



MINUTES

**Ordinary Meeting of Council
Held on Tuesday 24 October 2023**

Civic Centre, Council Chambers
24 Stuart Highway, Katherine NT 0850



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 OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mayor Clark declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council 24 October 2023 open at 12:00 pm.

4 ATTENDANCE

4.1 PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

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

OFFICERS

- Ms Ingrid Stonhill – Chief Executive Officer
- Mr Avtar Singh - Director Corporate Services
- Ms Rosemary Jennings – Director Community Services
- Mr Brendan Pearce – Director Infrastructure and Environment
- Kimberly Worrigal – Infrastructure Administration Officer (minute taker)
- Staff x 2

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4.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility to declare any conflicts of interest.

Nil conflicts declared.



6 PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2023-110

Moved: Councillor Kingdon; **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Coburn

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 September 2023 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 7|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor Kingdon, Councillor McDougall,
Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Nil

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 OUTSTANDING ACTIONS UPDATE



9 MAYORAL BUSINESS

9.1 MAYOR ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 2023

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2023-111

Moved: Councillor Trembath; **Seconded:** Councillor McDougall

That Council receive and note the Mayoral activities for September 2023.

CARRIED 7|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor Kingdon, Councillor McDougall,
Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath

AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

LGANT are determining what opportunities are available and ways of recycling in the NT, including the development of future tyre rubber recycling plant on Emungulan Road.

10 CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE INCOMING SEPTEMBER 2023

COUNCIL RESOLUTION {resolution-number}

Moved: Councillor Trembath; **Seconded:** Councillor McDougall

That Council receive and note the Incoming Correspondence:

- Attachments:
1. Letter - CMC - Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements - 20 September 2023 - 182463 [**10.1.1** - 5 pages]
 2. Letter - LGANT - Single Use Plastic Ban - 21 September 2023 - 182465 [**10.1.2** - 1 page]
 3. Attachment - Single Use Plastic Ban Images -21 September 2023 - 182466 [**10.1.3** - 1 page]
 4. Letter - LGANT - Notification for LGANT Board - 10 October 2023 - 182475 [**10.1.4** - 2 pages]

CARRIED 7|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor Kingdon, Councillor McDougall,
Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath

AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

Single Use plastics - Council members expressed that very excited for this policy and happy to support.

CEO advised of outgoing correspondence:

Letter - Hon Eva Lawler - Initiative to construct roadside trivia signs to combat driver fatigue - 3 October - Doc 182333

11 PETITIONS

12 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (MATTERS REFERRED TO THE AGENDA)



Question - Is section 12 of the policy still stand regarding questions with notice and without notice?

Response - The Elected Member Policy and Procedure only relates to Elected Members.

13 NOTICE OF MOTION

14 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

14.1 REGULATORY SERVICES ANNUAL DOG LICENCE AND DOG REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2023-112

Moved: Councillor Kingdon; **Seconded:** Councillor Trembath

1. That Council determines the requirements for dog licensing as follows:
 - a. NT Planning Scheme Zoned Rural, Agricultural and Water Management – no licence required and no limit on the number of dogs
 - b. NT Planning Scheme Zoned Rural Living, all other NT Planning Schemes including RAAF Base Tindal, requires a licence for more than two (2) dogs and that a maximum of four (4) dogs can be licensed. The applicant must demonstrate the ability to manage, house and contain the dogs.
 - c. The CEO/Delegate will approve all licenses.
 - d. That a notice be published in a newspaper circulating locality of the above determinations.
2. That Council determines the requirements for dog registration as follows:
 - a. Mandatory registration of dogs over three (3) months of age in all NT Planning Scheme Zones within the Katherine Municipality excluding Rural, Agricultural and Water Management whereby it is optional.

CARRIED 7|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor Kingdon, Councillor McDougall,
Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath

AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

An audit will be completed over a 12 month period.

Rangers are daily enforcing the registrations and issuing infringements.

14.2 NRMA ELECTRIC VEHICLE FAST CHARGING SITE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2023-113

Moved: Councillor McDougall; **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Coburn

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Director Infrastructure and Environment on the NRMA Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Site.
2. authorise the Mayor and CEO to affix the Common Seal to the Licence Agreement between Katherine Town Council and NRMA relating to the instalment of an EV fast charging station in Katherine.



CARRIED 7|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor Kingdon, Councillor McDougall,
Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

The funding to NRMA will include the provision of signage around the site, also there will be apps and websites that list the sites that will guide cars to the site.

14.3 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT - KATHERINE REGIONAL CULTURAL PRECINCT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2023-114

Moved: Deputy Mayor Coburn; **Seconded:** Councillor Bower

That Council endorse and approve of the three (3) year Partnership Agreement between Katherine Town Council and Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Limited.

CARRIED 7|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor Kingdon, Councillor McDougall,
Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

The main changes to the agreement from the previous agreement is inclusion of funding the Saturday morning opening.

Noted it was good to see Council support GYRACC.

14.4 EARLY BIRD DRAW & WINNER

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2023-115

Moved: Councillor Kingdon; **Seconded:** Councillor Trembath

That Council receives and notes the Early Bird Draw winner, that was drawn on the 13/10/2023 and facilitated by Mayor Elisabeth Clark. The winner for the Early Bird Draw for 2023/2024 is the ratepayer of Assessment 361.

CARRIED 7|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor Kingdon, Councillor McDougall,
Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

Other councils provide a similar incentive. Council has always provided \$700.

14.5 FINANCE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2023-116

Moved: Councillor McDougall; **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Coburn

That Council endorse the Finance Report for the Month of September 2023.

CARRIED 6|1



FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor Kingdon, Councillor McDougall and
Councillor Trembath

AGAINST: Councillor Mott

No explanation was offered by Cr Mott as to why she was unable to endorse the financial report.

14.6 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2023-117

Moved: Deputy Mayor Coburn; **Seconded:** Councillor Kingdon

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

CARRIED 7|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor Kingdon, Councillor McDougall,
Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath

AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

Incident Type – Waste Services noted has increased again. This captures every case of damaged bins. Bins are at the end of the lifespan. New bins will be provided with new contractor. Staff have been proactive in this.

14.7 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2023-118

Moved: Councillor Bower; **Seconded:** Councillor Kingdon

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

CARRIED 7|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor Kingdon, Councillor McDougall,
Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath

AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

Great to see high patron count and library statistics, commendable work to Library team. Michael Connelly Juggling Show was spectacular.

Tourism Top End consultant recommendations included signage and upgrading systems.

Youth Engagement meetings are where organisations provide an update on their activities and capacity.

The council is an observer.

Great Spring Cleanup was not well attended, further discussions in the future.

14.8 INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2023-119

Moved: Councillor Kingdon; **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Coburn

That Council receive and note the report of the Infrastructure and Environment Department for the month of September 2023.

CARRIED 7|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor Kingdon, Councillor McDougall,
Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

Tip Shop patrons will be included in future reports, it was noted that it has been very well used.
The Sports Ground Fencing Project is to replace the Stuart Highway frontage from play park to Chambers Drive.
New recycling bins look great, noting no direct feedback to date. The intent was to reduce vandalism. Advised that they had already been set on fire. We are setting up for future recycling.
Recycling education is worldwide, but we are promoting in Katherine ongoing.
The hot springs fence is to direct people to the pathway.

15 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

15.1 MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

15.1.1 Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee - Minutes - 9 October 2023

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2023-120

Moved: Councillor McDougall; **Seconded:** Councillor Trembath

That Council receive and note the minutes of the Minutes of Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee held on Monday 9 October 2023.

CARRIED 7|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor Kingdon, Councillor McDougall,
Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

Meeting well attended, lots of ideas including botanical garden tree planting with family plaques. Raised if both sides of the history being represented, good and bad. Noting that history is grey, we will acknowledge the bad and the good.

16 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES

16.1 ELECTED MEMBER ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 2023

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OMC-2023-121

Moved: Councillor Kingdon; **Seconded:** Councillor McDougall

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

CARRIED 7|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor Coburn, Councillor Bower, Councillor Kingdon, Councillor McDougall,
Councillor Mott and Councillor Trembath
AGAINST: Nil

17 LATE AGENDA



18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Upcoming NAPCAN Activities

Dr. Brummit is leaving, he has been a great asset to town we wish him well.

Speedy recovery to June Tapp and Bruce Francis so they can return to town soon.

Movie night on the 31/10/2023

Acknowledgement to the King family for their loss.

Note the sadness regarding the Referendum outcome.

Upcoming Events: Movie Night, Remembrance Day, International Mens Day, Citizen of the Year Awards still looking for nominations, Christmas Lights Competition, Disability Awards lots of Nominations, and the Grinch Movie at town square.

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Clark; **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Coburn

Members, pursuant with Section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* gives power to the council to close a meeting to the public to discuss the following confidential items, in relation to matters referred to in regulations 51 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*. This means that all members of the public are now asked to leave the Council Chambers.

I now move a motion to close the meeting to public.

Your Worship, I wish to second that the meeting be closed to public.

Meeting closed at 12.57pm

20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

20.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

20.1.1 Confidential Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council 26 September 2023

Section Under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council of 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:	(a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.

21 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The open meeting resumed at 1:07 pm.

22 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting of Council 24 October 2023 was declared closed at 1:09 pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 28 November 2023.

