubmitted when Council had already approved an option? The Director of Technical Services advised that with the AAPA clearance it has incurred extra costs. Discussion ensued regarding the resubmission and the decision already made in the Chamber. The Director of Technical Services took on notice to clarify information.

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Discussion ensued regarding footpath construction, colour and replacement or extension.

Cr Kudrenko would like to review Councils processes related to reports being resubmitted where a decision has already made, as it is confusing and harder to make an informed decision. Cr Kudrenko would like to note that she will be lodging a formal complaint with the Acting Chief Executive Officer tonight and with the Chief Executive Officer on his return.

Cr Heenan – Attachment A - Footpath top end of the Mall timeframe update.

The Director of Technical Services advised that Council is awaiting the architect's drawings and should be on site by end of February 2016.

Cr Heenan – Kmart Footpath update.

The Director Technical Services advised that legal advice is needed before Council proceeds.

Cr Melky – Mowing programme – Sub-contracting

The Director of Technical Services advised that he is aware of situation however efforts were made last year to source a sub-contractor which was not successful. It was more cost effective to use Council teams.

Cr Kudrenko – Attachment B - Enquired if the Letter from the last Council meeting had been sent. The Director of Technical Services took on notice.

Cr Heenan – Attachment B – Mona's lounge extension update

The Director of Technical Services advised that the extension will be completed prior to Imparja Cup.

Cr Kudrenko – Attachment C – Cemeteries

Memorial Cemetery and Stuart Town Cemetery both require ground maintenance with irrigation dripping, grass growing and weeds everywhere. The Director of Technical Services took on notice.

Cr Heenan – Attachment C – Vehicle Plant Replacement

Cr Heenan requested all fleet/ plant lists be added to the report. The Director of Technical Services took on notice to report back in March with the budget discussions.

Cr Melky – Storm damage clean-up

Cr Melky asked if any plans have been put in place to clean up the drains within problem areas that drainage often backs up. The Director of Technical Services advised that all street drains under Councils control have been cleaned and Officers are in discussion with the Northern Territory Government regarding their drains and met to discuss water management regarding the monitoring system for the river flows and further culvert installation. Regular pipe cleaning occurs annually as programme maintenance.

Cr Kudrenko – Attachment D – E-Waste decreased numbers

With the numbers roughly dropping 27% from last year could the free drop off days for E-Waste be everyday not just on the weekends? The Director of Technical Services advised that Council has extra staff on a weekend at the facility to take the E-Waste. A workshop will be conducted in February 2016 and that maybe the forum to open this item for discussion.

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14.4.2 Vehicle Tracking System
Report No. 4/16cncl (MW)

Moved Councillor De Brenni
Seconded Councillor Douglas

That this report be noted.

CARRIED (18466)

Cr Melky enquired if the system will continue and increase. The Director of Technical Services advised that it would be continuing and investigation increasing the program to rangers and managers vehicles.

14.4.3 Snow Kenna Footpath Widening Between Totem Theatre and the Schwarz Crescent
Report No. 5/16cncl (MW)

Moved Councillor Melky
Seconded Councillor Douglas

That Council rescinds the previous decision from Report No. 103/15ts

CARRIED (18467)

Moved Councillor Melky
Seconded Councillor De Brenni

That Council adopts option 1.

CARRIED (18468)

Cr Melky enquired as to why Council uses concrete rather than bitumen and asked if crushed glass is being used in the concrete? Mayor Ryan advised that Councillor De Brenni advised in earlier discussions that there is no contractor that does bitumen here in Alice Springs and the Director of Technical Services advised that Council is still using crushed glass in all concrete works. Discussion ensued regarding the previous report, options within this report and materials used. Discussion ensued regarding resining motion already passed and timeframe to do so.

15. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Melky – Night Patrol Services

The Director of Corporate and Community Services advised that the programme is running very well, transporting large number of youth and took on notice to supply figures. It was confirmed that the timeframe was for this contract is 12 months.

Cr De Brenni – Cole's Car park installed traffic island

Cr Melky is concerned about the danger of the islands within the area. Large vehicles and vehicle's with trailers have to swing into the opposite lane. The Director of Technical Services advised that there is going to be a new bus interchange located at Centralian Middle School and a site meeting will be conducted 7am Thursday 28 January 2016.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

17. MATTERS FOR MEDIA ATTENTION

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

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18. NEXT MEETING: Monday 29 February 2016 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber

19. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

Moved Councillor Melky
Seconded Councillor De Brenni

That the Council stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

CARRIED (18469)

The meeting adjourned at 8.19pm.

Confirmed on _____

CHAIRMAN

Date _____