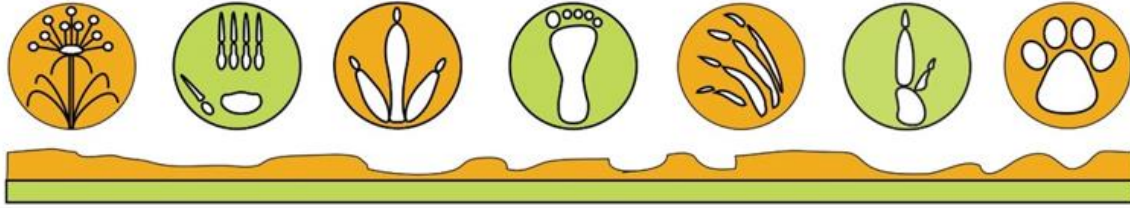


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES Ali Curung LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Ali Curung LA Meeting was held in the Conference Room on Monday 5 February 2024 at 12:42 pm.

Ian Bodill

Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

We strive to be a responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens to and empowers the people to be strong.

The Way We Will Work

We will make it happen!

We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.

We will have strong policies and budgets to ensure our programs and services are progressive and sustainable.

Respect is shown in everything we do, and we have acceptance of all cultures in the Barkly Region and their practices through a culturally competent Council.

We are a responsible Council.

We will be a responsive Council.

We want to empower local decision making.

We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

We want to be able to sustain our environment – our communities, our physical places, our people and our organisational culture.

We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region.

We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Warumungu, Mudberra, Jingili, Wakaya, Wambaya, Waanyi, Walpiri, Warlmanpa, Alyawarr, Anmatyerre and Kaytetye Country on which Barkly Regional Council live and work, and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to the ancestors and elders of these lands, past, present and emerging.

May we continue to work together to
Deliver sustainable outcomes through a process
Based on mutual respect and understanding.

COUNCIL PRAYER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we trust you will guide and bless this meeting of the Barkly Regional Council. We pray that you will ensure that all discussions and decisions made today are just and fair as they will affect all people within. We also pray for your guidance to ensure that all our dealings are appropriate to all those whom we represent and will reflect an equitable and honest approach to the issues to be discussed today.

Amen



1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

Noel Hayes (Chair)
Andrew Tsavaris
Peter Corbett
Ned Kelly
Desmarie Dobbs
Jerry Rice
Lucy Jackson

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

Peter Holt (Official Manager, BRC)
Ian Bodill (CEO), BRC
Brody Moore (Director of Operations and Remote Communities, BRC)
Gillian Molloy (Director of Community development, BRC)
Micheal Stanley-Hunt (Area Manager, BRC)
Barry Natrass (WHS Manager, BRC)
Susan Grant (Grants Manager, BRC)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator, BRC)
Steve Edgington (MLA)
Louise Beilby (Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet)
Lucy McGarry (Barkly Backbone Team)
Trude Blizzard (Power and Water Corporation)
Jane O'Keefe (Aboriginal Interpreting Service)
Heather Rosas (Aboriginal Interpreting Service)
Kirsten Haywood
Sullin Sallik
Ian Heale
Jack Aldridge
Sharlene Stanley-Hunt
Keith Noodford
Sabrina Kelly
Gabriella Beasley
Tisha Corbett
Cyril Franey
Merv Franey

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Nil

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Nil

1.5 Resignations

Nil

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

Nil

1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

Nil

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of previous Minutes

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held in Ali Curung on 27 November 2023.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/14

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Fire management trailer procurement

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and accepts the quote on the Fire management trailer procurement.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ned Kelly

Seconded: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/24

Actions from previous Minutes

3.2 Shade shelters for Community meetings

MOTION

That the local authority receives an update on the Shade shelter for community meetings.

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority has requested to get the quote for one more shelter and Area manager informed that quotes for both the shelters will be submitted in the next LA meeting for the approval.

Actions from previous Minutes

3.3 Updated LA Tracker

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the updated LA tracker.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ned Kelly

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/16

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

4.1 Report from the Chief Executive Officer - Ian Bodill

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the report from the Chief Executive Officer.

SUMMARY

- CEO reaffirmed Barkly Regional Council's commitment to ensuring safe and healthy working conditions for all staff members.
- Barry Nattrass, WHS Manager, is tasked with overseeing WHS-related trainings. It's expected that all staff will undergo some form of WHS training by the end of the financial year.
- Input from communities is encouraged for the upcoming regional plan, emphasising the importance of their role in planning and preparation.
- An update was provided on Risk and Audit management initiatives.

- Plans are underway to update the council website and several policies.
- Emphasis was placed on budget preparedness for each directorate and Local Authority.
- Ensuring smooth preparedness for LA meetings was highlighted as a priority.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jerry Rice

Seconded: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/17

5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 Finance Report

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the Finance report from 01/07/2023 to 31/12/2023.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Ned Kelly

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/18

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Area Managers Reports

6.1 Area Manager's Report

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the verbal report from Area Manager – Micheal Stanley Hunt.

SUMMARY

- Area Manager Micheal Stanley-Hunt announced his resignation to the LA members, stating that his last day in the current position will be on February 20, 2024.
- He provided an update on ongoing community works below and detailed the costs of repairs and losses incurred by council assets and vehicles.
- A new rubbish trailer has been purchased, and staff members are satisfied with its performance.
- Caylus is supporting school programs.
- The air strip has been graded and rolled for improved functionality.
- He also expressed the concerns on the ongoing crime within the community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/19

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Report from the Official Manager - Peter Holt

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the report from the Official Manager.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/20

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

9.1 Request to write a letter to Power and Water Corporation

MOTION

The Local Authority requests Brody Moore (Director of Operations and Remote Community, BRC) to write a letter urging Power and Water Corporation representatives to visit the community, addressing ongoing utility issues.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/25

Other Matters For Noting

9.2 Request to Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet

MOTION

The Local Authority requests the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet to engage in discussions with senior management at the Power and Water Corporation regarding generator and power issues affecting the community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/26

Other Matters For Noting

9.3 Request to write a letter to NT Government

MOTION

The Local Authority requests the Council to write a letter addressed to the Northern Territory Government concerning the allocation of funds for the Airstrip project.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/27

Other Matters For Noting

9.4 Request to write a letter to NT Health

MOTION

The Local Authority requests the Council to write a letter to NT Health concerning the protocols for the treatment of injured personnel.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ned Kelly

Seconded: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/28

Other Matters For Noting

9.5 Request to write a letter to NT Government - Renal Clinic

MOTION

That the Local Authority requests the council to write a letter to NT government regarding the establishment of a Renal Clinic in the community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Noel Hayes

Seconded: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/29

10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.1 Report from the Director of Operations and Remote Communities - Brody Moore

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the report from the Director of Operations and Remote communities.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/21

11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

11.1 Presentation from Trude Blizzard, Power and Water Corporation

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the presentation from Power and Water Corporation.

SUMMARY

- Trude Blizzard, representing Power and Water joined the meeting online, reported on the recent visit of their staff to the community
- She engaged in a question-and-answer session with the LA members.
- LA members expressed a need for assistance from Power and Water in the community regarding the utilization and reading of newly installed meters.
- They also requested the circulation of explanatory videos, particularly through local Facebook groups and shops.
- Trude agreed to these requests, committing to sending someone to assist in-person and to distribute relevant videos for community understanding.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/22

Visitor Presentations

11.2 Presentation from RN Employment Services

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes a presentation from RN Employment Services.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Ned Kelly

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ACLA-24/23

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Night Patrol:

The Local Authority raised concerns about the effectiveness of the night patrol in addressing ongoing crime and explored potential ways to optimize its utilization. They also inquired about the possibility of extending staff hours and installing vehicle trackers. In response, Gillian Molloy stated that vehicle trackers have already been installed and clarified that the night patrol's role is to support, rather than replace, police efforts. She further stated the patrol's responsibility of ensuring the safe return of children found on the streets to their homes. Additionally, she committed to providing further details on these matters in the upcoming meeting.

Updates from Barkly Backbone team:

Lucy McGarry from the backbone team delivered verbal updates, including progress on the boarding facility in Tennant Creek. She informed the Local Authority members that the backbone team would liaise with the council regarding the Youth, Sports, and Recreation Center in the community. Additionally, she mentioned plans to engage the youth in discussions regarding the Sports center and community activities and introduced other team members from the backbone team.

Updates regarding the School:

The school has reopened with temporary teachers available for two weeks, but there is still a shortage of regular teachers and a principal. Despite this, the school will operate during regular hours. A team from Trinity College, Sydney, will be visiting the school for a few weeks this month. They previously visited last year and established positive connections with the community.

Verbal presentation from Member for Barkly - Steve Edgington

Steve Edgington conveyed that government-promised airstrip funding, committed three years ago, remains undelivered. He emphasized his ongoing efforts to encourage the government to fulfill this commitment. Additionally, he stated that the Sports and Recreation facility, signed under the 2019 regional deal, has not been delivered. Expressed concerns about ongoing crime, he stated his focus on reinstating community council governance. Furthermore, he provided an update on the discussions regarding renal dialysis services in the community, indicating that while conversations have been ongoing, there is still no clear resolution at present.

13 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Ali Curung LA next meeting date is 04/03/2024.

Meeting Closed at 03:11 PM

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