



LITCHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

held in the Council Chambers, Litchfield
on Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 6:30pm

Present	Maree Bredhauer Christine Simpson Kirsty Sayers-Hunt Doug Barden Mathew Salter	Mayor Deputy Mayor / Councillor Central Ward Councillor East Ward Councillor South Ward Councillor North Ward
Staff	Daniel Fletcher Nadine Nilon Silke Maynard Wendy Smith Debbie Branson	Chief Executive Officer Director Infrastructure and Operations Director Community & Corporate Services Manager Planning & Development Executive Assistant
Public	Nil	

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 Council confirm the minutes of the:

1. Council Meeting held 15 January 2020, 7 pages; and
2. Confidential Council Meeting held 15 January 2020, 1 page.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/139

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council receive and note the Action List.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/140

7. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

8. PETITIONS

Nil.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

10. ACCEPTING OR DECLINING LATE ITEMS

10.1 Late Report – 19.3 Application of Common Seal to Sale Documents for Assessment 10071025

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council include the late report item 19.3 Application of Common Seal to Sale Document for Assessment 10071025, in the officer's reports for consideration.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/141

10.2 Late Report – 19.4 Mango Roads Funding and Deed of Agreement

Moved: Cr Salter
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council include the late report item 19.4 Mango Roads Funding and Deed of Agreement, in the officer's reports for consideration.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/142

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

12. MAYORS REPORT

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Cr Barden

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

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/143

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)-1920/144

14. FINANCE REPORT

14.1 Litchfield Council Finance Report – January 2020

Moved: Cr Salter
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council receive the Litchfield Council Finance report for the period ended 31 January 2020.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/145

15. OFFICERS REPORTS

15.1 Draft Rating Policy FIN02

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council:

1. note the consultation results for the Draft Rating Policy FIN02;
2. acknowledge community members for their involvement in the consultation process; and
3. adopt the Draft Rating Policy FIN02.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/146

15.2 February 2020 Summary Planning and Development Report

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council:

1. receive the January 2020 Summary Planning and Development Report; and
2. note for information the responses provided to relevant agencies within Attachments A-C to this report.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/147

15.3 PA2019/0416, an Exceptional Development Permit Application to Allow the Use and Development of Leisure and Recreation (Rodeo and Outdoor Entertainment) at Lot 1 (1795) Stuart Highway, Noonamah, Hundred of Strangways

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council:

1. receive and note the report; and
2. endorse Attachment A, Council's Letter of Comment for PA2019/0416, an Exceptional Development Permit Application to Allow the Use and Development of Leisure and Recreation (Rodeo and Outdoor Entertainment) at Lot 1 (1795) Stuart Highway, Noonamah, Hundred of Strangways

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/148

15.4 PA2017/0401, a Development Application for Subdivision to Create 12 Lots in Two Stages at Lowther Road, Bees Creek

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/149

15.5 CEO's Monthly Report

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's monthly report for January 2020.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/150

15.6 Council Meeting – June 2020 – Change of Date

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council approve changing the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 17 June 2020 to Wednesday 24 June 2020 commencing at 6:30pm.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/151

15.7 LGANT General Meeting – Call for Motions

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council:

1. note the LGANT call for motions and policy document; and
2. call for LGANT to formally request that the Minister for Local Government establish an inquiry, through the formation of a steering committee, to review the Northern Territory Local Government Rating System using the following Terms of Reference:

In investigating and making recommendations for this review, the review is to consider:

1. *The performance of the current rating systems and potential improvements, including consideration of:*
 - a. *The rating equity across and within communities, including consideration of apartments and other multi-dwellings;*
 - b. *Assessing the Asset Sustainability of councils and reducing the reliance on external grant funding;*
 - c. *The appropriateness and impact of the current rating categories (including mining and pastoral leases) and exemptions, any concessions or rebates currently offered;*
 - d. *The land valuation methodology used as the basis for determining rates in comparison to other jurisdictions;*
 - e. *As assessment on how well funding for depreciation of assets is being collected, allocated and spent;*
 - f. *The objectives and design of the rating system according to recognised principles of taxation.*
2. *Current examples of local government best practice rating policies and schemes;*
3. *The impact of the current and alternative frameworks for the rating system on communities and businesses and their capacity to pay; and*
4. *Any other matter the Commission considers relevant.*

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/152

15.8 Community Engagement Strategy Action Plan Year Two Anniversary

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council receive and note the Community Engagement Strategy Action Plan 12-month anniversary report.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/153

15.9 LGANT Nomination of Delegates

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson
Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council:

1. appoint Mayor Bredhauer, as Council's principle delegate to attend General Meetings, Special General Meetings and Annual General Meetings of LGANT and vote on behalf of Council;
2. appoint Councillor Sayers-Hunt as delegate to attend General Meetings, Special General Meetings and Annual General Meetings of LGANT and vote on behalf of Council;
3. notify LGANT of the Council appointments.

CARRIED (3-2)-1920/154

15.10 Taminmin Library Update

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson
Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council note the Taminmin Library Update report.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/155

16. COMMON SEAL

Nil.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

18. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Nil.

19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
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 closed to the public to consider the following Confidential Items:

19.1 Freds Pass Sport and Recreation Governance Arrangement Review – Appointment of Community Members to Community Reference Group

8(c)(iv) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the following members to the Freds Pass Sport and Recreation Reserve Governance Arrangements Review Reference Group –
 - a) Joanne Burgess as the user group representative;
 - b) Karen Lewis as the ratepayer who is not affiliated with any user group on FPSRR or the Board; and
 - c) Anthony Dent as the FPSRR Board Representative.
2. Writes to inform individuals appointed to the Reference Group;
3. Writes to inform unsuccessful nominations of Council's decision and thanks each nominee for their application;
4. Writes to the Freds Pass Sport and Recreation Reserve Board to provide an update on the appointment of the members; and
5. Makes public this resolution Part 1 to 5 on the public record in the open section of the Minutes.

19.2 Land Beyond Landfill – Update February 2020

8(c)(iv) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

19.3 Application of Common Seal to Sale Documents for Assessment 10071025

8(b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

19.4 Mango Roads Funding and Deed of Agreement

8(c)(iv) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/156

The meeting was closed to the public at 7:46pm.

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

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.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/161

The meeting moved to Open Session at 8:09pm.

20. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:09pm.

21. NEXT MEETING

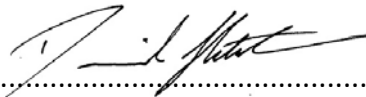
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MINUTES TO BE CONFIRMED

Wednesday 18 March 2020



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Mayor
Maree Bredhauer



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Chief Executive Officer
Daniel Fletcher