

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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.

MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 26 August 2021 at 8.30am.

**Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer**

Meeting commenced at 8:31 am with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

- Mayor Jeffery McLaughlin
- Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer
- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Ricky Holmes
- Cr. Sid Vashist
- Cr. Lucy Jackson
- Cr. Jane Evans
- Cr. Karan Hayward

1.2 Staff Members Present

- Steve Moore
- Sharen Lake
- Santosh Niraula
- Troy Koch
- Vanessa Goodworth

- Damian Ryan - Visitor
- Steve Edgington – Visitor

1.3 Apologies

- Cr. Jennifer Mahoney

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

- Cr. Jack Clubb

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Acknowledge Jack Clubb's absent with no apology.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Cr. Hal Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 136/21

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff – Under Section 74(2) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Regional Arts – Member
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association – Member
 - Nundahraga Entertainment – Sound sub-contractor
 - Christmas Tree Committee – President

- Tourism Central Australia - Board Member
- Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Pururutu Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Patta Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation – Member
 - Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation
 - Member for Barkly – Employee
- Cr. Siddhant Vashist – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Arts – Member
 - Tennant Creek High School - Member
 - Multicultural Association of Central Australia – Member
 - Australia-India Business Council – Member
 - Outback Stores – Employee
- Cr. Noel Hayes – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, Tennant Creek – Board Member
 - Centre for Appropriate Technology, Alice Springs – Board Member
 - Housing Reference Group – Member
- Cr. Hal A. Ruger – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Territory Generation – Employee
- Cr. Jane Evans – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Puma Elliott – Store Manager
- Cr. Karan Hayward – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation – Chief Executive Officer
 - Mark Gillard Painting – Director
 - Alcohol Reference Group – Chairperson
 - Combined Aboriginal Corporation – Member
- Steve Moore - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Tennant Creek Pistol Club – Secretary

Steve Moore – resigned from Battery Hill Inc.

Mayor McLaughlin acknowledges and welcomes guests – Damian Ryan, Alice Springs Town Council Mayor and Local Member Steve Edgington

1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 July 2021 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ricky Ricky Holmes

Seconded: Cr. Hal Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 137/21

2. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS

MOTION

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Action Items
- b) Remove the following completed items: 6, 8, 9, B, E.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 138/21

Item 7: Letter has been sent, item to stay on action list until a reply has been received.

3. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

Nil

4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Nil

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and Note the Chief Executive Officer report for August 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 139/21

7. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

1.1 FINANCE REPORT - JULY 2021

MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the Finance Report for the month ended 31 July 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 140/21

8. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil

9. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

Nil

10. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

Nil

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

14. OPERATIONS

Nil

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

1.1 RESIGNATION OF A COUNCILLOR

MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and note the resignation of Councillor Kris Civitarese.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Lucy Jackson

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 141/21

16. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

17. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

18. DECISION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDATION:

a) That council close the ordinary session and move into confidential at 8:47am.

MOTION (Cr. Ruger / Dep. Mayor Plummer)

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 2008 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

19. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council move back into open session at 9:09am.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Steve Edgington addresses the Council as the former Mayor – to thank the Council for their achievements they accomplished as a team along with the staff.

Congratulations to the Council for rolling out their projects as part of the Regional Deal, well done. Thanks to Steve Moore and staff for their efforts and the work they have done.

Mayor McLaughlin extends congratulations to Damian Ryan on 13 years as Mayor.

Damian Ryan addresses the Council as the Mayor of Alice Springs Town Council - great to see the facilities Council has in place to include everyone in the meetings. Great to see the Barkly grow from a small cautious council to a leading, confident council. Steve Moore, you have done a great job as CEO. It has been a privilege working with you in Local Government and to have you as a neighbouring Council.

Cr. Hal Ruger addresses the meeting - I have been on the council for 17 years and I think this has been one of the most productive Councils I have been a part of.

Cr. Karan Hayward addresses the meeting - This is one of the most productive Councils, and I am glad I could be a part of it. Start bragging more on what you do – let the community know about Council accomplishments.

MOTION

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Hal Ruger

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 142/21

18.3 REQUEST FOR CIVIC HALL HIRE FEES WAIVER

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (d) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the Pink and Teal Day Committee's application for the Civic Hall hire fees waiver; on the proviso that the hall be left in a clean and tidy state.
- c) Move into ordinary

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 143/21

If this is not part of Julalikari and run by an independent committee, the application should reflect the independent committee not Julalikari

18.4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CONFIDENTIAL UPDATE

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (cii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Mayor to write to the Minister about the rates exemptions and the impact these potential exemptions will have on Council and our future. Include an indication of the real monetary loss Council would be looking at.
- c) Move this item into ordinary.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 144/21

20. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 9:19am

This page and the proceeding 7 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 26 August 2021 and are unconfirmed .

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Council Mayor

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer