

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

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

THURSDAY, 30 MAY 2019

The Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 30 May 2019 at 08:30 am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 8:39am with Mayor Steven Edgington as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

Mayor Steve Edgington

Dep Mayor Kris Civitarese (via video)

- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Ray Aylett
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Jeffery McLaughlin
- Cr. Ricky Holmes
- Cr. Sid Vashist
- Cr. Lucy Jackson
- Cr. Jane Evans
- Cr. Ronald Plummer

1.2 Staff Members Present

Steve Moore - Chief Executive Officer

Gary Pemberton – Finance Manager

Mark Parsons - Director of Operations

Vanessa Vukovic - Executive Assistant to the CEO

Andrew Scoffern - Governance Officer (Minute Taker)

1.3 Apologies

Cr Jennifer Mahoney

Neil Jones - Human Resources Manager

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Cr Jack Clubb

Council discussed Cr Clubb's third consecutive absence without apology, the CEO to send a letter to the relevant Department.

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff

- Mayor Steve Edgington Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - o Institute of Managers and Leaders Associate Fellow
 - o Australian Institute of Company Directors Member
 - o Law Society Northern Territory Associate Member
 - Tennant Creek Regional Consumer Advisory Group
 - o AFLNT Barkly Advisory Committee Member

- Tennant Creek Economic Development Committee Member
- Rotary Member
- Bizspeak Pty Ltd– Director
- o Battery Hill Member
- o Alcohol Reference Group Committee Member
- o Regional Development Australia Chair
- Cr. Kris M. Civitarese Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - o Tennant Creek and District Show Society Vice President
 - The Returned and Service League of Australia, Tennant Creek Sub-Branch – President
 - Development Consent Authority Barkly Region Member/Delegate
 - Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory Tennant Creek Committee Member
 - Rotary Paul Harris Fellow Awarded
 - T & J Contractors Senior Manager
 - o Barkly Art Board Member
 - KNC (NT) Managing Director
- Cr. Raymond E. Aylett Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Sporties Club, Tennant Creek Member
- Cr. Siddhant Vashist Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association Member
 - Barkly Electorate Officer / Member for Barkly
 - o Battery Hill Member
 - o Barkly Arts Member
 - Tennant Creek High School Member
 - o Tennant Creek Primary School Member
 - o Christmas Tree Committee Member
 - o Multicultural Association of Central Australia Member
 - Australia-India Business Council Member
- Cr. Noel Hayes Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, Tennant Creek Board Member
 - o 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. Jeffrey McLaughlin Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - o Barkly Regional Arts Member
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association Member
 - Nundahraga Entertainment Sound sub-contractor
 - Christmas Tree Committee Member
 - First Persons Disability Network
 - Tennant Creek Primary School Teacher
 - Tennant Creek High School
 - Music Northern Territory Director
- Cr. Ronald Plummer Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Purrutu Aboriginal Corporation Board Member
 - o Patta Aboriginal Corporation Board Member
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation Member
 - o Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation
- Cr. Jane Evans Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Puma Elliott
- Steve Moore Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - o Battery Hill Director

There were no declarations of interest made at this Ordinary Council Meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That Council:

a) Confirm the Minutes from Council Meeting held 2 May 2019 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 107/19

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION LIST

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Action List;
- b) Remove items 4,12, 13, 18 and 21 from the Action List.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded:Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 108/19

Item 1: Southern Sandover remaining sign. Cr Ruger questioned the boundaries of the Council as the northern sign is only 42kms north of Elliott, **CEO to investigate.** Language Centre contacted Cr Ruger, signs are ready for the Tennant Creek town clock.

Item 2: Postponed due to minor error, voting complete week after next

Item 4: RAP at next meeting.

Item 5: Concerned about lack of progress

Item 9: Council discussed the lack of progress on this item, CEO has spoken to Darcy from DIPL

Item 14: Mark to liaise with relevant Department regarding trim the trees next to BP.

Item 15: Cr McLaughlin clarified more concerned with IP rights regarding the content rather than the musical acts themselves, Andy to develop a Policy

Item 19: Drain is within DIPL's easement, their responsibility, in consultation with DIPL to ensure.

Item 20: Will be a long process as it concerns Native Title but is progressing. CEO confirmed the south-western end of the land was encroached upon.

Item A: Housing are working through the logistics of the existing area, concerns around costings if it were to fall to Council to maintain. Tara playgroup funded by Education Department.

4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

4.1 PRESENTATION FROM ARMANDO PADOVAN

MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and note the presentation from Armando Padovan.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 109/19

Mr Padovan supplied a report to Council that was initially declined.

Mr Padovan noted that the monitoring station in Tennant Creek monitored wind from each direction and found that there was minimal dust based on the wind at the Peko tailings.

Questions were asked about who possesses control/ownership over the tailings - Peko – Administrator, no plans for works on either tailings site, at present Division is auditing legacy sites on a case by case basis. Concerns about the chemical levels of the Peko site.

Padovan and the Division have concerns over the erosion of the Warrego site wall but there have been no studies to substantiate this. Questions over viability of similar projects.

Cr McLaughlin expressed concerns over safety issues, particularly over levels of cyanide and arsenic in ponds across Tennant Creek and the wider area where children have easy access to the ponds. Queried whether there is an existing regime of corporate responsibility to dissolve non-functional mining sites. Padovan noted a risk assessment of these sites to ensure that only the correct access and fencing is available. Questions whether rehabilitation is a priority for the Government, confirmed not at present.

Warrego head frame is currently being examined, main area is subject of a different lease arrangement.

Mr Padovan confirmed that exploration mining and rehabilitation sits under him and his office undergo testing to ensure that the project is viable and safe.

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin left the meeting, the time being 10:00 AM

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin returned to the meeting, the time being 10:01 AM

Cr Ronald Plummer left the meeting, the time being 10:09 AM

Cr Ronald Plummer returned to the meeting, the time being 10:41 AM

MOTION

That Council:

a) Break for Morning Tea at 10:12am.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 110/19

MOTION

That Council:

a) Resume Ordinary Session at 10:41am.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded:Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 111/19

The Mayor congratulated Cr Aylett on his 10 years as Councillor.

Cr Ronald Plummer left the meeting, the time being 10:49 AM

Cr Ronald Plummer returned to the meeting, the time being 10:50 AM

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin left the meeting, the time being 10:50 AM

Cr Ronald Plummer left the meeting, the time being 10:50 AM

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and note the Mayor's verbal update.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 112/19

In relation to the CDP project, Director of Operations noted that the Elliott fence won't be completed until July due to lack of participants, transporting from other communities.

Mayor noted Council's dissatisfaction with the lack of progress on the development of the house in south camp in Elliott which was raised by Council in 2017. Cr Evans noted their satisfaction with the greening of the Elliott Oval.

Mayor noted his appointment of Vice Presidency of LGANT Regional and Shires and

his eligibility to sit on ALGA Board Meetings which meet quarterly.

RAP and community profiles to be included in next Council Meeting.

Mayor to attend a presentation regarding the Regional Deal on the Sunshine Coast on behalf of Council.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Instruct the CEO to contact the Northern Territory Government and the Australian Government to ensure that all levels of Government agree to the meeting schedule prior to the Regional Deal meetings; and
- c) Agree in-principle support for the use of the Civic Hall for the Mining Conference and that Barkly Regional Council by acknowledged as a sponsor of the project.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 113/19

Workforce Management Plan has been deferred until the HR Manager returns. EBA has been postponed for a week as the result of an error in the final publications.

Public consultation for Purkiss Reserve closes 13 July after show, to be advertised on website and all relevant mediums.

Concerns were raised around the facilities at Purkiss Reserve, particularly as it is now football season.

Cr Ronald Plummer returned to the meeting, the time being 11:08 AM

7.2 REGIONAL DEAL COMMUNIQUE MAY 2019

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Regional Deal Communique for the month of May 2019; and
- b) Request all future communique's to include a briefing on all meetings held in communities outside of the Governance Table.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 114/19

The immediate objective of the Regional Deal is to work on the key priorities.

Questions were raised regarding the terminology of certain aspects of the Communique.

Director of Operations to liaise with LA's to ensure community input into the Governance Table meetings regarding the Regional Deal.

Council discussed the jurisdiction of the Regional Deal and the scope of the community consultation; the Deal extends to the Barkly region boundaries.

Cr Plummer – Visitor Park, Economic Growth Mayor – All Cr Ruger – Economic Growth Cr McLaughlin – All Deputy – All

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin returned to the meeting, the time being 11:26 AM Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin left the meeting, the time being 11:33 AM Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin returned to the meeting, the time being 11:34 AM

7.3 JUNO

MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 115/19

Council to be informed of all relevant communication regarding the use of the land as it's a Council property.

Governance Officer to draft a policy relating to Juno indicating that all relevant licences, permits etc. have been obtained prior to work commencing.

CEO to draft letter to DIPL outlining concerns of the state of Juno Road.

Identify Council's Weed Management Plan.

Expressions of Interest regarding future use of unleased Juno land with soil report attached.

Mayor to open Men's Health Clinic on 12th, potential Sub-Committee meeting at Juno.

Cr Ricky Holmes left the meeting, the time being 12:12 PM Cr Ricky Holmes returned to the meeting, the time being 12:14 PM

7.4 RATIFICATION OF COMMON SEAL

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Ratify the execution of the following documents under the Council's Common Seal:
- 1. Grant Agreement Local Decision Making Department of the Chief Minister and BRC.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 116/19

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

S.1 FINANCE REPORT - APRIL 2019

MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and note the Finance Report for the ten months ended 30 April 2019.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Hal Ruger CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 117/19

S.5 GRANTS REPORT - APRIL 2019

MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the Grants Report for the ten months to 30 April 2019.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 118/19

S.2 DRAFT 2019-2020 DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES

MOTION

The Audit & Risk Committee endorsed the recommendation (a) to be made to Council. On the basis of discussions within this committee recommendations (b) and (c) have been included for Council consideration:

That Council:

- a) Adopt the Draft 2019-2020 Declaration of Rates and Charges for public exhibition and comment in accordance with the *Local Government Act*;
- b) Note valuations upon which rates have been determined for the 2019-2020 financial

year have changed from 2018-2019. The comprehensive valuation was prepared by the Valuer-General under the Valuation of Land Act at 30 June 2018 and has been incorporated into the rating policy for the budget year ending 30 June 2020. As a result of significant variations in valuations a number of properties may experience significant increases and/or decreases in general rates levied.

Council instructs that the advertisement for public comment specifically include reference to the potential impact of the new valuations to 2019-2020 property rates; and

c) That a letter be drafted to all ratepayers in zones affected by the significant increases/decreases in UCV valuations as at 30 June 2018 utilised in the Draft 2019-2020 Schedule Of Rates & Charges.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 119/19

S.3 DRAFT 2019-2020 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

MOTION

The Audit & Risk Committee endorsed the recommendation to be made to Council as follows:

That Council:

a) Endorse the Draft 2019-2020 Schedule of Fees and Charges for public exhibition and comment in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 120/19

4:30pm – 6pm Tuesday 11 June Public Meeting in Chambers

S.4 DRAFT 2019-2020 ANNUAL FINANCIAL BUDGET

MOTION

The Audit & Risk Committee endorsed the recommendation to be made to Council as follows:

That Council:

a) Endorse the Draft 2019-2020 Barkly Regional Council Budget for public exhibition and comment in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jane Evans

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 121/19

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2019

MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and note the report of activities within the Infrastructure Directorate.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jane Evans

Seconded:Cr. Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 122/19

Council noted the lack of change rooms and bathrooms at the new Elliott Oval and that Council should endeavour to source adequate funding to finish this project.

Director of Infrastructure confirmed that the footpath repairs is focusing on the areas of highest priority and that could potentially cause the most danger to pedestrians.

CEO to look into the road conditions regarding the NDRRA Tender.

CEO to write to Department of Infrastructure regarding roads that are overdue for repair and/or reconstruction

MOTION

That Council:

a) Break for lunch at 1:27pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded:Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 123/19

Cr Ray Aylett left the meeting, the time being 01:10 PM

Cr Ray Aylett returned to the meeting, the time being 01:12 PM

Cr Kris Civitarese left the meeting, the time being 1:55 PM

MOTION

That Council:

a) Resume Ordinary Session at 2:02pm

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 124/19

10. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

10.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT FOR MAY 2019

MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and note the reports for the Community Services Directorate for the month of May 2019.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 125/19

Duplicate noticeboard regarding Tennant Creek dog pound and the dogs bio at the IGA

CEO to investigate whether a safeguard exists at the Tennant Creek Swimming Pool

11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

11.1 MAY LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the minutes of the Ali Curung Local Authority;
- b) Receive and note the minutes of the Alpurrurulam Local Authority;
- c) Receive and note the minutes of the Tennant Creek Local Authority;
- d) Receive and note the minutes of the Ampilatwatja Local Authority;
- e) Receive and note the minutes of the Elliott Local Authority with changes noted;
- f) Endorse the allocation of \$34,779.03 for the purchase of Litter Master 9000 Commercial street rubbish vacuum for Ali Curung; and
- g) Endorse the allocation of \$3,196.00 for the purchase of 2 heavy duty Mowers and Brush cutters for Ali Curung and ensure the Procurement Policy has been followed.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 126/19

Elliott Minutes – Director of Operations to be included as an Apology rather than Absent without Apology.

Cr Evans expressed her satisfaction of the Night Patrol program in Elliott.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

15. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

15.1 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jane Evans

Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 127/19

The Director of Operations acknowledged the excellent work by the Acting Area Managers of Elliott and commended their work during the Area Manager's leave.

MOTION

That Council:

a) Break for Afternoon Tea at 2:58pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett

Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 128/19

MOTION

That Council:

a) Move back into Ordinary Session at 3:17pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 129/19

15.2 POLICY REVIEW

MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and approve the reviewed Code of Conduct Policy – Staff, Children in the Workplace Policy and the Uniform Policy.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 130/19

Community Consultation Policy to reflect existing Framework, Governance Officer to bring back marked up version for next Council meeting.

Uniform Policy – indicate PPE is compulsory.

S.1 HYDRAULIC FRACTURING CONSULTATION PAPER

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the consultation paper from the Northern Territory Government regarding the reservation of proposed blocks for petroleum activities in the Northern Territory; and
- b) Request the CEO to provide written submission to Northern Territory Government outlining issues raised.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 131/19

Determine whether all bore fields are excluded, snapshot of all significant sites in the region.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

16.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MAY 2019

MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and note the correspondence for the month of May 2019.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded:Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 132/19

Draft letter to Minister Ken Wyatt to congratulate him on his recent appointment and invite him to meet Council, enclose Regional Deal and RAP.

16.2 PROPOSED REVISION OF PROCUREMENT GENERAL INSTRUCTION

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the proposed revision to General Instruction No. 4 Procurement; and
- b) Provide feedback to LGANT confirming that the proposed changes strengthen Council's existing procurement policy.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded:Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 133/19

CEO to write to LGANT outlining Council's satisfaction with the document

_CR HAL RUGER LEFT THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 04:00 PM

CR HAL RUGER RETURNED TO THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 04:06 PM

CR RICKY HOLMES LEFT THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 04:13 PM

CR RICKY HOLMES RETURNED TO THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 04:15 PM

CR RONALD PLUMMER LEFT THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 04:16 PM

CR RONALD PLUMMER RETURNED TO THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 04:20 PM

CR RONALD PLUMMER LEFT THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 04:21 PM

MOTION

That Council:

a) Move out of Ordinary at 5:10PM.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 134/19

Cr Ricky Holmes left the meeting, the time being 05:44 PM

17. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN Nil

18. <u>DECISION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION</u>

RECOMMENDATION:

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. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 5:10pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 14 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ordinary Council Meeting HELD ON Thursday, 30 May 2019 AND CONFIRMED Thursday, 27 June 2019.

Steven Edgington Steve Moore
Council Mayor Chief Executive Officer