

# **COUNCIL MINUTES**

## LITCHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Litchfield on Wednesday 15 January 2020 at 6:32pm

**Present** Maree Bredhauer May

Christine Simpson Deputy Mayor / Councillor Central Ward

Kirsty Sayers-Hunt Councillor East Ward
Doug Barden Councillor South Ward

Mathew Salter Councillor North Ward

Staff Daniel Fletcher Chief Executive Officer

Nadine Nilon Director Infrastructure and Operations

Arun Dias Finance Manager

Debbie Branson Executive Assistant

Public Roz Johnson Berry Springs

Diana Rickard Tumbling Waters
Dennis Rickard Tumbling Waters

#### 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed members of the public.

The Mayor advised that an audio recording of the meeting will be made for minute taking purposes as authorised by the Chief Executive Officer.

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

On behalf of Council, the Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the Council meet on. The Mayor also conveyed Council's respect to the Elders past, present and future for their continuing custodianship of the land and the children of the land across generations.

#### 3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

## 4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Mayor advised that any member of Council who may have a conflict of interest, or a possible conflict of interest regarding any item of business to be discussed at a Council meeting or a Committee meeting should declare the conflict of interest to enable Council to manage the conflict in accordance with its obligations under the Local Government Act and its policies regarding the same.

No further disclosures of interest were declared.

#### 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved:

Cr Sayers-Hunt

Seconded:

**Deputy Mayor Simpson** 

THAT the full minutes of the Council Meeting held 11 December 2019, 7 pages, be confirmed.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/121

#### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Moved:

Cr Sayers-Hunt

Seconded:

**Deputy Mayor Simpson** 

THAT Council receives and notes the Action List.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/122

## 7. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

## 8. PETITIONS

Nil.

#### 9. PUBLIC FORUM

## 9.1 Roz Johnson - Berry Springs

Ms Johnson advised that the Berry Springs Reserve have recently changed Management and look forward to cooperating with Council in future.

## 9.2 Diana Rickard - Tumbling Roads

Mrs Rickard spoke as a property owner on a private road and indicated she would be supportive of Russ Road being made into an easement and provided details relating to the value of her land and her desire to protect the existing trees, gardens, fire breaks etc in place. Mrs Rickard also strongly advised Council to enter into agreements with landholders regarding any activities on private roads.

#### 10. ACCEPTING OR DECLINING LATE ITEMS

#### 10.1 Late Report – 15.9 August 2020 Legislative Assembly Election

Moved:

Cr Barden

Seconded:

Cr Salter

THAT the late report item 15.9 August 2020 Legislative Assembly Election, be accepted and included under Officer's reports for consideration.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/123

#### 11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

## 12. MAYORS REPORT

Moved:

**Deputy Mayor Simpson** 

Seconded:

Cr Barden

THAT Council receive and note the Mayor's monthly report.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/124

## 13. REPORT FROM COUNCIL APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

Councillors appointed by Council to external committees provided an update where relevant.

Moved:

Cr Sayers-Hunt

Seconded:

Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council note the Councillors' verbal report.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/125

#### 14. FINANCE REPORT

## 14.1 Litchfield Council Finance Report – December 2019

Moved:

Cr Barden

Seconded:

Cr Salter

THAT Council receives the Litchfield Council Finance report for the period ended 31 December 2019.

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## 15. OFFICERS REPORTS

## 15.1 CEO's Monthly Report

Moved:

Cr Sayers-Hunt

Seconded:

Cr Barden

THAT Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's monthly report for December 2019.

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## 15.2 Municipal Plan 2019-20 Quarterly Performance Report

Moved:

**Deputy Mayor Simpson** 

Seconded:

Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council receives and notes the Municipal Plan 2019-20 Quarterly Report for the period October to December 2019.

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## 15.3 Recreation Reserves Funding Agreements

Moved:

Cr Sayers-Hunt

Seconded:

**Deputy Mayor Simpson** 

THAT the report on recreation reserve funding agreements be received and noted.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/129

#### 15.4 Private Roads Policy

Moved:

**Deputy Mayor Simpson** 

Seconded:

Cr Barden

## **THAT Council:**

1. rescind Policy LC29 Private Roads Policy; and

2. adopt INF06 Private Roads Policy as provided in Attachment A to this report.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/130

## 15.5 Territory Natural Resources Management 2019 Conference

Moved:

Deputy Mayor Simpson

Seconded:

Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council receive and note the Territory Natural Resource Management 2019 Conference Report.

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#### 15.6 National General Assembly of Local Government

Moved:

Cr Sayers-Hunt

Seconded:

**Deputy Mayor Simpson** 

## THAT Council:

- 1. notes the upcoming 2020 National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra from 14-17 June 2020;
- 2. approves the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attending the National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra on an annual basis; and
- 3. council further supports other elected members attending and utilising their available professional development allowance.

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#### 15.7 Local Government Strategy 2030

Moved:

**Deputy Mayor Simpson** 

Seconded:

Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development be advised that Litchfield Council nominates the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer as the municipal council representatives on the Local Government Strategy 2030 Steering Group.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/133

## 15.8 Litchfield Council 2019 Community Survey

Moved:

**Deputy Mayor Simpson** 

Seconded:

Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council receives and notes the Litchfield Council 2019 Community Survey.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/134

## 15.9 August 2020 Legislative Assembly Election

Moved:

**Deputy Mayor Simpson** 

Seconded:

Cr Barden

THAT Council receive and note the report August 2020 Legislative Assembly Election and advice received from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

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#### 16. COMMON SEAL

Nil.

#### 17. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

#### 18. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

## 18.1 Diana Rickard – Tumbling Roads

Mrs Rickard spoke in reference to problem areas and boundaries of Gamba Grass on Council, Crown and Government land, ie. Old Bynoe Road.

#### 19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Moved:

Cr Salter

Seconded:

**Deputy Mayor Simpson** 

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following Confidential Items:

## 19.1 2020 Australia Day Award Recipients

Regulation 8(e) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.

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The meeting was closed to the public at 7:50pm.

Moved:

Cr Salter

Seconded:

Cr Barden

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) regulations the meeting be re-opened to the public.

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The meeting moved to Open Session at 7:54pm.

## 20. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:54pm.

#### 21. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 19 February 2020.

## MINUTES TO BE CONFIRMED

Wednesday 19 February 2020

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Chief Executive Officer

Daniel Fletcher