



LITCHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

held via zoom video conference

on Wednesday 20 May 2020 at 6:30pm

Present	Maree Bredhauer Christine Simpson Kirsty Sayers-Hunt Doug Barden Mathew Salter	Mayor Deputy Mayor / Councillor Central Ward Councillor East Ward Councillor South Ward Councillor North Ward
Staff	Daniel Fletcher Nadine Nilon Silke Maynard Wendy Smith Debbie Branson	Chief Executive Officer Director Infrastructure and Operations Director Community & Corporate Services Manager Planning & Development Executive Assistant
Public	Rob Lee Des Bredhauer	Local Government Department Humpty Doo

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

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

The Mayor advised that an electronic video and 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.

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 further disclosures of interest were declared.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council confirm the minutes of the:

1. Council Meeting held 15 April 2020, 12 pages;
2. Confidential Meeting held 15 April 2020, 1 page;
3. Special Council Meeting held 6 May 2020, 3 pages; and
4. Confidential Special Council Meeting held 6 May 2020, 1 page.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/214

ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

THAT Council approve pursuant to GOV02 Meeting Procedures the following members are granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance at the Council Meeting held 20 May 2020:

Mayor Maree Bredhauer
Deputy Mayor Christine Simpson
Councillor Kirsty Sayers-Hunt
Councillor Doug Barden
Councillor Mathew Salter

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/215

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson
Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council receives and notes the Action List.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/216

7. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

8. PETITIONS

Nil.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

This item has been temporarily suspended.

10. ACCEPTING OR DECLINING LATE ITEMS

Nil.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

12. MAYORS REPORT

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Simpson

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

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/217

13. REPORT FROM COUNCIL APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

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

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson
Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council note the Councillors' verbal report.

CARRIED (4-1)-1920/218

14. FINANCE REPORT

14.1 Council Finance Report – April 2020

Moved: Cr Salter
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council receives the Litchfield Council Finance report for the period ended 31 April 2020.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/219

15. OFFICERS REPORTS

15.1 May 2020 Summary Planning and Development Report

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council:

1. receives the May 2020 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)-1920/220

15.2 CEO's Monthly Report

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson
Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council receive and note the Chief Executive officer's monthly report for April 2020.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/221

15.3 DRAFT FIN01 Asset Disposal Policy

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council adopt DRAFT FIN01 Asset Disposal policy.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/222

15.4 DRAFT FIN08 Risk Management Policy

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council adopt DRAFT FIN08 Risk management Policy.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/223

15.5 SCALE Funding

Moved: Cr Sayers-Hunt
Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council:

1. acknowledge the funding opportunities provided by the Northern Territory Government;
2. adopt FIN15 Public Benefit Concessions for commercial ratepayers policy as attached to this report; and
3. approve the SCALE funding projects.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/224

15.6 PA2020/0135, a Development Application for Subdivision to Create 33 Lots at Lot 11 and Lot 15 (176A and 176B) Bees Creek Road, Bees Creek, Hundred of Strangways

Moved: Cr Barden
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council:

1. receive and notes the report; and
2. receive for information Attachment A, Council's Letter of Comment for PA2020/0135, a Development Application for subdivision to create 33 lots at Lot 11 and Lot 15 (176A and 176B) Bees Creek Road, Bees Creek, Hundred of Strangways.

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16. COMMON SEAL

Nil.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

17.1 Nadine Nilon – Director Infrastructure & Operations

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson
Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT Council formally acknowledge Nadine Nilon in her role of Director of Infrastructure and Operations and her contribution to the Council and the Litchfield Community.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/226

18. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

This item has been temporarily suspended.

19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson
Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following Confidential Items:

19.1 Annual Community Grants Applications

8(c)(iv) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

19.2 Application for Rates Waiver – Assessment 10009850

8(b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

19.3 Application of Common Seal to Overriding Statutory Charge

8(b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/227

THAT Council:

1. approve the fixation of the Common Seal with the Mayor and the CEO signing all documents relevant to applying the overriding statutory charge on the properties mentioned in the report; and
2. make public its resolution.

The meeting was closed to the public at 7:31pm.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Simpson

Seconded: Cr Sayers-Hunt

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) regulations the meeting be re-opened to the public.

CARRIED (5-0)-1920/231

The meeting moved to Open Session at 7:52pm.

20. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:52pm.

21. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 24 June 2020.

MINUTES TO BE CONFIRMED

Wednesday 24 June 2020

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Mayor
Maree Bredhauer

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Chief Executive Officer
Daniel Fletcher