



COUNCIL MINUTES

LITCHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

held in the Council Chambers, Litchfield
on Wednesday, 20 February 2019 at 6:30pm

Present	Maree Bredhauer Kirsty Sayers-Hunt Doug Barden Christine Simpson Mathew Salter	Mayor Deputy Mayor / Councillor East Ward Councillor South Ward Councillor Central Ward Councillor North Ward
Staff	Kaylene Conrick Nadine Nilon Silke Maynard Wendy Smith David Jan Natalie Dreibergs	Chief Executive Officer Director Infrastructure and Operations Director Community & Corporate Services Manager Planning & Development Governance & Risk Advisor Manager Infrastructure and Assets
Public	Susan Kilgour	Herbert

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 Barden

Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT the full minutes of the Council Meeting held January 2019, {number} pages, be confirmed.

CARRIED-1819/151

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt

Seconded: Cr Simpson

THAT Council receives and notes the Action List.

CARRIED-1819/152

7. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

8. PETITIONS

Nil.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

10. ACCEPTING OR DECLINING LATE ITEMS

Nil.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

12. MAYORS REPORT

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt

Seconded: Cr Barden

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

CARRIED-1819/153

13. REPORT FROM COUNCIL APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

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

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt

Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council note the Councillors' verbal report.

CARRIED-1819/154

14. FINANCE REPORT

14.1 Council Finance Report – January 2019

Moved: Cr Barden

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt

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

CARRIED-1819/155

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt

Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council changes the order of business to bring agenda item 15.7 Meeting Procedure By-Laws development update to be considered prior to agenda item 15.5 LGANT General Meeting – Call for Motions.

CARRIED-1819/156

15. OFFICERS REPORTS

15.1 Street and Public Lighting Policy

Moved: Cr Simpson
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council approves the adoption of INF07 Street and Public Lighting Policy, provided as Attachment A – Draft Street and Public Lighting Policy to this report.

CARRIED-1819/157

15.2 February 2019 Summary Planning and Mining Report

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council:

1. receive the February 2019 Summary Planning and Mining Report;
and
2. notes for information the responses provided to Development Assessment Services or Department of Primary Industries and Resources, as applicable, within the Attachments A-D of this report:
 - a. PA2018/0484
 - b. PA2019/0022
 - c. PA2018/0510
 - d. EMP 32053 and 32054

CARRIED-1819/158

15.3 Community Engagement Strategy Action Plan Mid-Year Progress Report

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Cr Simpson

THAT Council receive and note the Community Engagement Strategy Action Plan mid-year progress report.

CARRIED-1819/159

15.4 Draft Youth Policy

Moved: Cr Salter
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council endorses the draft Youth Policy to be released for public consultation for 14 days.

CARRIED-1819/160

15.7 Meeting Procedure By-Laws development update

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Cr Simpson

THAT Council:

1. receives the progress report on the development of meeting procedure by-laws; and
2. submits a motion to the April 2019 Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) General Meeting calling on LGANT to review the by-laws development process with the NT Department for Local Government to improve timelines, clarify expectations of all parties and support councils in the development of by-laws.

CARRIED-1819/161

15.5 LGANT General Meeting – Call for Motions

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Cr Simpson

THAT Council:

1. notes the LGANT call for motions and policy document; and
2. calls for LGANT to review the by-laws development process with the Department for Local Government to improve timelines, clarify expectations of all parties and support councils in the development of by-laws.

CARRIED-1819/162

15.6 ALGA National General Assembly Call for Motions

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council:

1. endorses the motion that *“Litchfield Council calls on the Federal Government to include identified mobile black spot sites from the Northern Territory in its Mobile Black Spot Program – Priority Locations”* to be submitted to the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly.
2. writes to all NT councils to call on councils to adopt a similar motion to be submitted to the 2019 National General Assembly; and
3. issues a media release to raise awareness of the NT Mobile Black Spot Program inequity and Council’s proposed action.

CARRIED-1819/163

15.8 Southport Drainage Further Investigation and Staging

Moved: Cr Barden

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council:

1. endorses the staging plan of the Southport Townsite Drainage Project; and
2. continues to monitor the Southport Townsite for drainage issues and includes commencement of the staging plan in future budget considerations.

CARRIED-1819/164

16. COMMON SEAL

Nil.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

18. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

18.1 Susan Kilgour - Herbert

Susan complimented Council on the meeting and the positive energy in and around Council. Susan also made some suggestions in relation to communicating to residents through Yoursay and Facebook.

19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt

Seconded: Cr 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 at 7.36pm:

19.1 Community & Business Hub

Regulation 8(c) – information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

19.2 Application to Write Off Rates and Interest on Assessment 10100899

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

CARRIED-1819/165

The meeting was closed to the public at 7:36pm.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Cr Simpson

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-1819/168

The meeting moved to Open Session at 7:49pm.

20. CLOSE OF MEETING


The Chair closed the meeting at 7:49pm.

21. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 20 March 2019.

MINUTES TO BE CONFIRMED

Wednesday 20 March 2019



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Mayor
Maree Bredhauer



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Chief Executive Officer
Kaylene Conrick