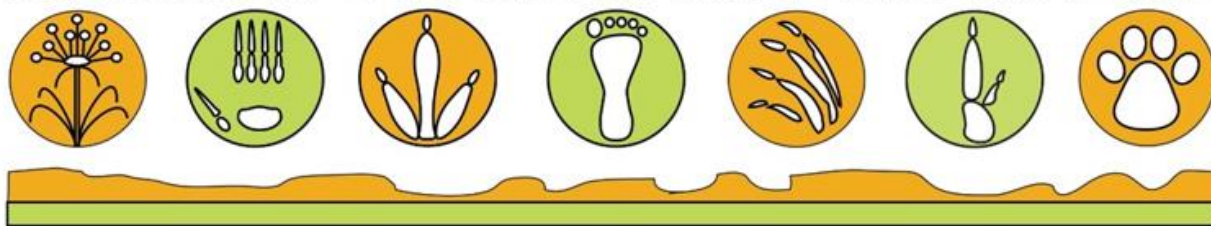


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES Alpurrurulam LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Alpurrurulam LA Meeting was held in the Conference Room on Thursday 23 November 2023 at 01:25 pm.

Ian Bodill

Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

We strive to be responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens 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 policy 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.

1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

Meeting commenced at 1.25pm with Ms Laney Tracker as Chair.

- Ms Laney Tracker, Appointed Member.
- Mr John (Jackie) Mahoney, Appointed Member.
- Mr Benjamin (Ben) Olschewsky, Appointed Member.
- Cr Pam Corbett, Alpururulam Ward BRC

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Ms Heather Smith, Area Manager Alpururulam
- Mr Barry Natrass, WHS Manager BRC

1.3 Apologies to Be Accepted

- Ms Jennifer (Jenny) Mahoney, Appointed Member.
- Mr David Riley, Appointed Member.
- Ms Maria Turner, Appointed Member.
- Mr Charlie Larkins, Appointed Member.

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 Alpururulam Local Authority receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 October 2023 to be a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: Appointed Member Ben Olschewsky

Seconded: Appointed Member Laney Tracker

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/10

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Actions from previous minutes

MOTION

That the Alpururulam Local Authority receive and notes the actions from the previous meeting held on 10 October 2023.

- **Laundromat**

The local authority, last meeting, allocated a \$10,000 budget to repair and maintain the washing machines in the Laundromat.

Inspection has been done and parts ordered at a cost of \$3425 so far with installation costs still to come.

- **Old Basketball Courts**

Fencing of the area is underway and progressing.
Lights have been installed.

- **Vet visit has taken place and will be addressed further in Area Manager's report.**

- **8S Bioacoustic bird scarer**

This machine will now need to be installed securely and some programming is needed to fine tune results. Wednesday passenger flights and Friday mail flights have been reinstated.

- **LAPF Funds**

LA members request a balance and timeline for current LAPF allocation that has not been committed or spent.

- **Airstrip Maintenance Contract**

LA members request an update from DIPL regarding any adjustments made to the T21-2111 Maintenance of Airstrips contract with the added bird management responsibility and equipment expenditure reimbursement.

RESOLVED

Moved: Appointed Member Ben Olschewsky

Seconded: Appointed Member John Jackie Mahoney

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/11

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer Report

4.1 Chief Executive Officer Report for November 2023

The BRC Chief Executive Officer Mr Ian Bodill joined the meeting via a Teams AV link to address the Local Authority and expressed his commitment to visiting Alpururulam.

A written report will be prepared by Mr Bodill for the next Alpururulam LA Meeting in January 2024.

5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Report

5.1 Finance Report for November 2023

MOTION

That the Alpururulam Local Authority receive and note the Income and Expenditure Report from BRC for the period 01 July to 31 October 2023.

- **Rubbish Trailer update**

Report from the manufacturer is that the trailer is currently under construction and that completion and delivery are imminent.

- **Old Basketball Courts**

Fencing of the area is underway and progressing.
Lights have been installed.

Alpururulam Area Manager Heather Smith spoke to the finance report figures noting that the \$15,000 allocated to the Animal Management Program would be increasing the bottom-line figure and that the \$3,425 so far spent on Laundromat repairs is to be deducted.

RESOLVED

Moved: Appointed Member John Jackie Mahoney

Seconded: Appointed Member and Chair Laney Tracker

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/12

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Area Managers Reports

6.1 Area Managers Report for November 2023

MOTION

That the Alpururulam Local Authority receive and note the Area Manager Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Appointed Member Ben Olschewsky

Seconded: Appointed Member John Jackie Mahoney

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/13

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

MOTION

That the Alpururulam Local Authority postpone the election of a new chair and deputy chairperson until the next meeting in January 2024 and a concerted effort be made to encourage members of the Alpururulam Community to take an interest and participate in Local Authority procedures.

RESOLVED

Moved: Appointed Member Ben Olschewsky

Seconded: Appointed Member John Jackie Mahoney

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/14

General Business

7.2 Consider suitable location for the twice-yearly vet clinic

MOTION

That the Alpururulam Local Authority seek a scope of works assessment for upgrades to the Community Centre

- Sealing of the concrete floor and edge coving to allow for thorough cleaning and sanitation post visits.
- Repaint walls.
- Upgrade bench and sink also consider front door access upgrade.

RESOLVED

Moved: Appointed Member and Chair Laney Tracker

Seconded: Councillor Pam Corbett

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/15

General Business

7.3 DIPL Housing Maintenance Process

MOTION

That the Alpururulam Local Authority invites DIPL to address its next meeting on 16 January 2024 to explain the process involved in seeking housing maintenance.

The current process is not clear regarding residents reporting maintenance issues and the timeline for reported issues is inordinate rather than being attended to in a timely manner.

RESOLVED

Moved: Appointed Member Ben Olschewsky

Seconded: Appointed Member John Jackie Mahoney

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/16

General Business

7.4 Community Planning

MOTION

That the Alpururulam Local Authority invites the CLC to address the next LA meeting (16 January 2024) to provide an update following discussions held previously on community development plans with Alpururulam residents.

The CLC periodically conducts meetings with Alpururulam residents regarding community development. It would help the LA to know the outcomes of these meetings to assist it with other community planning projects and ensure all stakeholders are working toward common goals and outcomes.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councilor Pam Corbett

Seconded: Appointed Member Ben Olschewsky

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/17

General Business

7.5 Community Cleanup

MOTION

That the Alpururulam Local Authority request the Area Manager Heather Smith to register interest in the Alpururulam Community participating in the 2024 Tidy Towns Competition.

Alpururulam has participated in Tidy Towns in years gone by, winning recognition for community cleanliness. Competitions could be held to encourage each household to clean up their yards with the LA sponsoring prizes. Stakeholders could be invited to participate. Local Authority members have requested feedback as to which stakeholders have a role in the Laundromat upkeep.

RESOLVED

Moved: Appointed Member John Jackie Mahoney

Seconded: Appointed Member Ben Olschewsky

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/18

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Other Matters for Noting

9.1 Other Matters for Noting

- Mt Isa Vet Services are seeking feedback from Alpururulam residents on the effectiveness of the Bravecto flea and paralysis tick protection treatment administered during the November visit.
- That the Alpururulam Area Manager investigates options for washing machine placement to allow space behind washing machines in the Laundromat for cleaning and maintenance purposes.
- The Warte Alparayetye Aboriginal Corporation Store will provide removable tap fittings and cleaning equipment for community members to periodically clean the laundry space.

10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Nil

12 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

12.1 Visitor Presentations

- Shaun Wickham, Community Safety Zone Manager - Barkly

Community Safety Zone Manager Shaun Wickham gave a verbal presentation to the Local Authority meeting emphasising the policy constraints around who Community Safety Workers can effectively deal with when on duty from 5pm to 11pm. Elderly community members, young children and youth are the priority and alcohol fuelled disorderly behaviour amongst adults goes beyond the scope of Night Patrol delegation. Appointed Member John Jackie Mahoney asked Mr Wickham if Night Patrol can assist medivac procedures after 11pm. It was stated that BRC staff should not be undertaking after hours duties without more advice on the appropriateness of that arrangement. The issue of the airstrip fence being inadequate to keep wildlife off the tarmac was also raised. Area Manager Heather Smith raised the point that in many communities, the Essential Service Officer position is used for after-hours inspection pre landing and take-off.

- Steve Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly

Offered to follow up the Local Authority Members questions regarding the new proposed Police Station, currently operating out of container units, with a letter to the Minister for Infrastructure Planning and Logistics Eva Lawler. LA Members also asked Mr Edgington if he would request a 1 / 3 / 5 Year commitment from the NT Government regarding upgrades for the Austral and Sandover roads in the current funding round to All-Weather Status.

- **Rathin Saha, Youth Sport & Recreation Team Leader – Alpururulam**

The new YSR TL has come to Alpururulam via Sydney and Darwin. Rathin emphasised the need for parent or guardian permission documentation to arrange home-based sporting events and excursions. New hours for the “Shiny Shed” are from 3pm to 7pm Tuesday to Saturday.

- **Christy Lorenz, Warte Alparayetye Aboriginal Corporation Store**

The Local Authority requests an update on the terms and conditions of the fuel bowser lease which has now expired. Warte Alparayetye Aboriginal Corporation Store expressed interest in directly leasing the pumps from CLC as there is a need for upgrades to accommodate pay-at-the-pump hardware.

MOTION

That the Alpururulam Local Authority have raised this lease expiry issue with BRC directors 3 times since June 2023 and seek urgent feedback on lease arrangements to support the Warte Alparayetye Aboriginal Corporation Store in progressing with upgrades to service delivery.

RESOLVED

Moved: Appointed Member Ben Olschewsky

Seconded: Appointed Member and Chair Laney Tracker

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/19

13 OTHER BUSINESS

Mt Isa Veterinary Surgery November visit

13.1 Dan Murphy vet report

MOTION

That the Alpururulam Local Authority receives and notes the Mt Isa Veterinary Surgery November visit report and recommends using this service in conjunction with the Community Centre renovations to build a long-term relationship. Close proximity would allow FIFO visits during wet season access restrictions.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councilor Pam Corbett

Seconded: Appointed Member John Jackie Mahoney

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/20

14 CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at 4.20pm.

The next Alpururulam Local Authority meeting is due to be held on 16 January 2024.

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