



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 3/4 ALBATROSS STREET, WINNELLIE ON WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 10:00AM

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Mayor Wilson declared the meeting open at 10:05am and welcomed all in attendance.

**PRESENT**

John Wilson	Mayor
Terry Sams	Deputy Mayor
Wally Minjin	Councillor
Ralph Narburup	Councillor
Mark Martin	Councillor
Mark Tunmuck-Smith	Councillor

Staff:

Rebecca Purser	Manager Corporate
Ramesh Pudasaini	Senior Financial Consultant (CouncilBiz)

Guests:

Amy Kimber	Menzies School of Health
Edward Smelt	Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Casey Lovelock	Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Jocelyn Nathaniel-Waters	Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Absent: Acting CEO, Steve Horton.

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF**

There were no declarations of interest at this Council Meeting.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 October 2020**

139/2020 **Motion:**

**That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup  
Seconded: Cr. Minjin  
Resolution: Unanimously

**CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **1) Menzies - Hearing for Learning Initiative**

Amy Kimber from Menzies School of Health provided an update with regards to the Hearing for Learning Initiative.

Rebecca Purser to provide list of stakeholders contact details to Menzies.

#### **140/2020 Motion:**

- 1. That Council continues to support the Hearing for Learning Initiative and will provide contact details for stakeholders within the region.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams

Seconded: Cr. Martin

Resolution: Unanimously

10:15am - Amy Kimber left the meeting.

### **2) Adelaide River to Wadeye Road Corridor Upgrade - Future Projects Update**

Edward smelt provided an update with regards to progress on the upgrade of Port Keats Road.

- Saddle Rail is expected to be completed August 2021.
- Seal from Wadeye to Nganmariyanga will commence dry season 2022.
- Backyard Creek Bridge replacement – timing TBA
- Road safety upgrades on Daly River Road and Dorat Road – timing TBA

Additional funding will be required to complete the seal between Nganmariyanga and Peppimenarti.

#### **141/2020 Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the updated on the Adelaide River to Wadeye Road Corridor Upgrade.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams

Resolution: Unanimously

### **3) Acting Chief Executive Officer Report**

Manager Corporate spoke to the ACEO report.

Elected members noted that with regards to the road works at Emu Point, the culverts have not had rock baskets/mesh placed over the top to avoid them being washed away during the wet season. ACEO to liaise with Murin regarding same.

Councillors requested an update on homelands be provided at next OCM.

Department of Housing to be invited to attend the next OCM.

#### **142/202 Motion:**

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**1. That Council accepts and notes the Acting Chief Executive Officer report.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Resolution: Unanimousl

**4) Financial Report - October 2020**

143/2020 **Motion:**

**1. That Council receives and notes the Financial Report for October 2020.**

Moved: Cr. Tunmuck-Smith  
Seconded: Cr. Minjin  
Resolution: Unanimously

**5) Landing Charges Exempt - West Daly Regional Council Airports**

144/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council provide exemption for landing charges for the uses of Peppimenarti, Nganmariyanga, Wadeye / Port Keats airports to following agencies;**
  - **NT Police**
  - **Royal Flying Doctor Service**
  - **Care flight**
  - **Flights carrying Justice Department staff (except in use of private chartered company who has included landing fees in their chartered charges)**
- 2. That the council authorised Council (WDRC) agent (Avdata) to credit prior billing (unpaid) on landing charges for such (listed above) agencies.**

Moved: Cr. Minjin  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Resolution: Unanimously

**6) Annual Report 2019/2020**

Manager Corporate presented the Annual Report to the Council.

145/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council approves the Annual Report for publishing and gives authority to the Acting Chief Executive Officer to make minor editing amendments where required prior to submitting the report to the Minister.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Tunmuck-Smith

Resolution: Unanimously

**7) Human Resources Update**

146/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the HR update.**

Moved: Cr. Minjin  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Resolution: Unanimously

**8) Local Authority Minutes and Recommendations**

147/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the Wadeye Local Authority Minutes.**
- 2. That Council approves the following recommendations from Wadeye Local Authority:**
  - Allocation of an additional amount up to \$40,000 making a total amount available up to \$140,000 for the purchase of a new community bus;**
  - Contribution to Kardu Diminin of \$35,000 per annum for 2 years (total of \$70,000) for the continuation of upgrades/enhancement of the Wadeye Swimming Pool;**
  - Allocation of an additional amount up to \$50,000 for a crank top to be placed on top of the new pool fence;**
  - Council to utilise local workers/agencies to do works if within budget and are available and qualified to do the additional fencing works;**
  - That the Water Park Project is cancelled.**
  - That funds allocated for the Water Park Project remain with the Local Authority and that an amount up to \$150,000 be allocated for the refurbishment of the Ablution Block at the swimming pool.**
  - Allocation of an amount up to \$15,000 for the purchase of a digger bucket broom.**

Moved: Deputy Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

**9) Elected Members Attendance Records**

148/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the Elected Members Attendance Records.**

Moved: Cr. Martin  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Resolution: Unanimously

**10) Upcoming meetings including Mayor and CEO Travel/Accommodation**

149/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council notes the upcoming meetings and approves associated travel and accommodation costs.**
- 2. That Council approves Annual Leave for the ACEO from 17 December 2020 to 29 January 2020.**

Moved: Cr. Martin  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

1:11pm – Meeting closed for lunch

2:20pm – Meeting resumed and Mayor Wilson and opened the confidential meeting and closed the meeting to the public.

2:45pm – Mayor Wilson resumed the Ordinary Council Meeting.

**11) Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program - Extension - Additional Funding Allocation**

150/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council notes and accepts the LRCI Program extension and the additional funding allocation from Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.**

Moved: Cr. Martin  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

**12) COVID Safe Australia Day Grant Program - Australia Day 2021**

151/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council accepts the funding of \$20,000 from National Australia Day Council for Australia Day 2021 activities/events.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup  
Seconded: Cr. Minjin

Resolution: Unanimously

**13) Culture and Capability Programme - NAIDOC 2020**

152/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council accepts the funding of \$3,000 from National Indigenous Australians Agency for NAIDOC 2020 Celebrations.**
- 2. That the NAIDOC Day Public Holiday in accordance with the Enterprise Agreement be set as follows:**
  - a. 19/11/2020 – Nganmarriyanga**
  - b. 20/11/2020 – Wadeye**
  - c. 23/11/2020 – Peppimenarti**

Moved: Cr. Narburup  
Seconded: Cr. Martin  
Resolution: Unanimously

**14) Community Service Managers report.**

153/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the Community Services Manager's report for Wadeye**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Martin  
Resolution: Unanimously

**15) Community Night Patrol Report**

154/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives the Community Night Patrol report.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

**CORRESPONDENCE IN & OUT**

**16) Correspondence Report**

155/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council accept the correspondence**

Moved: Cr. Martin  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Resolution: Unanimously

## **DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the *Local Government Act* as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

- 17 Staffing Update** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*

The meeting closed at 3:25pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 5 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Meeting of Council HELD ON Wednesday, 11 November 2020 AND CONFIRMED 16 December 2020