



SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

LITCHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting
held in the Council Chambers, Litchfield
on Wednesday, 5 July 2017 at 6:00pm

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Acknowledgement of Traditional Ownership

It is acknowledged that the meeting is held on the land of the traditional owners and Council respect the Elders past and present for their continuing custodianship of the land and the children of this land across generations.

Present	Maree Bredhauer Letchimi Wright Christine Osborn Doug Barden	Mayor Deputy Mayor / Councillor North Ward Councillor Central Ward Councillor South Ward
Staff	David Kingston Wendy Smith Karina Gates Debbie Branson	Acting Chief Executive Officer Planning Manager Finance Manager Executive Assistant
Public	Rod Halligan Allison Hooper Deborah Curry Chris Humphries Ros McMillan Hardy Schimmel	Virginia Darwin Darwin Darwin Palmerston Knuckey Lagoon

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed members of the public.

2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Kirsty Hunt – Councillor East Ward - Leave of Absence.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

4.1 Hardy Schimmel – Municipal Plan 2017/18 and Annual Budget 2017/18

Mr Schimmel expressed his concern in regards to the balancing of the budget when he understands the reserves are depleting. Mr Schimmel added the wages were too high and they exceed the allocation for roads. Mr Schimmel stated the Council has minimal responsibility and believes the number of staff should be reduced.

The Mayor thanked Mr Schimmel for his comments.

5. OFFICERS REPORTS

5.1 Municipal Plan 2017/18 including Annual Budget 2017/18

Moved: Cr Wright

Seconded: Cr Osborn

THAT Council pursuant with Section 24 of the Local Government Act 2014, endorse the Municipal Plan 2017/18 as provided in Attachment A.

CARRIED-1718/001

Cr Barden called for a Division.

Mayor Bredhauer, Cr Wright and Cr Osborn voted for the motion.

Cr Barden voted against the motion.

5.2 Rates Declaration 2017/18

Moved: Cr Osborn
Seconded: Cr Barden

1. THAT Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's certification of the assessment records in line with Section 24(1) Local Government (Accounting) Regulations as attached to this report.
2. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 158 of the Local Government Act, declares the following rates and charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2018:

RATES

- 1 That Pursuant to Section 149 of the Act, the Council adopts the Unimproved Capital Value as the basis of the assessed value of allotments within the Litchfield Municipality ("the Council Area").
- 2 That Pursuant to Section 155 of the Act Council declares that the amount it intends to raise for general purposes by way of rates is \$6,868,357 by the application of a combination of the following fixed charges and differential valuation-based charges with minimum charges being payable:
Residential
 - 2.1 With respect to every allotment of rateable land within that part of the Council Area comprising the suburb of Coolalinga and zoned SD, MD, MR and HR under the *NT Planning Scheme* (other than conditionally rateable land), a fixed charge of \$1,215.00.
 - 2.2 With respect to every allotment of rateable land within that part of the Council Area zoned SD, MD, MR and HR under the *NT Planning Scheme* (other than land in the suburb of Coolalinga and conditionally rateable land), a fixed charge of \$765.00.
 - 2.3 With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the Council Area zoned CL, PS, OR, H, A, RR, RL, R, CP, CN, HT, RD, WM, T, SU, M, PM, RW, and U under the *NT Planning Scheme* (other than conditionally rateable land) a fixed charge of \$765.00.

5.2 Rates Declaration 2017/18 (Cont/.)

Commercial

- 2.4 With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the Council Area zoned CB, C, CV, SC, TC, LI, GI, DV and FD under the *NT Planning Scheme* (other than conditionally rateable land), a valuation-based charge calculated at a rate of 0.189871% of the unimproved capital value of the land, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that valuation-based charge being \$1,395.00;
- 2.5 With respect to every allotment of rateable land within that part of the Council Area, comprising of Hun 055 P 6128, a valuation-based charge calculated at a rate 0.503348% of the unimproved capital value of the land.
- 2.6 With respect to every allotment of rateable land within that part of the Council Area, comprising Hun 045 P 01860, Hun 045 P 01872 and Hun 000 P 07002, a valuation-based charge calculated at a rate 0.251661% of the unimproved capital value of the land.

Other Land

- 2.7 With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the Council Area not otherwise described above, a valuation-based charge calculated at a rate of 0.189871% of the unimproved capital value of the land with the minimum amount payable in the application of that valuation-based charge being \$1,395.00.

Mining Tenements

- 2.8 With respect to every allotment of conditionally rateable land within the Council Area occupied under a mining tenement, a valuation-based charge calculated at a rate of 0.34% of the unimproved capital value of the land with the minimum amount payable in the application of that valuation-based charge being \$871.68.

Pastoral Leases

- 2.9 With respect to every allotment of conditionally rateable land within the Council Area comprising a pastoral lease as defined in the *Pastoral Land Act*, a valuation-based charge calculated at a rate of 0.0299% of the unimproved capital value of the land held under the pastoral lease, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that valuation-based charge being \$368.31.

5.2 Rates Declaration 2017/18 (Cont/.)

CHARGES

- 3 That pursuant to Section 157 of the Act, the Council declares a Waste Management Charge:
- 3.1 The purpose for which this Charge is imposed is to enable and assist Council to meet the cost of the waste disposal services, including management and operation of the three waste transfer stations, which Council provides for the benefit of all rateable land within the Council Area, other than the land described in paragraph 3.4 below, and the occupiers of such land.
- 3.2 The amount to be raised by this Charge is \$2,743,838.
- 3.3 The amount of the Charge declared is \$349.00 per allotment.
- 3.4 The Charge will be levied on all rateable land within the Council Area with the exception of allotments within that part of the Council area zoned CB, C, SC, TC, LI, GI, DV under the *NT Planning Scheme* and including the allotments identified in B ii. and iii above.

RELEVANT INTEREST RATE

- 4 That the Council fixes the relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges in accordance with Section 162 of the Act at the rate of 17% per annum which is to be calculated on a daily basis.

PAYMENT

- 5 That the Council determines that the Rates and Charges declared under this declaration are all due and payable in three (3) approximately equal instalments on the following dates:
- 31 August 2017;
- 30 November 2017; and
- 28 February 2018.

CARRIED-1718/002

5.3 Elected Member Allowances for 2017/18

Moved: Cr Osborn
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council:

- (a) Set the Elected Member allowances for the year 2017/18 as follows:
1. Mayor \$92,372.55 for the year paid on pro rata monthly basis in arrears (base allowance \$73,125.37, electoral allowance \$19,247.18) and subject to individual activity and prior approval a professional development allowance not more than \$3,653.68.
 2. Deputy Mayor \$31,852.48 for the year paid on pro rata monthly basis in arrears (base allowance \$27,039.81, electoral allowance \$4,812.67) and subject to individual activity and prior approval a professional development allowance not more than \$3,653.68.
 3. Councillors \$17,964.50 for the year paid on pro rata monthly basis in arrears (base allowance \$13,151.83, electoral allowance \$4,812.67) and subject to individual activity and prior approval a professional development allowance not more than \$3,653.68.
- (b) Set the Extra Meeting Allowance at \$140 dollars per meeting with conditions as set out in EM05 Elected Member Benefit and Support Policy.

CARRIED-1718/003

5.4 Council and Thorak Regional Cemetery Fees and Charges

Moved: Cr Wright
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council:

1. Adopts the Council Fees and Charges for 2017/18 as presented in Attachment A of this report; and
2. Adopts the Thorak Regional Cemetery Fees and Charges for 2017/18 as presented in Attachment B of this report.

CARRIED-1718/004

5.5 Long Term Financial Plan 2017/18 to 2026/27

Moved: Cr Wright
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council pursuant to Section 23 Local Government Act adopts the Long Term Financial Plan 2017/18 to 2026/27.

CARRIED-1718/005

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 6:28pm.

MINUTES TO BE CONFIRMED

Wednesday 19 July 2017



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Mayor of Litchfield
Maree Bredhauer



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Chief Executive Officer
Kaylene Conrick

