



SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

LITCHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Special Council Meeting
held in the Council Chambers, Litchfield
on Thursday 14 November 2019 at 6:00pm

Present	Maree Bredhauer	Mayor
	Christine Simpson	Deputy Mayor / Councillor Central Ward
	Doug Barden	Councillor South Ward
	Mathew Salter	Councillor North Ward
	Kirsty Sayers-Hunt	Councillor East Ward
Staff	Daniel Fletcher	Chief Executive Officer
	Silke Maynard	Director Community & Corporate Services
	Nadine Nilon	Director Infrastructure & Operations
	Debbie Branson	Executive Assistant
Public	Maerwen Taylor	Bees Creek
	Paul Bierton	Humpty Doo
	Robyn Bierton	Humpty Doo

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 disclosures of interest were declared.

5. PUBLIC FORUM – SPECIAL MEETING ITEM ONLY

5.1 Maerwen Taylor - Bees Creek

Ms Taylor questioned the several staff costs within the Financial Statements.

The CEO explained the increase in cost, in part, include the Enterprise Agreement and offered Ms Taylor a meeting to confirm the other details.

Ms Taylor also questioned the variation between the Elected Members Extra Meeting Allowances.

The CEO replied that the Elected Members were entitled to claim Extra Meeting Allowances to attend additional meetings where they represent Council. The CEO added that the meetings are subject to a particular criterion, ie briefings, committee etc where the Councillors attend meetings other than Council meetings. The CEO added that the variations in the claimed were based on their representation.

5.2 Robyn Bierteron – Humpty Doo

Ms Bierteron disagreed with the 100% response rate in Animal Management as she had an after-hours incident that Council did not attend to.

The Mayor responded and advised that the 100% reflected the current service delivery model is within normal working hours.

The CEO added that the 100% target was also in response to the customer requests that had been actioned within two days as per the agreed target.

The CEO advised if the Council or the Community wished to increase the ranger services the costs would need to be considered however given the current budget constraints the current method is the most efficient.

The CEO offered to include the costs for Council's consideration in the next budget deliberations to extend the service delivery for Animal Management.

6. OFFICERS REPORTS

6.1 Draft Litchfield Council Annual Report 2018-19

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council

1. receives and endorses the Draft Litchfield Council Annual Report 2018-19;
2. forwards a copy of the Litchfield Council Annual Report 2018-19 to the Minister Local Government, Housing and Community Development;
3. publishes the Litchfield Council Annual Report 2018-19 on Council's website; and
4. publishes a notice in the NT News informing the public that copies of the report may be downloaded from Council's website or obtained from Council's Office, Bees Creek Road, Freds Pass.

CARRIED (4-1) - 1920-083

A division was called

Mayor Bredhauer, Cr Barden, Deputy Mayor Simpson, Cr Sayers-Hunt voted in the affirmative

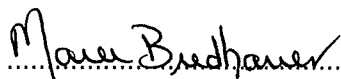
Cr Salter voted in the negative

7. CLOSE OF MEETING

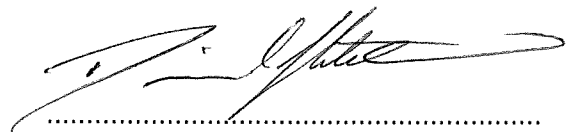
The Chair closed the meeting at 6:25pm.

MINUTES TO BE CONFIRMED

Wednesday 20 November 2019


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Mayor
Maree Bredhauer


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Chief Executive Officer 27-11-19
Daniel Fletcher