



MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Tuesday, 22 August 2023

Council Chambers,
Civic Centre, Stuart Highway, Katherine

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge that **this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the first nations** people of the Katherine township and surrounding council communities. We recognise the first nations culture as one of the longest surviving cultures in the world and we pay our respects to Elders both past, present and future.

2 OPENING PRAYER

Grant O God to this Council wisdom, understanding and sincerity of purpose in the Governance of this Municipality. Amen

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

Mayor Elisabeth Clark declared the meeting open at 12.01pm and welcomed the new councillors to their first meeting.

4 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 ATTENDANCE

ELECTED MEMBERS

- Mayor Elisabeth Clark (Chair)
- Councillor Maddy Bower
- Deputy Mayor Denis Coburn
- Councillor Amanda Kingdon
- Councillor Jeremy Trembath
- Councillor Peter McDougall
- Councillor Kerrie Mott

OFFICERS

- Ms Ingrid Stonhill – Chief Executive Officer
- Ms Rosemary Jennings – Director Community Services
- Mr Brendan Pearce – Director Infrastructure and Environment
- Mr Avtar Singh – Director of Corporate Services
- Amanda Haigh – Governance and Executive Officer – Minute Taker
- Staff - 4

PUBLIC

- 4

4.2 APOLOGIES

NIL

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

Mayor reminded members of requirement for members to declare any conflicts of Interest
NIL declared

6 PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES

NIL

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held On 28 July 2023

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

OCM-062-2023

Moved: Councillor Bower

Seconded: Councillor Kingdon

That the minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Council on 28 July 2023 be confirmed as true and accurate.

CARRIED 7/0

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

9 MAYORAL BUSINESS

9.1 MAYORAL ACTIVITIES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

OCM-063-2023

Moved: Deputy Mayor Coburn

Seconded: Councillor Bower

1. That Council receive and note the Mayoral activities for the period to July 2023.

CARRIED 7/0

10 CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS TO BE TABLED

10.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

OCM-064-2023

Moved: Councillor McDougall

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Coburn

1. That Council receive and note the tabled Incoming Correspondence:
 - a. Letter – Minister Lawler – Development Consent Authority Nominations – 15 August 2023 – Doc Id 181022
 - b. Letter – Remuneration Tribunal – Local Government Allowances – 18 August 2023 – Doc Id 181021

CARRIED 7/0

11 PETITIONS

NIL

12 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (MATTERS REFERRED TO THE AGENDA)

Question	Response
Landsdowne road update	Minister declined the project proposal and will not be going ahead
Nominations for advisory committee included in Confidential	The nomination information included personal information, once appointed the resolution is made public
Memorial wall includes war memorial still on structure, will this stay. Suggested to remove as it will make it confusing.	Item up for discussion at report 14.4. Mayor advised the War Memorial had been decommissioned
Reports have author/approver declare conflict and not know who report from any more	Author and approver name and position at the top of the report

13 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

14 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

14.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

OCM-065-2023

Moved: Councillor Kingdon

Seconded: Councillor McDougall

1. That the Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer Report

CARRIED 7/0

No time frame for completion of Lendlease water bubbler project.

Request to correct Councillor McDougall spelling.

Alarms and CCTV are being reviewed at each facility and identifying any upgrades required that will benefit the organisations located at the facilities. Costing will be looked at compared to cost benefit ratio on our facilities.

Katherine has been nominated in the National Tourism Awards, a media release was sent out with the announcement in September.

Well done that Council will not have to pay for non-voters in the By-election.

14.2 LGANT CALL FOR MOTIONS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

OCM-066-2023

Moved: Councillor Kingdon

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Coburn

1. That Council received and noted the report on motions to the LGANT General Meeting and Annual General meeting in Darwin on the 10 November 2023.

CARRIED 7/0

The motions previously submitted are raised and followed up. LGANT have been actioning.

14.3 NOMINATIONS FOR THE NT WATER SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

OCM-067-2023

Moved: Councillor Trembath

Seconded: Councillor Bower

1. That Council noted the nomination to LGANT for the NT Water Safety Advisory Council.

CARRIED 7/0

Council has no nomination from members. Request updates from the NT Water Safety Advisory Council and seek opportunity to make a submission from Katherine perspective.

14.4 AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHARTER VERSION 3

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

OCM-068-2023

Moved: Councillor Kingdon

Seconded: Councillor McDougall

1. That Council approves the Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter Version 3.
2. That Council appoints Councillor Kerrie Mott to the Alternate Elected Member position of the Audit and Risk Management Committee to 31 January 2024.

CARRIED 7/0

Briefing for councillors from chair of RAMC last week was informative and helped understand the committee roles and responsibilities.

Nominations received by:

1. Councillor Kerrie Mott seconded by Councillor Bower; and
2. Councillor Amanda Kingdon seconded by Deputy Mayor Coburn

Vote by show of hands Councillor Kerrie Mott 6; and Councillor Amanda Kingdon 1.

14.5 KATHERINE MEMORIAL WALL

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

OCM-069-2023

Moved: Councillor McDougall

Seconded: Councillor Bower

1. That Council approves the draft guidelines for the installation of plaques on the Katherine Memorial Wall.

CARRIED 7/0

Support the project that will repurpose the infrastructure and show our history.

Well drafted document, and thanked community for feedback, although keeping the war memorial writing as is, forms part of our history.

If vandalised the wall will be maintained by council.

Bell tower remains at the site, the bell was transferred to new site.

14.6 ADVERTISING POLICY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

OCM-070-2023

Moved: Councillor Trembath

Seconded: Councillor McDougall

1. That Council approve the Advertising Policy Version 1.

CARRIED 7/0**14.7 SPONSORSHIP POLICY****COUNCIL RESOLUTION****OCM-071-2023****Moved:** Councillor Kingdon**Seconded:** Councillor McDougall

1. That Council approve the Sponsorship Policy Version 1.

CARRIED 7/0

Currently council have no sponsorships in place although support groups and provide community grants.

14.8 DRIVER REVIVER PROJECT**COUNCIL RESOLUTION****OCM-072-2023****Moved:** Councillor Trembath**Seconded:** Councillor Bower

1. That Council approves the Driver Reviver Project.
2. That Council endorses the CEO to progress the Driver Reviver Project.

CARRIED 7/0

Project will be an engaging experience. Request that the questions be related to Katherine and the NT.

Council is in discussions regarding more rest bays and pull over lanes as part of a broader Big Rivers Region.

14.9 2022-2023 ACQUITTAL - LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT - BINJARI SERVICES**COUNCIL RESOLUTION****OCM-073-2023****Moved:** Councillor Kingdon**Seconded:** Councillor Trembath

1. That it be recommended to Council:

- (a) That the acquittal for the 2022-2023 Local Government Grant – Provision of Local Government services to Binjari Community be received and noted, and the acquittal be forwarded to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, NT Government.

CARRIED 7/0

Raised why the council receive the funding and not the community organisation. The department make the decisions on the funding, Council is the provider of local government services in the Katherine Town Council area. Council engage Binjari community do the work. Council review of service to Binjari is due to be undertaken. Council have a 5yr plan of services in Binjari including resealing roads which is outside this funding and funded by council.

14.10 FINANCE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2023

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

OCM-074-2023

Moved: Councillor Kingdon

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Coburn

1. That Council endorses the Finance Report for the Month of July 2023.

CARRIED 7/0

14.11 MONTHLY REPORT OF CORPORATE SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2023

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

OCM-075-2023

Moved: Deputy Mayor Coburn

Seconded: Councillor McDougall

1. That Council receive and note the Corporate Services Report for the month of July 2023.

CARRIED 7/0

Snap Send Solve Waste Services refers to requests for bin repairs and replacements which have seen an increase.

14.12 INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2023

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

OCM-076-2023

Moved: Councillor Kingdon

Seconded: Councillor Bower

1. That the Operations report of the Infrastructure and Environment Department for the month of July 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0

Kerbside recycling trial is seeing an increase in uptake at each collection, with good compliance of non-contamination.

Laneway closures 5 sites completed and Council has received additional funding for additional 3 sites.

14.13 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2023

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

OCM-077-2023

Moved: Deputy Mayor Coburn

Seconded: Councillor McDougall

1. That Council receive and note the Community Services Department report for the Month of July 2023.

CARRIED 7/0

Street party very well attended, well done to those involved.

Noted that a lot of people not walking in certain areas due to dogs roaming. Council currently only has 1 ranger and are recruiting 2 more. Council therefore prioritises to capacity and patrol each morning. A reminder that it is the dog owners responsibility too.

Barking issues need community to report when happening to establish pattern of dog barking so can action process.

Campaign suggestion to get message out to public more about responsible dog ownership and reporting.

The library complimented as a great service and acknowledgement to Kimberley Worrigal for her great work at library.

15 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

Nil

16 ELECTED MEMBERS ACTIVITIES

16.1 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

OCM-078-2023

Moved: Councillor Bower

Seconded: Councillor Kingdon

1. That Council receive and note the Elected Member activities for July 2023.

CARRIED 7/0

17 LATE AGENDA

Nil

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Happy birthday to the Mayor. Councillor Peter McDougall thanked the public for electing him.

Races complimentd as a good day, with credit to council on the facility looking good.

Town Square screening of Matildas event highlighted how functional area is and well done to council for taking the initiavtive.

Praise received on how good our town is looking. The buggy making a difference to clean up the mess and graffiti. The works crew also highlighted as doing a fabulaous job.

Tip Shop Grand Opening will be on Saturday, 9th September.

Great Northern Clean Up has now changed to Great Spring Clean occurring on 8 am on Sunday the 17th of September at the Hot Springs. All involved will receive a voucher for the Pop Rocket.

The last Citizenship Ceremony fo r the year is occurring on 18 September.

Outdoor movie night being held at the Sportsground 23 September.

The Blue Sky Ball is on this Saturday 26 August. Some tickets are still available.

19 CLOSURE MEETING TO PUBLIC

Members, Council has resolved to use Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act to discuss and resolve confidential Issues which come before it.

Section 99(2) gives power to council to close a meeting for public, which means that all members all public and press will be asked to leave the Council chambers, to discuss specific Issues in relation to matters referred to in regulations 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.

I now move a motion that the following items (and items list follows no confidential reason) to close the meeting to public.

Your Worship, I wish to second that the meeting be closed to public to discuss issues relating to matters as stipulated in Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act and regulations 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.

The meeting was closed at 1.05pm.

20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**OCM-079-2023****Moved:** Mayor Clark**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Coburn

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019:

20.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - b and civ of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer; and information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interest of the council or some other person.

20.2 CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - ciii of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

20.3 LGANT membership

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - ciii and d of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff and information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

20.4 Lease - Blue Eagle Training and Fitness - Norforce Pavillion

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - ci of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

20.5 Katherine Museum - Renewal of Lease and Partnership Agreement

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - ci of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

20.6 TENDER - T23-005 KATHERINE SPORTSGROUND - STUART HIGHWAY REPLACEMENT FENCING

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - ci of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

CARRIED 7/0

21 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

Open meeting was resumed at 2.03pm.

20.3 LGANT MEMBERSHIP

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

OCM-080-2023

Moved: Councillor McDougall

Seconded: Councillor Kingdon

1. That Council approve membership to LGANT for 2023-2024.

CARRIED 7/0

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

OCM-081-2023

Moved: Councillor McDougall

Seconded: Councillor Trembath

2. That Council move the report to the public minutes.

CARRIED 7/0

20.3 LGANT MEMBERSHIP

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ATTACHMENT/S : 1. KTC_MEMBER VALUE PROPOSITION REPORT.PDF

Section under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .
Sub-clause and Reason:	ciii and d - information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff and information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council approve membership to LGANT for 2023-2023.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide council with the LGANT Member value proposition report 2022-2023 and subscription for 2023-2024.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Priority One	Strong Leadership	Strong Leadership	Improve transparency around issues affecting the community
Priority One	Strong Leadership	Partner in progress	Act as a connector on key issues affecting the community as a member in key reference groups

BACKGROUND

Local Government Association of Northern Territory (LGANT) is the peak body for the local government sector in the Northern Territory. 16 of the 17 local government councils in the NT are subscription members of LGANT.

LGANT's purpose as per the Strategic Plan 2021-2025, is to support and represent member councils to drive economic and social development for NT communities by providing:

- Advocacy and representation
- Capacity building
- Promotion of the sector
- Governance development
- Service delivery and infrastructure

DISCUSSION

Council subscribes to be a member of LGANT. Mayor Clark is a current board member of LGANT. Being a current financial member allows councils to nominate and vote for the LGANT Board Casual Vacancy in November 2023.

2022/2023 Member Value Proposition (MVP) report identifies the value delivered by LGANT to the local government sector exceeding \$40 million, an increase of \$8M from last year, and notes that on average this represents more than \$2 million benefit to each local government council. The MVP report shows what LGANT has done for the local government sector these past twelve months, what LGANT has done specifically for Council and then what LGANT is going to do in 2023/24.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

NIL

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

LGANT Member Subscription Fee for 2023-2024	\$26,600.96
Member Value returned for 2022-2023	\$1,547,669.82
ALL Members Value returned for 2022-2023	\$42,385,537.10
Councils LGANT membership subscription in 2022-2023 was \$24,182.69	

RISK, LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The subscription to LGANT enables council to attend and vote at the LGANT General meetings, provided support and representation.

ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

The Attachment is uploaded separately.

20.4 LEASE - BLUE EAGLE TRAINING AND FITNESS - NORFORCE PAVILLION**COUNCIL RESOLUTION****OCM-082-2023****Moved:** Deputy Mayor Coburn**Seconded:** Councillor Kingdon

1. That Council authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to execute a three (3) year lease with the option to renew for a further two (2) years, to Blue Eagle Training and Fitness for part of Lot 3177, that being the Norforce Pavillion and Norforce Toilet Block and affix the Common Seal as required.
2. That Council approve moving the resolution to the open minutes.

CARRIED 7/0**20.5 KATHERINE MUSEUM - RENEWAL OF LEASE AND PARTNERSHIP**

AGREEMENT**COUNCIL RESOLUTION****OCM-083-2023****Moved:** Councillor Bower**Seconded:** Councillor Kingdon

1. That Council:
 - (i) Authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to enter into leasing negotiations and execute a five (5) + five (5) year lease agreement with The Historical Society of Katherine Ltd over Lot 2922, 20 Christie Road Katherine, commonly known as The Katherine Museum.
 - (ii) Authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to affix the Common Seal as required.
2. That Council approve 1 (i) and (ii) resolution be moved to the open minutes.

CARRIED 7/0**20.6 TENDER - T23-005 KATHERINE SPORTSGROUND - STUART HIGHWAY REPLACEMENT FENCING****COUNCIL RESOLUTION OCM-084-2023****Moved:** Councillor Kingdon**Seconded:** Councillor McDougall

1. The Council award Tender T23-005 Katherine Sportsground – Stuart Highway Fencing to TW Fencing Pty Ltd for the amount of One Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Five-Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$191,520) excluding GST.

CARRIED 6/1**COUNCIL RESOLUTION****OCM-085-2023****Moved:** Councillor McDougall**Seconded:** Councillor Trembath

1. That council move the resolution to the public minutes.

CARRIED 7/0**22 NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

That the next meeting of the Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 26 September 2023.

23 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 2.04pm.