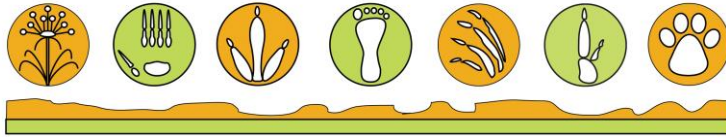


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY Held Tuesday 7 June 2016 Elliott Conference Room

### 1. MEETING OPENING

Chairperson Chris Neade opened the meeting at 10.39am

### 2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

#### 2.1. Members Present

Chris Neade	Local Authority Chair
Jody Nish	Deputy Chair
Wade Nish	Local Authority Member
Peter Mullan	Local Authority Member
Jeremy Jackson	Local Authority Member
Mona Rennie	Local Authority Member
Jonas Johnson	Local Authority Member
Jennifer Kite	Local Authority Member
Alan Thompson	Local Authority Member

#### 2.2 Staff and Visitors

Chair welcomed visitors and thanked them for attendance.

Marion Smith	Barkly Regional Council Chief Executive Officer
Jill Kleiner	Department of Local Government and Community Services
David Curtis Snr	Department of Local Government and Community Services
Pedro Smith	Community
Gayle Marsden	Barkly Regional Council Community Coordinator
Leanne McCarthy	Barkly Regional Council Administration Officer

#### 2.3 Apologies

Cr Ray Aylett	Ward Councillor
Cr. Bob Bagnall	Ward Councillor
Mary James	Local Authority Member

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority

- Accept the apologies of Cr Aylett and Cr Bagnall
- Have not accepted the apology of Local Authority Member Mary James

**Moved: Jody Nish**

**Second: Peter Mullan**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved 14/16*

#### 2.4 Absent without Apology

Nil

#### 2.5 Resignations from the Local Authority

Nil

### 3. PREVIOUS MEETING

#### 3.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

##### MOTION

That the Local Authority

- a) Accept the Minutes of the Elliott Local Authority meeting held 12 April 2016 are true and accurate.

**Moved: Peter Mullan**

**Second: Jonas Johnson**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved 15/16*

#### 3.2 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING CONTINUING ACTION LIST

##### MOTION

That the Local Authority

- a) receives and notes the updated action list

**Moved: Jody Nish**

**Second: Wade Neade**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved 16/16*

### 4. COUNCIL REPORTS

#### 4.1 CEO (OR REPRESENTATIVE) REPORT ON COUNCIL SERVICES IN THE AREA

Marion Smith, Chief Executive Officer provided the Local Authority with an overview of the Barkly Regional Council website information and a comprehensive explanation of the Regional Plan.

##### MOTION

That the Local Authority

- a) Receives and notes report from Marion Smith, Chief Executive Officer

**Moved: Jody Nish**

**Second: Mona Rennie**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved 17/16*

#### 4.2 CEO REPORT ON ANY COMPLAINTS RECEIVED CONCERNING DELIVERY

Nil

#### 4.3 ELECTED MEMBERS REPORT

Nil

#### 4.4 COMMUNITY COORDINATORS REPORT

Monthly reports for April and May were distributed in the business papers and inserted in folders for members to review. Community Coordinator advised the Barkly Regional Council staff have chosen Friday, 15 July 2016 as their Public Holiday for the Katherine Show Day. Community Coordinator also advised that Loureena Ulamari has lodged an expression of interest to be the First Circles representative for Elliott and Marlinja.

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority

- a) Receives and notes the report

**Moved: Jody Nish**

**Second: Jeremy Jackson**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved 18/16*

### 5. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 5.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

##### 5.1.1 Alcohol Management Plan Update

Community Coordinator advised that she had contacted Maria Marriner and there has been no forward movement on the Permit System at this stage. Jonas Johnson advised Maria Marriner is currently on 5 weeks leave.

##### 5.1.2 Aboriginal Peak Organisation Northern Territory meeting Report

Chris Neade attended the Aboriginal Peak Organisation Northern Territory meeting in Darwin last week. He reported that a review of housing and land tenure in Elliott will occur mid to late June. Chris questioned Darren Johnson, from the Department of Local Government and Community Services on behalf of the community, regarding where complaints could be directed if residents were unhappy with the work being undertaken on the houses by the Department or if they had queries as to when and what will be done to their houses. Chris also questioned Darren Johnson regarding who is signing off on the Contractors work on the houses. Darren is dealing with this issue.

##### 5.1.3 Housing Update

Deferred to next meeting.

##### 5.1.4 Elliott Profiling

Following the Visitor presentation from the Office of Aboriginal Affairs at the April Local Authority meeting the Community Coordinator contacted the Office of Aboriginal Affairs enquiring as to when Elliott would be profiled for a funding pipeline. An email was received advising that if Elliott wanted to be profiled we could do it ourselves using the Ngukurr profile as a template. Cr Bagnall replied stating that he asked, at the Office of Aboriginal Affairs presentation in Tennant Creek, specifically if and when Elliott would be profiled and was informed before Christmas 2015. A further email was received from the Office of Aboriginal Affairs advising that Elliott will be profiled after the 73 remote communities are profiled.

##### 5.1.5 New Clinic Update

The official opening of the new clinic will be 27 June 2016. There will be a two day period that the clinic will be closed in order to move all furniture to new clinic. The clinic will be opened for emergency only during this period.

### **5.1.6 Play Group Update**

Discussions took place regarding whether Barkly Regional Council should continue the Play Group program in Elliott. Chief Executive Officer, Marion Smith advised the Local Authority that she will check if the program is financially viable and come back to the next meeting.

#### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority

- a) Is in favour of the playgroup program continuing
- b) Request the Chief Executive Officer to investigate the financial viability of the program and arrange meeting with parents in Elliott to discuss the program.

**Moved: Jeremy Jackson**

**Second: Wade Neade**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved 19/16*

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

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#### **6.1 Elliott and Marlinja Dog Health and Desexing Project Report May 2016**

A report from the vet on the recent Elliott Animal Management program was tabled.

#### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority

- a) Receives and notes the report

**Moved: Peter Mullan**

**Second: Jody Nish**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved 20/16*

#### **6.2 Barkly Arts – Letter of Support**

Barkly Arts requested support from the Elliott community for their funding application for Winanjjikari Music Centre – Indigenous Languages and Arts program.

#### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority

- a) Support the Barkly Arts in its funding application for Winanjjikari Music Centre – Indigenous Languages and Arts program.

**Moved: Jennifer Kite**

**Second: Mona Rennie**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved 21/16*

#### **6.3 T-Shirt Company**

The T-Shirt Company has requested if they could set up between the Council Office and BP to sell T-shirts on their way through Elliott between the Tennant Creek Show and the Katherine Show. Local Authority members were happy for this to occur provided the T-Shirt company were charged a fee for doing so.

#### **6.4 Cenotaph Area:**

Local Authority member Peter Mullan requested that the Community Coordinator contact the Department of Infrastructure and request signage for a picnic area at the War

Memorial and that the plants be hedged.

**ACTION**

Community Coordinator to contact Department of Infrastructure for signage and hedging to be completed.

**6.5 Sports Funding**

Local Authority Member Jennifer Kite enquired with Barkly Regional Council for information regarding as to where funding for the Children's Sport has gone. Chief Executive Officer, Marion Smith advised that the funds are not coming to Council they go to the sporting bodies who are delivering to the children. Jennifer Kite will follow up.

**6.6 Elliott Clinic Crisis**

Elliott Clinic Manager advised that in mid July the clinic will be grossly understaffed with only himself and one Aboriginal Health worker, due to staff leave commitments. Compounding this, there is a new directive that all call outs require two staff to attend following the recent murder in Fregon of a nurse. He is unsure if the Health Department will send relief staff. The Manager requested that Local Authority members spread the word in the community that non urgent call outs must stop. He also advised that should he receive a call out that is lengthy there is a real possibility the clinic will need to close so the nurses can get the appropriate break required before recommencing work. To add to this the Clinic has no cleaner and no driver and staff are having to clean when they finish work.

**MOTION**

That the Local Authority

- a) Write to Department of Health regarding the critical staffing issues at the Elliott Health Clinic.

**Moved: Wade Neade**

**Second: Jeremy Jackson**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved 22/16*

**6.7 Photos for Signs at Elliott**

David Curtis Jnr, Department of Local Government and Community Services tabled two photos that could be options for Welcome to Elliott signage. A Local Authority Member also suggested that happy children could a good option. The WW11 photos are not good quality and not an option. Local Authority members are going to think about the photos and this item will be back on the agenda next meeting.

**7. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**8. NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 9 August 2016 at 10.30am

**9. CLOSE OF MEETING**

Chris Neade closed the meeting at 1.31pm