



COUNCIL MINUTES

LITCHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

held in the Council Chambers, Litchfield
on Wednesday 17 February 2021 at 6:30pm

Present	Maree Bredhauer Christine Simpson Kirsty Sayers-Hunt Doug Barden Mathew Salter	Mayor Deputy Mayor / Councillor Central Ward Councillor East Ward (Electronic Attendance) Councillor South Ward Councillor North Ward
Staff	Daniel Fletcher Leon Kruger Arun Dias Megan Leo	Chief Executive Officer Director Infrastructure and Operations Acting General Manager Business Excellence Executive Assistant
Public	As per Attendance Register	

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

ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council approve that pursuant to GOV02 Meeting Procedures, 4.1.2 (b) that Councillor Sayers-Hunt is granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance at the Ordinary Council Meeting held Wednesday 17 February 2021.

CARRIED (5-0)-2021/141

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. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT the full minutes of the Council Meeting held Thursday 28 January 2021, 10 pages, be confirmed.

CARRIED (5-0)-2021/142

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council receives and notes the Action List.

CARRIED (5-0)-2021/143

7. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

8. PETITIONS

Nil.

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mr Mackay, Giraween

Mr Mackay asked why the Agenda lists Item 9 as Public Questions but minutes on screen states Item 9 as Public Forum?

The CEO advised that the unconfirmed Minutes were showing on the screen and would read Public Questions once finalised.

Mr Mackay asked the following questions in relation to Agenda Item 15.01.04:

- Does Litchfield Council think that having less informed Councillors would make your life easier?
- What information is being provided at Council meetings in response to public questions that was later found to be incorrect?
- Does Litchfield Council not consider Katherine Town Council to be a municipal Council? Or if it does. Does Litchfield Council acknowledge that this agenda contains incorrect information for Councils consideration?
- Does Litchfield Council not consider Alice Springs Town Council to be a municipal Council? Or if it does. Does Litchfield Council acknowledge that this agenda contains incorrect information for Councils consideration?
- When did it become the role of the CEO to decide what information will prejudice the elected member decisions? What safeguards are in place to prevent the CEO using this policy to sensor inconvenient questions and information from Councillors that prejudices the way Councillors vote.

The CEO advised that if the Report is read in its entirety it proposes a comprehensive 30-minute question and answer session prior to each Council Meeting with all Elected Members and community members present. The CEO indicated that without prejudicing the upcoming report Council were to consider on this matter, and to avoid duplication, appropriate responses to the questions raised would be responded to at that point. If any question from Mr Mackay remained outstanding, these questions or any further question(s), could be taken under Agenda Item 18.

Mayor Bredhauer thanks Mr Mackay for his questions.

10. ACCEPTING OR DECLINING LATE ITEMS

Nil.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

12. MAYORS REPORT

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson
Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

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

CARRIED (5-0)-2021/144

13. REPORT FROM COUNCIL APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

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

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council note the Councillors' verbal report.

CARRIED (5-0)-2021/145

14 FINANCE REPORT

14.01.1 Council Finance Report – January 2021

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson
Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council note the Litchfield Council Finance Report for the period ended 31 January 2021.

CARRIED (5-0)-2021/146

15. OFFICERS REPORTS

15.01.01 TOPROC Briefing Paper – Thorak Regional Cemetery

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council receive and note the Briefing Paper – Thorak Regional Cemetery for submission to Top End Regional Organisation of Councils.

CARRIED (5-0)-2021/147

15.01.02 Community Engagement Strategy Action Plan – Year Three

Nicky McMaster, Manager Communications and Engagement attended the meeting at 7:09pm.

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

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

CARRIED (5-0)-2021/148

Nicky McMaster, Manager Communications and Engagement departed the meeting at 7:13pm.

15.01.03 Australian Government Building Better Regions Fund Round 5

Moved: Cr Salter
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council:

1. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make an application to the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) for priority works at Freds Pass Sport and Recreation Reserve; and
2. seek Northern Territory Government funding to meet the co-contribution required by the Building Better Regions Fund.

CARRIED (5-0)-2021/149

15.01.04 Proposed Governance Updates: Public Question Time, Thorak Regional Cemetery Meetings, Meeting Agenda Updates and Meeting Procedure By-laws

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council:

1. establish a 30 minute community forum and public question time with all councillors and executive staff in attendance prior to the monthly Ordinary Council meeting to replace the current open space discussion, consider written public questions submitted in advance at agenda item 9 and remove agenda item 18 Public Questions from the agenda of an Ordinary Council meeting;
2. adopt Draft Policy GOV17 Public Questions at Attachment A, subject to any minor editorial adjustments;
3. cease holding a separate meeting of the Board of Trustees to deal with matters concerning the Thorak Regional Cemetery and, commencing in March 2021, include a separate item within the agenda of the Ordinary Council meeting for this purpose;
4. remove item 16 Common Seal from the agenda of the Ordinary Council meeting;
5. adopt the revised order of business at Attachment B as the agenda for future Ordinary Council meetings;
6. rescind Council decision 15/0175/02 of 19 November 2015 instructing the Acting Chief Executive Officer to begin negotiating with Parliamentary Counsel on the drafting of Meeting Procedures By-Laws for Litchfield Council; and
7. advise the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development that it does not wish to proceed with the development of Meeting Procedures By-laws and seek assistance for the development of Public Place By-laws.

A Division was called.

The members voting in the affirmative: Mayor Bredhauer, Deputy Mayor Simpson and Cr Sayers-Hunt

The members voting in the negative: Cr Salter and Cr Barden

CARRIED (3-2)-2021/150

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Moved: Cr Barden

Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Item 15.03.01 Work Team Presentation – Mobile Workforce be considered at this point in the meeting.

CARRIED (5-0)-2021/151

Justin Dunning, Mobile Workforce Program Leader attended the meeting at 8:15pm.

Councillor Simpson left the room at 8:29pm.

15.03.01 Work Team Presentation – Mobile Workforce

Moved: Cr Salter

Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT the Work Team Presentation – Mobile Workforce be received and noted.

CARRIED (4-0)-2021/152

Justin Dunning, Mobile Workforce Program Leader departed the meeting at 8:30pm.

Councillor Simpson returned to the room at 8:31pm.

15.01.05 Draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council:

1. Receive and note this report entitled Compliance and Enforcement Policy; and
2. Adopt Policy GOV16 Compliance and Enforcement.

CARRIED (5-0)-2021/153

15.02.01 People, Performance and Governance Monthly Report – January 2021

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson

Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council note the People and Performance Monthly Report for January 2021.

CARRIED (5-0)-2021/154

15.02.02 Acquittal and Evaluation of myLitchfield Grant

Moved: Cr Barden

Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council receive and note the report of the Acquittal and Evaluation of myLitchfield grant.

CARRIED (5-0)-2021/155

15.03.02 Development Consent Authority Nominations

Moved: Cr Barden

Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council nominates the following persons to the Litchfield division of the Development Consent Authority:

1. Preferred Nomination: Councillor Doug Barden
2. Second Nomination: Mr Bob Shewring
3. Request that in the event the Minister supports Council's preferred nominee that the Minister appoint the second nominee as Litchfield Council's alternate member.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson

Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

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2. Second Nomination: Councillor Doug Barden
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The Amendment was lost (2-3)

The original motion was put

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CARRIED (3-2)-2021/156

15.03.03 Place Names – Road Names for Kittyhawk Subdivision at 1000 Channel Island Road, Wickham

Moved: Cr Salter
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council:

1. support the proposed road names as follows;

	Preferred	Alternate
Road 1	Kittyhawk	Exploration
Road 2	Gannet	Energy
Road 3	Haycock	Feedstock
Road 4	Liberator	Barrel
<i>Supplementary</i>	Brewster	Drill
	Curtiss	

2. provide a letter of comment to the NT Place Names unit and the NT Place Names Committee detailing the above resolution

CARRIED (5-0)-2021/157

15.03.04 Summary Planning and Development Report February 2021

Moved: Cr Salter
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council:

1. receives the February 2021 Summary Planning and Development Report; and
2. notes for information the responses provided to relevant agencies within Attachments A-D to this report.

CARRIED (5-0)-2021/158

16. COMMON SEAL

Nil.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

18. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mr Mackay, Giraween

Mr Mackay asked who made the decision to add the commentary under Item 9 of the Agenda and questioned if they have the authority to make such a change without it being put to Council for a resolution?

The CEO advised that the inclusion of supporting information does not constitute a change to the Council agenda, as a result, there is no requirement for it to be a resolution of Council as it is not altering the Order of Business, rather providing clarity on an existing agenda item.

19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

20. CLOSE OF MEETING

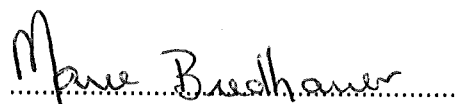
The Chair closed the meeting at 9:19pm.

21. NEXT MEETING

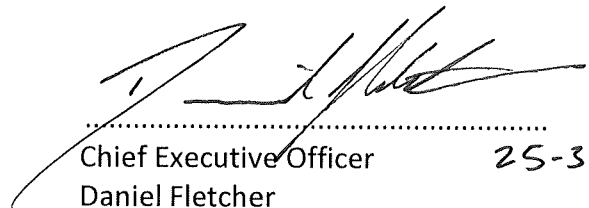
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MINUTES TO BE CONFIRMED

Wednesday 17 March 2021.



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Mayor
Maree Bredhauer



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Chief Executive Officer
Daniel Fletcher

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