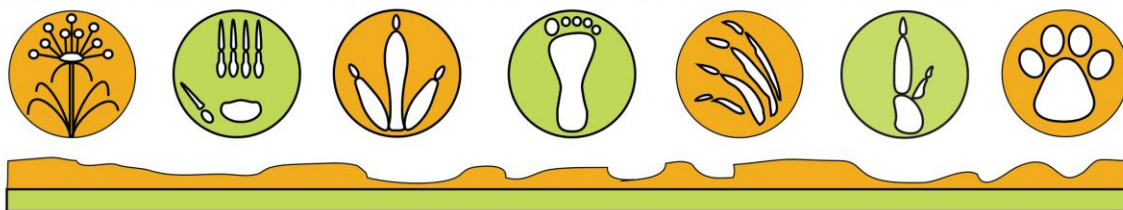


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



Vision

A strong, cohesive Barkly Region working as one to champion regional development to provide sustainable economic growth and community capacity where people embrace cultural diversity and are treated equitably and with respect.

The Way We Will Work

By leading the Barkly Region to achieve an organisation that realises excellence in its governance and operational responsibilities and with a community service ethic that is co-operative, innovative and efficient.

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 20 MARCH 2014

The Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council held in Elliott on Thursday, 20 March 2014 at 10:00AM.

Edwina Marks
Chief Executive Officer

Opening & Attendance

Meeting commenced at 10:05am with President Barb Shaw as chair. “Welcome to Country” was provided by Heather Wilson representing Jingili people of Elliott and the Council prayer was read by President Barb Shaw

1.1 Present: President Barb Shaw Cr. Aylett
Cr. Bagnall Cr. Price
Cr. Boulter Cr. Braun
Cr. Hayes

1.2 Apologies: Cr. Ruger Cr. Taylor
Cr. Jackson Cr. Bremner

Leave of absence has been granted to

Councillor Jennifer Mahoney - 20 February 2014 to 30 April 2014 Inclusive

1.3 Absent without Apologies: Nil

2. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**2.1 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 20 FEBRUARY 2014****MOTION 36/14**

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 20th February 2014 at Tennant Creek.

Moved: Cr. Aylett

Second: Cr. Braun

CARRIED

3 BUSINESS ARISING REPORT**3.1 PAST MEETING DECISION/ACTION LIST****MOTION 37/14**

That Council received the Past Meeting Decision/Action List

Moved: Cr. Hayes

Second: Cr. Aylett

CARRIED

4 LOCAL BOARD MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

5 COUNCIL WARD REPORTS

Nil

6 ADDRESSING THE MEETING

6.1 10.00AM - MR DAMIEN RYAN - CAHN GOVERNING COUNCIL

Chair Mr Damien Ryan - Central Australian Hospital Network (CAHN) Governing Council. As of July 1 2014 CAHN will be responsible for the Alice Springs and Tennant Creek Hospitals, Mental Health, Aged Care and Remote Health Care.

CAHN would like to request that all Local Authorities include health issues as a standing item as part of their agendas, in order to improve feedback from communities about health issues such as medications, treatment and access.

CEO, Edwina Marks thanked Mr. Ryan and staff and reassured that the message will be echoed through Local Authorities and communities.

6.2 11:00AM – ELLIOTT COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Local Authority Members - Chris Neade, Wade Nish, Mona Rennie and Susey Kidd presented to Council their concerns within the Elliott area which included;

- Housing – overcrowding (3-4 generations) as no new houses have been built in Elliott for at least 10 years
- Reporting issues – not carried out and Community Coordinator (CC) changes, septs not being actioned.
- Water quality and pressure is still poor.
- Asset Management Plan – Housing stock
- Work vehicles – Currently there are three (3) in the Council Depot that are inoperable, child care / crèche do not have a vehicle and requires a bus with safety belts to help with transportation of children to and from the facility and also a shade sail for the playground area.

Director of Operations, Henry Szczypiorski explained that a review had been requested through CC remove vehicles that are inoperable.

CEO, Edwina Marks to follow up on the following:

- Housing issues are outside the scope of Barkly Regional Council (BRC) however can be documented through the Local Authority and appropriate departments lobbied by BRC on communities behalf.
- Water pressure and quality to be raised with PowerWater.
- NTG status on the Health Clinic – Request NTG whether this has been approved.
- Boats – Emergency switch, life jackets are not available on board. CEO advised that no staff member or any other person should utilise the boats due to Work Health and Safety concerns. BRC should review other recovery options during flooding periods and investigate the evacuation options for Elliott and Malinja

7 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

8 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

10 GENERAL BUSINESS AND MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS**10.1 AUDIT COMMITTEE**

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held 12th December 2013 at Ali Curung, an Audit Committee was established – Motion 184/13. Crs. Bremner and Bagnall were appointed to the committee (Cr. Boulter to act as proxy)

MOTION 38/14

That the recommendation to nominate Councillors to Audit Committee be deleted

Moved: Cr. Boulter

Second: Cr. Price

CARRIED

1. That Council nominates
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to the Barkly Regional Council Audit Committee.
2. The Councillors nominated to the Committee to review applications and interview the expressions of interest received, to act as Chair of the committee and make recommendation to the next Council meeting

10.2 NT GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

That Council noted the Northern Territory Government Gazette No. G51, 18 December 2013, the name changes to Local Government areas and Councils and identification of Regional Councils to establish Local Authorities, effective from 1 January 2014.

10.3 COUNCIL BY-ELECTION**MOTION 39/14**

That Council:-

- 1) Endorsed the quote for \$32,500 from the NT Electoral Commission for the management of the Alyawarr Ward By-election

Moved: Cr. Bagnall

Second: Cr. Boulter

CARRIED

10.4 BATTERY HILL RATES - EXEMPTION**MOTION 40/14**

That Council :-

- 1) Received and noted the advice from the Office of the Chief Minister in relation to the Battery Hill site being defined as a public museum
- 2) Adjust Council records to reflect this status including the adjustment of all rating charges for 2013/14 and 2014/15
- 3) Advise Battery Hill Mining Centre of this exemption and any readjustments necessary

Moved: Cr. Boulter

Second: Cr. Aylett

CARRIED

10.5 POLICIES - RESCISSION AND REPLACEMENTS**MOTION 41/14**

- 1) That all previous Policies adopted by the Council be rescinded with the following exceptions:

Policies adopted on December 12th 2013

- Media Policy
- Government Grants Policy
- Elected Member allowances Policy

Policies adopted on February 20th 2014

- Policy and Procedures Framework Policy
- Recycling Policy
- Policy for the Establishment of Local Authorities
- Policy for the Operation of Local Authorities
- Civic Hall Hire Policy
- Budget Policy

- 2) That the CEO be delegated the authority to reformat all policies not rescinded (see above) into the new template without changing the policy intent;

- 3) That until otherwise determined the following Policies attached to this report be adopted:

- Purchasing and Procurement Policy
- Investment Policy
- Fraud Protection Policy
- Disposal of Property Policy
- Prudential Project Management Policy
- Borrowing Policy
- Smoke Free Policy

Moved: Cr. Boulter

Second: Cr. Price

CARRIED

10.6 WORK HEALTH SAFETY POLICY FRAMEWORK**MOTION 42/14**

That Council

- 1) Received and noted the report as part of the Work Health Safety Review.
- 2) Endorse the development of the Work Health and Safety Policy Framework including the development of some 56 documents that support this framework.
- 3) Endorse the services of BDV Safety and Compliance Solutions to complete this work at a cost of \$13,500.00.

Moved: Cr. Hayes

Second: Cr. Aylett

CARRIED

10.7 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - CALL FOR MOTIONS**MOTION 43/14**

That Council to respond to the call for motions to the Australian Local Government Association by 17 April 2014. CEO to draft and present motions.

Moved: Cr. Bagnall

Second: Cr. Boulter

CARRIED

11 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**11.1 USE OF THE COMMON SEAL****MOTION 44/14**

That Council endorse the execution of the following documents under the Council's common seal:

- 1) Department of Lands and Planning - Digital Data Agreement/Licence – March 18, 2014 - \$120.00

Moved: Cr. Aylett

Second: Cr. Hayes

CARRIED

11.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**MOTION 45/14**

Council noted the report that advises of key activities that have occurred.

Moved: Cr. Boulter

Second: Cr. Hayes

CARRIED

11.3 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES - FEBRUARY 2014 REPORT**MOTION 46/14**

Council noted the report that advises of key activities that have occurred in the Corporate Services Directorate.

Moved: Cr. Boulter

Second: Cr. Hayes

CARRIED

11.4 ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES - REPORT**MOTION 47/14**

Council noted the report that advises of key activities that have occurred in the Community Services Directorate.

Moved: Cr. Bagnall

Second: Cr. Boulter

CARRIED

11.5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS - FEBRUARY 2014 REPORT**MOTION 48/14**

Council noted the report that advises of key activities that have occurred in the Operations Directorate.

Moved: Cr. Aylett

Second: Cr. Hayes

CARRIED

12 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

13 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

15 DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**MOTION 49/14**

That Council moved into Closed Session at 1:17pm.

Moved: Cr. Aylett

Second: Cr. Price

CARRIED

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.

CLOSED SESSION**15.1 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS - 20TH FEBRUARY 2014**

Confidential Items - 20th February 2014 - *The report was dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*

MOTION 50/14

That Council confirmed the Confidential Matters of the Council meeting 20th February 2014 at Tennant Creek

Moved: Cr. Bagnall

Second: Cr. Boulter

CARRIED

15.2 CEO RECRUITMENT

CEO Recruitment - *The report was dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*

MOTION 51/14

That Council noted the report from Local Government Association NT (LGANT) of the CEO recruitment process.

Moved: Cr. Hayes

Second: Cr. Boulter

CARRIED

President Barb Shaw, on behalf of the recruitment panel thanked Council for their trust in this process. Letter of thanks to be sent to LGANT for their support.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING**MOTION 52/14**

That Council moved out of Closed Session at 1:25pm

Moved: Cr. Price

Second: Cr. Aylett

CARRIED

Cr. Hayes requested that Council re-engage with the Alpururulam Local Authority to ensure adequate interest.

Cr. Bagnall thanked Councillors and staff for their attendance in Elliott and allowing the community members and staff to express their concerns and opinions.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

Shire President Barb Shaw closed the meeting at 1:30pm.

Next meeting of Council to be held in Tennant Creek on Wednesday April 16th at 9:30am.

Barb Shaw
Council President

Edwina Marks
Chief Executive Officer