MINUTES of the Council meeting held on Tuesday, 17 July 2007 in the Council Chambers, Hutchison Street, Coober Pedy, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

OPENING

Mayor Steve Baines welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open.

1. ATTENDANCE RECORD

1.1 Present

Mayor Steve Baines

Councillors

Cr M Maylin, Cr A Morgan, Cr K Woon,
Cr P Athanasiadis, Cr T Doulgeris, Cr G Sykes,
Cr B Staines and Cr B Rapaic

In Attendance

T McLeod, Chief Executive Officer
D Clark, Manager Finance & Administration
P Van Poorten, Water Supply Manager
G Talbot, Electricity Supply
D Zechner, Works Manager
J Williams, Executive Assistant

2. APOLOGIES - Nil

3. PROCEEDINGS

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Council Meeting –19th June 2007
Moved: Cr M Maylin  Seconded: Cr A Morgan

C53-07
That the minutes of the Council meeting of 19th June 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED

3.2 BUSINESS ARISING

A Special Council Meeting will be held on the 25th July 2007 to meet with representatives of enGen, SolarSystems and Energy SA.

3.3 CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL MINUTES

Minutes of Special Council Meeting – 28th June 2007

Moved: Cr K Woon  Seconded: Cr M Maylin

C54-07
That the minutes of the Special Council meeting of 28th June 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED

3.4 BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

4. MAYOR’S REPORT

You will recall that for the past eighteen months the CEO and I have been trying to arrange a meeting with the APY Executive Council in order that we may advise them of the problems that Coober Pedy faces each summer due to an influx from the APY lands, and try to establish a working relationship with the executive council in an effort to address some of these problems. A meeting was scheduled for the 4th July at Umuwa but was subsequently cancelled and rescheduled to be held in Coober Pedy on the 1st August. We have been advised that due to the next APY Executive Council meeting being held in Alice Springs on the 1st August they are no longer able to meet with us in Coober Pedy. I will continue to seek a meeting with the executive before the summer months.

The Coober Pedy draft Strategic Plan is now available. I urge you all to have a good look at the plan and forward any comments or concerns as soon as possible.
I remind everyone that a public meeting will be held at the Council Chambers on the 19th July in order that the public can have their say on Councils Draft Budget and Annual Business Plan. I urge you all to attend this meeting.

I am mindful that there may be an increased demand on services in Coober Pedy due to the Federal Governments Intervention Strategies that have been implemented in the Northern Territory. I will not tolerate any further strain on any services in Coober Pedy due to the actions that have been, or may be, implemented by the state or federal governments, without them providing further resources to our service agencies. I have spoken to Mayor Joy Baluch at Port Augusta, and we have agreed that we will monitor this situation very closely and work together to ensure that there is no undue strain on the resources of either of our communities. I have also contacted members of the Coober Pedy Senior Officers Group and asked that they keep me informed as to any increase on demand on their services that are directly linked to the intervention strategies that have been initialised in the NT.

Moved: Cr M Maylin
Seconded: Cr T Doulgeris

C55-07
That the Mayor’s Report be accepted by Council.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS

5.1. WORKS

5.1.1 Works Department Report For The Month Of June 2007

Received and Noted

5.2. ELECTRICITY

5.2.1 Electricity Report For The Month Of June 2007

Received and Noted

5.3. WATER/SEWERAGE

5.3.1 Water Supply Report For The Month Of June 2007

Received and Noted

5.3.2 Water Supply Totals For The Month Of June 2007

Received and Noted
5.4. COMMUNITY/ENVIRONMENT

5.4.1 FINEDO Report For The Month of June 2007
Received and Noted

5.4.2 EDO-EI Report For The Month of June 2007
Received and Noted

5.4.3 EHO Report For The Month Of June 2007
Received and Noted

5.4.4 Report To Council – Underground Construction Committee

Moved: - Cr T Doulgeris  Seconded: Cr M Maylin

C56-07
That the recommendations numbered one (1) through to six (6) as amended in the report of Council’s Building Surveyor with regard to the Underground Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

5.4.5 Underground Construction Committee Minutes
Received and Noted

5.5. ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

5.5.1 Local Government Finance Authority – appointment of representative to Annual General Meeting

Moved: Cr M Maylin  Seconded: Cr B Staines

C57-07
That the District Council of Coober Pedy appoints Mr Damien Clark, Finance & Administration Manager, as its representative to the 2007 Annual General Meeting of the Local Government Finance Authority.

CARRIED
5.5.2 **Travel Report - Meeting Regarding Delivery Of Municipal Services To Encapsulated Indigenous Communities**

Received and Noted

5.5.3 **Adoption Of Annual Report 2005/2006**

**Moved:** Cr A Morgan  
**Seconded:** Cr M Maylin

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CARRIED

5.5.4 **Bank Reconciliation As At 30th June 2007**

Received and Noted

5.5.5 **Payments For The Month Of June 2007**

Received and Noted

6. **DEPUTATIONS**

COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS – Beginning at 8.00 pm – 30 Minutes Maximum. (members of the public welcome, His Worship will allow each speaker 5 minutes to present their discussion topic to Council).

Mr G Atkins informed Council that the Coober Pedy News had been operating for 12 months now and was going well and shall continue.

7. **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE** – Nil
8. **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

   Cr M Maylin asked if the council buildings’ potential for rain damage had been rectified and had any consideration been made to installing a rainwater tank. Darren will check the condition of the tank at the power station and the cost to relocate it.

   Cr G Sykes asked about Councils’ Disaster Recovery Plan. CEO, T McLeod will look into it and advise.

9. **PETITIONS** – Nil

10. **MOTIONS ON NOTICE** – Nil

11. **DELEGATES REPORTS**

   Cr A Morgan – Coober Pedy Hospital Board  
   Advised that a normal meeting was held on the 25th June 2007. Also a special meeting with Country Health Services representative to discuss the possible takeover of the Hospital and assets. Some Board members met to discuss the shortage of doctors in Coober Pedy. Mayor Steve Baines reinforced his and or Councils’ support if required.

   Cr K Woon – Drive in Committee  
   Advised that the Drive in had a good attendance for the holiday movies and had grossed $800.00 at one showing. Also advised that the new projector was working well.

12. **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING** – 21st August 2007

13. **CLOSURE** – 8.35 pm