



LITCHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

held in the Council Chambers, Litchfield

on Wednesday, 21 November 2018 at 6:30pm

Present	Kirsty Sayers-Hunt Doug Barden Christine Simpson Mathew Salter	Deputy Mayor / Councillor East Ward (Chair) Councillor South Ward Councillor Central Ward Councillor North Ward
Staff	Kaylene Conrick Silke Maynard Wendy Smith Debbie Branson	Chief Executive Officer Director Community & Corporate Services Manager Planning & Development Executive Assistant
Public	Gerard Bredhauer Adam Twomey	Humpty Doo Humpty Doo

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

In the Mayor's absence the Deputy Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed members of the public.

The Deputy Mayor advised that 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 Deputy Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the Council meet on. The Deputy 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

Mayor Maree Bredhauer was absent at the meeting due to her representation of Council at the Australian Local Government Association Roads and Transport Congress in Alice Springs 20 -22 November 2018.

Cr Simpson sought a leave of absence from 27 November 2018 to 26 December 2018.

Moved: Cr Simpson

Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council notes and approves:

Leave of Absence Cr Simpson 27 November 2018 – 26 December 2018

CARRIED-1819/098

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Deputy 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.

Cr Barden declared a personal interest in item 15.1 November 2018 Summary Planning and Mining Report as a property owner of Sections 2676 and 2679 Doris Road, Berry Springs and the shed at the Berry Springs Volunteer Fire Brigade which were included in the Development Applications. Cr Barden left the meeting during Item 15.1.

No further disclosures of interest were declared.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Simpson

Seconded: Cr Salter

1. THAT the full minutes of the Council Meeting held 17 October 2018, 7 pages, be confirmed.
2. THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held 7 November 2018, 3 pages, be confirmed.

CARRIED-1819/099

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Moved: Cr Simpson
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council receives and notes the Action Sheet.

CARRIED-1819/100

7. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

8. PETITIONS

Nil.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

9.1 Gerard Bredhauer – Humpty Doo

Mr Bredhauer spoke in relation to Item 15.4 – *Stage 2 – Area Planning Process Humpty Doo Rural Activity Centre* and expressed his concern in relation to the NT Planning Commission's proposal to extend Metcalfe Road and as a result, the increase in the volume of traffic.

Question

Mr Bredhauer asked the Council if it was in support of what the NT Planning Commission were proposing to extend Metcalfe Road through to the Arnhem Highway. Mr Bredhauer suggested two other alternatives to connecting Howard Springs with Humpty Doo.

Response

The Deputy Mayor asked Council's Planning & Development Manager to respond on Council's behalf. The Manager stated that Council has only considered what the NT Planning Commission has presented therefore, the report does not address the alternative suggestions.

9.2 Adam Twomey – Humpty Doo

Mr Twomey spoke in relation to Item 15.4 – *Stage 2 – Area Planning Process Humpty Doo Rural Activity Centre* and expressed his concern in relation to the community consultation process conducted by the NT Planning Commission.

Question

Mr Twomey questioned if the Council believed that the community consultation process by the NT Planning Commission, was adequate and does the public understand what this plan means and what the consequences are?

Mr Twomey questioned why Power Road, which he believed to be a perfect link from Arnhem Highway through to Girraween Road, had not been identified in the proposal.

Mr Twomey also questioned how residents can help Council create better innovated ideas to have greater green space within the area.

Finally, Mr Twomey questioned the NT Planning Commission's proposal to subdivide areas into small blocks and he asked what was the Council's opinion regarding subdivisions of this size.

Response

The Deputy Mayor advised that the officer's report states the information has been unclear and misleading in relation to the community consultation and that Council was considering this report later in the Agenda tonight.

The Deputy Mayor suggested that innovated ideas be explored and discussed outside the Council meeting and that a time be arranged with the Planning & Development Manager to explore this further.

The Deputy Mayor referred the question in relation to subdivisions to Council's consideration of Item 15.4 later in the meeting.

10. ACCEPTING OR DECLINING LATE ITEMS

Nil.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

12. MAYORS REPORT

Moved: Cr Simpson
Seconded: Cr Barden

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

CARRIED-1819/101

13. REPORT FROM COUNCIL APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

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

Moved: Cr Simpson

Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council note the Councillors' verbal report.

CARRIED-1819/102

14. FINANCE REPORT

14.1 Council Finance Report – October 2019

Moved: Cr Salter

Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council receives the Litchfield Council Finance report for the period ended 31 October 2018.

CARRIED-1819/103

15. OFFICERS REPORTS

Cr Barden declared a personal interest in item 15.1 November 2018 Summary Planning and Mining Report as a property owner of Sections 2676 and 2679 Doris Road, Berry Springs and the shed at the Berry Springs Volunteer Fire Brigade which were included in the Development Applications. Cr Barden left the meeting during Item 15.1.

Cr Barden left the meeting at 7:18pm.

15.1 November 2018 Summary Planning and Mining Report

Moved: Cr Simpson

Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council:

1. receive the November 2018 Summary Planning and Mining Report; and
2. notes for information the responses provided to Development Assessment Services and Department of Primary Industries and Resources, as applicable, within Attachments A-H to this report.

CARRIED-1819/104

Cr Barden returned to the meeting at 7:20pm.

15.2 PA2018/0398, Planning Scheme Amendment Application to Rezone from Zone RL (Rural Living) to Zone RR (Rural Residential) at Lot 15 (345) Whitewood Road, Howard Springs, Hundred of Bagot

Moved: Cr Simpson

Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council:

1. receives and notes the report, and
2. endorses Attachment A, Council's Letter of Comment for PA2018/0398, a Planning Scheme Amendment Application to Rezone from Zone RL (Rural Living) to Zone RR (Rural Residential) at Lot 15 (345) Whitewood Road, Howard Springs, Hundred of Bagot.

CARRIED-1819/105

15.3 PA2018/0365, an Exceptional Development Permit Application for a caravan park consisting of 14 caravan sites, 1 x 2-bedroom, 1 x 1 bedroom, and 1 x studio cabins in two single storey buildings at Lot 17 (175) Stuart Highway, Howard Springs, Hundred of Bagot

Moved: Cr Simpson

Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council:

1. receive and note the report; and
2. endorse Attachment A, Council's Letter of Comment for PA2018/0365, an Exceptional Development Permit Application for a caravan park consisting of 14 caravan sites, 1 x 2 bedroom, 1 x 1 bedroom, and 1 x studio cabins in two single storey buildings at Lot 17 (175) Stuart Highway, Howard Springs, Hundred of Bagot.

CARRIED-1819/106

15.4 Humpty Doo Rural Activity Centre Area Plan Stage 2 Consultation

Moved: Cr Barden

Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council:

1. endorses the comments provided in Attachment C Letter of Comments on Stage 2 Consultation for Humpty Doo Rural Activity Centre Area Plan; and
2. writes to the Minister of Infrastructure and Planning expressing concerns over the process of developing the Humpty Doo Rural Activity Centre Area Plan.

CARRIED-1819/107

15.5 2018 Palmerston and Rural Seniors Fortnight Evaluation Report

Moved: Cr Simpson

Seconded: Cr Barden

THAT Council:

1. receives and notes the Palmerston & Rural Seniors Committee 2018 Seniors Fortnight Evaluation Report; and
2. writes to the Palmerston & Rural Seniors Committee Inc. to congratulate the Committee on a successful 2018 festival.

CARRIED-1819/108

15.6 FIN03 Procurement Policy

Moved: Cr Simpson

Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council adopt the updated FIN03 Procurement Policy, as attached to report 18/0169.

A Division was called

Deputy Mayor Sayers-Hunt and Cr Simpson voted for the motion

Cr Salter and Cr Barden voted against the motion

The Deputy Mayor used the casting vote to vote for the motion

CARRIED-1819/109

16. COMMON SEAL

Nil.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

18. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

18.1 Gerard Bredhauer – Humpty Doo

Mr Bredhauer spoke in relation to Item 15.4 – *Stage 2 – Area Planning Process Humpty Doo Rural Activity Centre* and referred to his concerns related to the proposed map on page 148 in the agenda.

The Deputy Mayor recommended Mr Bredhauer arrange a meeting with the Planning and Development Manager to discuss the matter further.

9.2 Adam Twomey – Humpty Doo

Mr Twomey spoke in relation to Item 15.4 – *Stage 2 – Area Planning Process Humpty Doo Rural Activity Centre* and sought Council's support to extend the time for the community consultation and to improve the consultation process.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Mr Twomey for his comments.

19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Moved: Cr Simpson

Seconded: Cr Barden

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 Update on Transfer of Public Library Services from NT Library Services to Council

Regulation 8(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 and;

Regulation 8(e) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.

CARRIED-1819/110

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:02pm.

Moved: Cr Simpson
Seconded: Cr Barden

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-1819/112

The meeting moved to Open Session at 8:11pm.

20. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Deputy Mayor closed the meeting at 8:11pm.

21. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 12 December 2018.

MINUTES TO BE CONFIRMED

Wednesday, 12 December 2018



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Mayor
Maree Bredhauer



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Chief Executive Officer
Kaylene Conrick