



District Council of Cooper Pedy

Minutes of the District Council of Cooper Pedy ordinary meeting held Tuesday 19th March 2019 in the Council Chambers situated at Hutchison Street, Cooper Pedy

1 Opening

Tim Jackson, Administrator, welcomed staff and the public and declared the meeting open at 7.02 pm

Tim Jackson, Administrator, acknowledged and honoured the thousands of years of indigenous heritage in this area and their contribution to our community.

2. ATTENDANCE RECORD

Present Tim Jackson, Administrator

In Attendance C Pitman, Acting CEO and Water Manager
D Hope, Financial Consultant
R Kumaran, Finance Manager
J Whittaker, Water Manager
R Phillips, Works Manager
M Grava, Electricity Manager
J Williams, Executive Assistant

Apologies Nil

3 Public Forum – 7.04 pm

Mr Tim Jackson, Administrator advised of issues that he raised at a meeting with the Minister for Local Government.

Mr Jackson also advised that he has an open mind on whether there should or shouldn't be designated RV locations.

Mr Jackson advised of the current status of the recruitment of a permanent CEO.

Mr Jackson reminded everyone of the Town meeting next Tuesday and advised of his desire to formulate a Town Plan which will be discussed at the Town meeting.

Mrs Robyn Rapaic advised of an Advertiser Article on "Council Complaints Swamp Watchdog" which refers to conflict of interest complaints.

Councillor Neville Mitchell advised that he has been asked many times why suspended Councillors are still getting paid and personally advised that the cost incurred by him at this time are more than the allowance.

4 Delegations - Nil

5 Minutes

5.1 Special Council Meeting held 13th February 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting held 19th February 2019 Special Council Meeting held 28th February 2019

C20190301

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held 13th February 2019, the Ordinary Council Meeting held 19th February 2019 and the Special Council Meeting held 28th February 2019 be adopted as true and accurate records of those meetings.

RESOLVED BY ADMINISTRATOR

5.2 Business Arising - Nil

5.3 Matters Laying on the Table - Nil

5.4 Items Deferred

Item 6.11 on 19/02/2019 Audit committee Terms of reference and policy – Refer Item 6.5

6 Reports

Tim Jackson apologised for the monthly finance report that is normally considered each month and advised that it has been delayed and will be presented to the Council at its next meeting on 2 April.

6.1 Environmental Health Officer Report

Received and Noted

6.2 Adjust the Council meeting dates

C20190302

That the resolution passed by Council on Tuesday 20 November 2018 relating to the holding of Ordinary Meetings of the Council on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm in the Council Chambers, Hutchison Street, Coober Pedy be varied insofar as the following:

- That the Ordinary Meetings of Council be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month until resolved otherwise

That notice of the above changes be published on councils website in accordance with Section 94A of the Local Government Act 1999.

RESOLVED BY ADMINISTRATOR

6.3 Carpark at Shell Roadhouse

Deferred to form an agreement on construction costs.

6.4 Signage Application for the Hutchison St /Umoona Rd

C20190303

That Motion C20181204 be rescinded and the application by OME to erect a sign on the Council owned Drive Inn land be refused.

RESOLVED BY ADMINISTRATOR

6.5 Audit committee Terms of reference and policy

Deferred until next meeting.

6.6 Audit committee Remuneration

C20190304

That the amended audit committee policy and terms of reference be reflected in an adjustment to the stipend paid to audit committee members in accordance with the content of the report namely the meeting payment for ordinary members is \$400 per meeting and the chairman receives a 25% loading bring it to \$500 per meeting.

RESOLVED BY ADMINISTRATOR

6.7 Hardship Policy

C20190305

That the council adopt the Hardship policy for electricity and water and the council note that the council are members of the water and electricity Ombudsman's scheme.

RESOLVED BY ADMINISTRATOR

6.8 Monthly Diary

| DAY | MARCH | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| FIRST TUESDAY OF MONTH | | COUNCIL MEETING WITH Q & A | COUNCL MEETING WITH Q&A | COUNCIL MEETING WITH Q&A |
| SECOND TUES OF MONTH | | AUDIT COMMITTEE | AUDIT COMMITTEE | AUDIT COMMITTEE |
| THIRD TUES OF MONTH | COUNCIL MEETING INCLUDING Q&A DRAFT OPTIONS FOR LTFP PRESENTED | COUNCIL MEETING WITH Q&A | COUNCIL MEETING WITH Q&A | COUNCIL MEETING WITH Q&A |
| FOURTH TUES OF MONTH | MONTHLY REPORT AND DISCUSSION WITH COMMUNITY | MONTHLY REPORT AND DISCUSSION WITH COMMUNITY | MONTHLY REPORT AND DISCUSSION WITH COMMUNITY | MONTHLY REPORT AND DISCUSSION WITH COMMUNITY |

C20190306

That the council review the diary and adopt the amended diary.

RESOLVED BY ADMINISTRATOR

6.9 Long Term Financial Plan

Deferred until next meeting.

7 Petitions - Nil

8 Questions on Notice - Nil

9 Questions Without Notice

What is the current situation regarding the reliability of the town's water supply and what is being done to detect major water leaks?

Answer:

Town Water Supply Reliability

- There is a significant water leak or leaks in the network resulting in limited ability for the water treatment plant to make water for storage.
- The actions being taken include the following:
 1. The membranes in the Reverse Osmosis plant have recently been backwashed to optimise the throughput.
 2. Whenever the opportunity occurs to make water (storage) it is done.
 3. The services of a leak detection company has been engaged.
- If a significant undetected leak occurs the oval irrigation will be curtailed.
- A significant water leak is currently being excavated which on initial assessment is the leak that is contributing to the large loss of water in the network.

Have there been problems with the health of trees in the community orchard and if so what is the current situation and what remedial action has been taken or will be taken?

Answer:

Issues Surrounding the Olive Grove condition

- The Olive Grove is watered with adequate supplies of water but a significant number of the drippers have not been maintained for some time.
There has been periods of downtime associated with the filter at the sewerage treatment plant making the supply low at times.
- There are a significant number of Pome fruit trees that have been ring barked by poor whipper snipping approx. 18 months ago.
- The waste water used is not appropriate for Citrus and pomegranate and distress is occurring in many trees.

10 Motions on Notice

Received From: Tim Jackson, Administrator
Received On: 13/03/2019

C20190307

That a report be prepared for consideration by the Council that explores the options available to it to ensure rate revenue is not used to subsidise the cost of producing, transporting and retailing potable water.

RESOLVED BY ADMINISTRATOR

11 Motions Without Notice - Nil

12 Committee Minutes - Nil

13 Delegates Reports - Nil

14 Other Business - Nil

**15 Next Meeting – 2nd April 2019
Closure – 8.33 pm.**