



COUNCIL MINUTES

LITCHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
held in the Council Chambers, Litchfield
Tuesday 21 February 2023 at 6:05pm

Present	Doug Barden Andrew Mackay Emma Sharp Mathew Salter Rachael Wright Kevin Harlan Mark Sidey	Mayor (Chair) Deputy Mayor / Councillor Central Ward (<i>electronically</i>) Councillor South Ward Councillor North Ward Councillor North Ward Councillor Central Ward Councillor South Ward
Staff	Stephen Hoyne Maxi Smith Nicky Davidge Debbie Branson	Chief Executive Officer General Manager Business Excellence General Manager Community and Lifestyle Executive Assistant
Public	As per Attendance Register	

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

On behalf of Council, the Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet. 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.

2. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 6:06pm

The Mayor welcomed members of the public.

The Mayor advised that an audio and visual recording of the meeting was live streamed to Council's online platform and will remain online for public viewing in accordance with Council's Recording of Council Meetings Policy. By attending the meeting, those present agreed to comply by Council's Recording of Council Meetings Policy.

It was noted that there was a technical issue with the online platform and live streaming was not available. An audio recording was taken of the meeting.

3. ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Electronic Attendance

Nil.

3.2 Apologies

Nil.

3.3 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil.

3.4 Leave of Absence Request

Nil.

4. DISCLOSURE 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.

4.1 Elected Members

No disclosures of interest declared.

4.2 Staff

No disclosures of interest declared.

5 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

5.1 Bradley George – Articulated Vehicles

Question: Council's website indicates the following "No articulated vehicles on Strangways Road west of Hayball Road, including from ramps off Stuart Highway at Gonnerman Road to Hayball Road and Forest Drive." Would the council be prepared to change this vehicle restriction to "No articulated vehicles on Strangways Road west of Spencely and east of Spencely including from ramps off Stuart Highway at Gonnerman Road to Hayball Road and Forest Drive and including Freds Pass Road?" Purpose - keep all trucks out of residential areas and on Stuart Hwy and Arnhem Hwy and stop them cutting through from Strangways and parking on Strangways instead of remaining on Spencely. Strangeways from Havlik to Freds Pass are in need of continuous maintenance and repair due to oversize trucks using these roads to access Spencely road.

Answer: Thank you for your question submitted on 23 January, and for your continued interest on matters within the Municipality.

We have assessed your request and I advise that Council's current position remains as per the statement on our website.

Another traffic matter that may be of interest to you is Council's current advocacy seeking a review of the design and function of the Stuart Highway and Bees Creek intersection, there is more information available [here](#).

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Cr Wright
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council confirm the:

- Ordinary Council Meeting minutes held 17 January 2023, 7 pages;
- Ordinary Confidential Council Meeting held Tuesday 17 January 2023, 2 pages; and as a true and accurate record of those meetings.

CARRIED (7-0) ORD2023 11-016

6.2 Council Action Sheet / Business Arising from Previous Meetings

This report was not included in the agenda and was deferred to the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for March 2023.

7. PETITIONS

Nil.

8. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

9. ACCEPTING OR DECLINING LATE ITEMS

Nil.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

11. MAYORS REPORT

Moved: Mayor Barden
Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council receive and note Item 11.01 Mayor's monthly report for the period 18 January 2023 to 21 February 2023.

CARRIED (7-0) ORD2023 11-017

12. REPORT FROM COUNCIL APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

Moved: Cr Sharp

Seconded: Cr Sidey

THAT Council note the verbal updates provided by the representative of the:

1. Howard Park Recreation Committee; and
2. Knuckey Lagoon Recreation Committee.

CARRIED (7-0) ORD2023 11-018

13. OFFICERS' REPORTS

13.01 Business Excellence

13.01.01 Litchfield Council Finance Report – January 2023

Moved: Cr Harlan

Seconded: Cr Sharp

THAT Council note the Litchfield Council Finance Report for the period ended 31 January 2023.

CARRIED (7-0) ORD2023 11-019

13.01.02 People Performance and Governance Monthly Report – January 2023

Moved: Cr Wright

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Mackay

THAT Council note the People, Performance and Governance Report for January 2023.

CARRIED (7-0) ORD2023 11-020

13.02 Council Leadership and Community Services

13.02.01 Community and Lifestyle Monthly Report – January 2023

Moved: Cr Harlan

Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council note the Community and Lifestyle Report for January 2023.

CARRIED (7-0) ORD2023 11-021

13.02.02 Howard Park and Knuckey Lagoon Recreation Reserve Committee Minutes

Moved: Cr Harlan

Seconded: Cr Wright

THAT Council receive and note:

1. the unconfirmed Howard Park Committee Minutes of 6 February 2023, at Attachment A; and
2. the unconfirmed Knuckey Lagoon Committee Minutes of 9 February 2023, at Attachment B.

CARRIED (7-0) ORD2023 11-022

13.02.03 Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Executive Board Nominations – Casual Vacancy

Moved: Deputy Mayor Mackay

Seconded: Cr Salter

THAT Council nominates Mayor Doug Barden to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Executive Board for the position of Board Member Municipal.

CARRIED (7-0) ORD2023 11-023

13.03 Infrastructure and Operations

13.03.01 Summary Planning and Development Report January 2023

Moved: Deputy Mayor Mackay

Seconded: Cr Harlan

THAT Council:

1. receive the Summary Planning and Development Report January 2023; and
2. note for information the responses provided to relevant agencies within Attachments A to D of this report.

CARRIED (7-0) ORD2023 11-024

14. OTHER BUSINESS

14.01 Shared Paths in Bees Creek

It was agreed that the item be referred to the Budget Workshop for further discussion.

15. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Moved: Deputy Mayor Mackay

Seconded: Cr Harlan

THAT pursuant to Section 93(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following Confidential Items:

15.01 Confidential Council Minutes

This item is considered 'confidential' pursuant to Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Section 51(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*:

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

15.02 Application to Write-Off Rates and Charges

This item is considered 'confidential' pursuant to Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Section 51(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*:

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

15.03 Rates in Arrears in excess of two years

This item is considered 'confidential' pursuant to Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Section 51(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*:

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

15.04 Provision of Rubbish Collection Services by Commercial Operators – Business Approach

This item is considered 'confidential' pursuant to Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Section 51(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*:

8(c)(i) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

15.05 Chief Executive Performance Appraisal and Remuneration Review Committee

This item is considered 'confidential' pursuant to Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Section 51(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*:

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.

15.06 Operational Service Review

This item is considered 'confidential' pursuant to Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Section 51(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*:

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.

CARRIED (7-0) ORD2023 11-025

The meeting moved to Confidential Session at 7:05pm.

Moved: Cr Sidey
Seconded: Cr Harlan

THAT pursuant to Section 293(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 51 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations* the meeting be re-opened to the public.

CARRIED (7-0) ORD2023 11-031

The meeting moved to Open Session at 7:05pm.

17. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:40pm.

18. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21 March 2023.

MINUTES TO BE CONFIRMED

Tuesday 21 March 2023.


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Mayor
Doug Barden


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Chief Executive Officer
Stephen Hoyne