



SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

LITCHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of Special Meeting
held in the Council Chambers, Litchfield
on Wednesday, 30 May 2018 at 6:09pm**

Present	Maree Bredhauer Doug Barden Kirsty Hunt Christine Simpson Mathew Salter	Mayor Councillor South Ward Deputy Mayor / Councillor East Ward Councillor Central Ward Councillor North Ward
Staff	Kaylene Conrick Silke Maynard Wendy Smith Debbie Branson	Chief Executive Officer Director Community & Corporate Services Acting Director Infrastructure & Operations Executive Assistant
Public	Hardy Schimmel Phil Hicky Damian Ryan Danny Skewes	Knuckey Lagoon Blackmore President LGANT and Mayor Alice Springs Town Council Acacia

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

Questions and comments from the Public Forum are paraphrased below.

5.1 Phil Hicky – Blackmore

Mr Hicky referred to the *Litchfield Weekly Household Income* stated in the Municipal Plan with reference to the *ABS Census Data 2016*. Mr Hicky said that he understood that the statistics included the income from the Inpex workers (FIFO) at the Howard Springs camp and therefore was not a good indication of what residents could afford. Mr Hicky requested that when a rate rise is considered, Council base it on permanent residents in the area rather than those that fly in and out.

Mr Hicky also raised his concern in relation to his block and several other properties that are on the fringe of the Municipality that are not mentioned in the plan, in terms of services provided and future services provided. Mr Hicky requested that these properties be considered under a different category.

Response

The Mayor thanked Mr Hicky.

5.2 Danny Skewes – Acacia

Mr Skewes expressed his concern regarding the annual increase in rates, developer contributions, costs relating to grassing Council's road sides in comparison to the cost of repairing eroded roads and costs associated with women's initiatives. Mr Skewes stated that he believed that Council had not been transparent about intended rate increases and that if voters had been aware that Council was going to increase rates by 5%, they may have voted differently.

Response

The Mayor thanked Mr Skewes for these comments and referred to the Council's Long Term Financial Plan with its explanation of rate increases.

6. OFFICERS REPORTS

6.1 Draft Municipal Plan & Budget 2018-19 Submissions

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hunt
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council:

1. removes all references to a Rating Review in 2018-19 from the Municipal Plan document;
2. amend the number of registered dogs to 5,201;
3. removes references to charge commercial waste companies depositing a Litchfield resident's waste at a Waste Transfer Station;
4. includes in its Budget for 2018-19
 - a. Income and expenditure for a \$2,000 Road Safety Grant;
 - b. Income and expenditure for a \$15,000 Stronger Communities Program grant; and
5. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make editorial changes, as necessary.

MOTION LOST

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council defer consideration of submissions on the Draft Municipal Plan & Budget 2018-19 and to seek a scheduling of a workshop to work through the plan.

A Division was called
Cr Barden, Cr Simpson and Cr Salter voted for the motion
Mayor Bredhauer and Deputy Mayor Hunt voted against the motion
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7. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 6:45pm.

9. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 27 June 2018.

MINUTES TO BE CONFIRMED
Wednesday 27 June 2018

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Mayor of Litchfield
Maree Bredhauer

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Chief Executive Officer
Kaylene Conrick